

**St. Mary of the Angels Newsletter**

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**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**

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**Next week's duties.**

**Wardens** Saturday: - John  
Sunday: - Brian

**Cleaners** Margaret L, Victoria, Andy, Anna & Michael

**Flowers** Ann T

**Welcomes** Saturday: Ann & John  
Sunday: Jonathan & Ann F

**Cashiers** Team D

**Coffee** Margaret & Fran R, & Sue W

26 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb		Liturgy	Mass Intention	Readers	
Sat.26 <sup>th</sup>	Vigil Mass - 6:00pm.	<b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	People of the Parish	John H & Christine L	
Sun.27 <sup>th</sup>	Sung Mass 9:30am. Music by the Choir		Sick in the Parish <sup>SVP</sup>	Christine H, Nathalie, Bernadette & Emma	
Mon.28 <sup>th</sup>	9 15am.		Int. of Sheila Clarke <sup>J&amp;DC</sup>	Cathy & Helen	
Tue.29 <sup>th</sup>	9 15am.		Doug Ingleby <sup>Anniversary RIP</sup>	Sue, David W, Margaret & John C	
Wed.30 <sup>th</sup>	Eucharistic Service 9 15am.		Canon Laurence Hogarty <sup>RIP</sup>	<b>Sacrament of the Sick.</b> Please remember to inform Fr. Craig <i>directly</i> in cases of sickness, most especially if it requires hospital treatment or prolonged absence from Mass. If one is taken ill suddenly and cannot inform the clergy then families should take responsibility for this.	
Thu.31 <sup>st</sup>	9:15am 7:30pm	<b>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Holy Hour for Vocations Confessions</b>	Int. of Rosemary Bunce <sup>SVP</sup> Holy Souls	<b>Parish Membership.</b> If you are a recent arrival in the parish or if you did not complete a membership form previously there are copies of the Parish Membership Form available in the porch. If any details change, please complete a new form.	
Fri.1 <sup>st</sup>	9 15am.		Int. of Breda O'Brien <sup>M&amp;FP</sup>	James & Gerry	
Sat.2 <sup>nd</sup>	9 30am. 10:00-11:00am 10:00-11:00am  Vigil Mass - 6:00pm.	<b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	The Howard Family	David G, Ann T, Francis, Maura	
Sun.3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sung Mass 9:30am. Music by the Folk Group		People of the Parish	James W, Ellen & Laura J, Shaun & Steve T & Sebastian <sup>(1)</sup>	
				David & Helen	
				Jacqui, Peter, Dorothy & Jonathan	
				Gabriel, Zachris, Katie & Niamh C <sup>(2)</sup>	

**Father's Notes**

**Second Vatican Council.** Christ is always present in his church, especially in the actions of the liturgy. He is present in the sacrifice of the Mass, in the person of the minister (it is the same Christ who formerly offered himself on the cross that now offers by ministry of the priests) and most of all under the eucharistic species. He is present in the Sacraments by his power, in such a way that when someone baptises, Christ Himself baptises. He is present in his word, for it is he himself who speaks when holy Scriptures are read in the Church. Finally, he is present when the Church prays and sings, for he himself promised: Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there in their midst.

**Children's Liturgy.** The Children's Liturgy Team are looking for two (or more) volunteers who are willing to become Liturgy Leaders for the children of our Parish at the 9.30 Sunday Mass. If you are willing to help, or for more information, please could you give your name(s) to Fr. Craig or Julie Joyce. If we gain just two more leaders it would mean that each team leader would be responsible for the Children's Liturgy once every seven weeks or so.

**Grand Draw** There are still many tickets available. Please take and sell some to family and friends, returning the counterfoils with the payment as soon as possible. You have to be in it to win it! The draw will take place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February after the morning Mass.

**Bookstall (and Grand Draw).** The bookstall will be on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February after the Morning Mass. We need good quality books to sell at the stall, so if you have any to spare, please place them in the transparent plastic box provided in the porch.

**Good prizes needed** for the draw. Have you any unwanted. book or garden tokens? Are you a hairdresser, gardener etc, who could offer some of your time and skill as a prize? Do you work in or have contact with a restaurant or hotel which could offer tea or dinner as a prize? If so, please let us know before 8<sup>th</sup> February.

**Christmas Crib Appeal** this year is for Missio (the Red Boxes). The Crib Appeal box will remain in place until next Saturday February 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

**Ryan's Ordination Gift.** Ryan's Ordination and First Mass are drawing ever closer, and the time to think about the gift that we as a parish are going to buy him has arrived. If you would like to contribute to this gift, and to the function that we as a parish will host following the Mass of Ordination, please put your donation in an envelope marked "Ordination Gift" and give it to Fr. Craig.

**Head of RE at St. Francis of Assisi** Detail may be found on the poster in the Porch.

**Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage.** On Sunday 3rd February His Grace will celebrate a Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage at 11am in the Cathedral Church. We are encouraging couples who will be celebrating a particular milestone anniversary (10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 50, 60 and every year over 60) to attend as well as those newly married or preparing to marry in 2019. If you know of any couples celebrating a milestone anniversary please ask them to contact Lianne via email – lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org marking the email 'Marriage Mass'. The Diocese is also trying to find the longest married couple in the Diocese and the Communications Team will be interviewing couples who get in touch to gather testimonies. To date the longest married couple to get in touch are 62 years married.

**Baby Loss Matters** Our parish is participating in Baby Loss Matters, an initiative by the national prolife charity Life, to create memorial spaces in churches across the country to commemorate the lives of those lost before, during, or shortly after birth for any reason. The memorial space includes prayer cards, as well as details of support services if you feel you need them. The memorial is for anyone who wishes to make use of them.

**50/50 Club.** The 50/50 draw will take place on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February. There will be no draw in January, but two in February for those entered in December and January.



**Craft and Natter.**

'Craft & Natter' meets each Tuesday from 11am to 3pm on in term time. Christine ☎ 01922 860981.

**S.V.P**

The SVP will meet on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February in the Presbytery.



**CAFOD Live Simply Prayer Week 9**

**Lord, we pray that those who have material, political, or spiritual power may resist the lure of corruption.**

CAFOD collect stamps, old jewellery, old mobile phones and coins (old UK and foreign). If you have any you can spare, there is a box in the porch.

**Many Happy Returns**

This Monday, the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, is Fr. Craig's birthday. We wish him a very happy one.

**Sick in the Parish**

Please pray for all the sick in the parish, that God will bless and comfort them.

Please remember especially: Pat Gray, Paul Mott, Teresa Chandler, Victor Alonzo, Jacqui Bird, Evelyn Hawkey, Jacqueline Perks, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath & Paddy Breen, Max Lewis, Mary Nix, Geoff Jones, Alma Darby, Marguerite Baxendale, Eliz McCabe, David Piggott, Mary Ellis, Clare Cooksey, Aine McDonagh, Emma Jones, Isabella Lyttle & Anne Mitchell.

**Thank You – Annette Smith**

Annette wishes to thank the parish for the Mass and prayers that have been made for her.

**Second Collection**

We will also be holding a Second Collection for Life the weekend 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> February in aid of their local services giving practical and emotional support to women in crisis pregnancies and suffering after baby loss.

**Last Week's Offertory: £203.96**  
**Weekly Standing Orders: £740.00**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Pax Christi: £298.69**