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22nd November 2020 – Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

Timetable of Online Masses and Services.

For Online Masses, go to www.rcwlvwest.com

Saturday Vigil Mass Sunday 22nd November Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	5.30pm Online Mass <i>Delores Macari</i> 10.15 am Online Mass <i>Renee Vilunas RIP</i> 3.00 pm - 4.00pm St Bernadette and St Michael open for Adoration 7.00pm Online Student Mass <i>pro populo</i>
Monday 23rd November Feria and	9.00am Online Mass <i>Tony McDonagh RIP</i> Midday - 1.00pm SS Peter & Paul open for Adoration 6.00pm Online Mass <i>Ann Middleton</i>
Tuesday 24 th November Memorial of St Andrew Dung-lac and Companions	9.00am Online Mass <i>Jamie Macfarlene RIP</i> Midday - 1.00pm SS Peter & Paul open for Adoration 6.00pm Online Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>
Wednesday 25th November Feria	9.00 am Online Mass <i>Bernie Murphy</i> 10.00 am - 11.00am St Michael's open for Adoration 6.00pm Special Red Wednesday Mass from Farm Street in London https://acnuk.org/event/redwednesday-london-event
Thursday 26th November Feria	9.30am - 10.30 am St Bernadette's open for Adoration 6.00 pm Online Mass <i>Desiree Molloy RIP</i>
Friday 27th November Feria	9.00am Online Mass <i>Michael Moroney RIP</i> Midday - 1.00pm SS Peter & Paul open for Private Prayer 6.00pm Online Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>
Saturday 28th November Memorial of Our Lady	9.00am online Mass <i>Len & Margaret Biddell RIP</i> 10.30am - 11.30am St Michael Adoration and Confessions
Saturday Vigil Mass Sunday 29th November First Sunday of Advent	5.30pm Online Mass <i>Hearne Family</i> 10.15 am Online Mass <i>Michael Finn</i> 3.00 pm - 4.00pm St Bernadette and St Michael open for Adoration 7.00pm Online Student Mass <i>pro populo</i>
<i>For the moment, Mass is celebrated in private at the Carmelite Convent but the sisters continue to pray for us, day and night.</i>	

Ventilation in Church We are required to ensure that there is ventilation during Private Prayer. All our churches will therefore be drafty, so it is essential that you wear warm clothing.

Parish News and Activities

Christmas Masses At the moment, we are hoping that we will have public Masses for Christmas. If so, we would put on extra Masses on Christmas Eve. Please be aware that any of the Masses from Christmas Day until New Year's Day are part of what is called the Octave of Christmas and are therefore Christmas Masses. If you are uncertain about gathering in larger crowds, you may consider coming for one of the Christmas Octave Masses instead.

If Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day take place, they would only be available to people who have already booked a place. You can begin booking this Monday 23rd November. It is essential that you book and let friends and family know that this is the case. Here are the contacts details for you to book:

FOR ST MICHAEL, please email or ring Sr Lydwin on 01902 341343 on Thursday and Friday.

FOR SS PETER & PAUL, please ring or text Val on 07934905283

FOR ST BERNADETTE, please ring Judith on 01902 620 764 between 6.30pm and 7.30pm on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays or email judithpitt64@gmail.com

Christmas Mass Schedule (This has been worked out according to the availability of stewards and cleaners)

Christmas Eve Thursday 24th December	4.00 pm St Michael Family Mass 1 4.30pm St Bernadette Family Mass 2 5.30pm SS Peter & Paul Family Mass 3 8.00pm St Michael Vigil Mass Midnight St Michael <i>Keralan Syro-Malabar Rite Mass</i> Midnight SS Peter & Paul Vigil Mass
Christmas Day Friday 25th December	9.00am SB 10.00am SM 10.30am SSPP

Please encourage families to make use of all three family Masses that are being provided on Christmas Eve.

Music at Christmas Masses It is possible to have two cantors singing at Mass, even though the congregation is not allowed to sing. It would be lovely if we could have a couple of Christmas Carols sung to us at each of the Christmas Masses. Is anyone prepared to volunteer to be one of two singers for any of the Christmas Masses? If so, please let Fr Mark know a.s.a.p.

Pray the Angelus at Home at 6.00pm The Cardinal has asked us as a nation to pray each evening at all to pray at 6.00pm An ideal prayer would be to **pray the Angelus**. (**See the end of the Bulletin**)

Advent Preparations at Home An ideal way to prepare your home for the true spirit of Christmas is to gather in your bubble and celebrate the **Advent Feast**. Some of you experienced this in the hall at St Michael's last year but it is intended that this is something done at home. All the instructions for how to celebrate the Advent Feast can be found by downloading the booklet of our website.

Walk With Me booklets are available in the church foyer. Could you please collect your copy when you come for adoration and use for your prayer and reflection during Advent.

Baptism Class Saturday 28th November 12.30pm Although Baptisms are not possible at the moment, it is still possible to use this time for preparation. If you would like your child baptised, you will need to attend a Baptism Preparation Class. We have these most months and the next one is this Saturday. It will be done by zoom so please email Fr Mark for the codes if you wish to attend.

The Keralan Community of the Black Country Area Now that St Teresa's Church has been closed, the Archbishop has asked St Michael's Church to host their regular Syro-Malabar Rite Mass. Once public Masses resume, therefore, their Mass will be at 2.30pm on Sunday afternoons. Their Mass will be celebrated by their own chaplain.

Parish Database During the lockdown in April we tried to ring everyone on our database. Many phone numbers were incorrect and many parishioners are not on the database. As we face the prospect of further restrictions it is important that we have your correct details. **Please do not assume we have your details**. To begin the process of correcting our database, if you are on email, please email us with your correct address and telephone numbers. Many thanks. Fr Mark

Another Zoom Coffee Morning Monday 30th November at 10.00am If you would like to join us for a chat and catch up with news, send an email to rcwlwest@gmail.com for the codes to join.

The Meaning of Adoration Our churches will be open for private prayer at the following times this week. ***Please come along even just for 5 minutes.*** "Adoration" means that the Blessed Sacrament will be enthroned upon the altar surrounded by candles. It is a wonderful opportunity to find a few moments of peace and to be taken beyond the confines of our present difficulties and to be reminded of God's presence with us. As Blessed Carlo says: *"Our goal must be the infinite and not the finite. The Infinity is our homeland. We are always expected in Heaven."* When we go to adoration, we get glimpses of the immensity and infinity of God.

Mission and Outreach

YOU ARE INVITED TO #REDWEDNESDAY 2020! The terror that many Christians face is something hard to comprehend in the West. Around the world, countless numbers of Christians are kidnapped, attacked or killed. Thousands more face discrimination and legal abuses in core aspects of their lives – housing, wages, education, access to healthcare and future prospects – and all because of their faithfulness to Christ. Red Wednesday is an annual day of prayer for Christians who are suffering for their belief in Christ in many places across the world. Join us for Holy Mass in Farm Street Church in London by joining our livestream at <https://acnuk.org/event/redwednesday-london-event>

The FOOD COLLECTION: The Food/ Toiletries/ Christmas Present Collection continues at St M on Tuesday 1-2, Thursday and Saturday 10-11 and before all Private Prayer hours AND at SSPP on Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 12 -1 during lockdown. This week's donations are being distributed to local families through Stratton St Methodist Church WV 10 Academy. Donations of blankets and children's winter coats would be much appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support!

ADDRESSING LOCAL NEED: Much-welcomed supplies can be dropped off at any time for the Good Shepherd Ministry via 2, Richmond Rd WV3 9HY Thank you for your kindness.

"Double the Love": this Mary's Meals "porridge at school" project in a Liberia recovering from Ebola reaches orphans and the poor. Until January 31st 2021 donations to the project will benefit from UK Government Match Aid, pound for pound up to £2 million. Do consider doubling the impact of your Christmas giving! If you cannot manage website or telephone banking do you have a friend who could help? More information: Catherine on 336534

Hats sent to Sea: Thank you so much, knitters and hat suppliers: 58 warm hats have gone to Apostleship of the Sea who will ensure they reach seafarers in our ports. Please do continue to knit this winter: gathering has begun for a January posting! Stella Maris/ AoS celebrates Sea Sunday on December 20th. 336534

Archdiocesan Commission for Interreligious Dialogue You are invited to a series of zoom meetings looking at what gives hope to people when dealing with the Covid 19 crisis across the various religions in the West Midlands. For more details check the Parish News page on the website.

SVP request - dear friends we have a need for a dining table plus chairs and also storage cabinets for a needy family locally. If you can help please contact David Spinks at 07544960402. Thanks to all our parishioners who have donated to our local SVP group.

Life Charity shop and Life outreach to needy mums and babies; With the help of your generous donations of goods, the shop has done well in recent weeks. Sadly, it has to close during the lockdown. Please save any further gifts of clothes, bric-a-brac and books to give to us once it is open again. We aim to continue practical support for needy mums and babies during these difficult times, so still welcome gifts of baby clothes and equipment such as pushchairs and cots. If you can help, please ring Rosalie on 01902 330553.

Finances

Weekly Offerings Now that we have begun a second lockdown it is still possible to bring your weekly offering with you when you come for private prayer. Alternatively, it is now possible to donate to each parish directly through our website. *The GIFT AID office is unable to send out certificates of donation and letters to individual donors this year. Those parishioners of St Michael's and St Bernadette's who are GA donors if you are unsure about how much you have donated you can contact Sr Lydwin for information.*

THE ANGELUS

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace,

The Lord is with Thee;

Blessed art thou among women,

And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

Pray for us sinners,

Now and at the hour of our death. Amen

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary, etc.

V. And the Word was made Flesh.

R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary, etc.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

V. Let us pray.

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Keith Tomlins, Brian Dyce, David Souberry, Ben Sherry, Holly Burke, Mason Kavanagh, Paula Box, June Abbiss, Peter Holmes, Alice Stevens, George Brown, Chris Starkey, M. Mary, Thomas Mackin, Stephen Briggs, Hilary Elsdon, Katherine Poole, Teresa Mitchell, Ann Bayley, Helen O'Brien-Coleman, Mary Abbiss, Peggy McHale, Patrick Quinn, Fred & Celia Norton, Jean Hollingshead, Margaret Stokes, Leah Nixon, Pat Pool, John Dolan, Liam Dolan, Marie Looker, Lorna Ciraulo, Pat Eades, Helen Porter, Mary Kirby, Sheila O'Toole, Tony McGinn, Brendan Bleakley.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: Jamie MacFarlane, Stephen Brooks, Patricia Allen, John Corbett, Antony Brennan, Desiree Molloy, Geoffrey Baker, Eileen Dodd **May they rest in peace.**

Safeguarding Representatives: Steve & Chris Callow (St Michael) 01902 340775,

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