

**St. Mary of the Angels Newsletter**

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

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Next week's duties.	
<b>Wardens</b>	Saturday: - Peter H Sunday: - Pat & Sally
<b>Cleaners</b>	Maureen, Ann T, Pat H, Philomena & Angela
<b>Flowers</b>	Anne H
<b>Welcomes</b>	Saturday: Alison & Mavie Sunday: Mike & Pat
<b>Cashiers</b>	Team F
<b>Coffee</b>	Christine L, Brian & Karen

9 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> February		Liturgy	Mass Intention	Readers	
Sat.9 <sup>th</sup>	Vigil Mass - 6:00pm.	<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	People of the Parish	Readers	Peter & Cathy
Sun.10 <sup>th</sup>	Sung Mass 9:30am. Music by the School		Anne-Marie & Mark Service <sup>RIP P&amp;SS</sup>	E Mins	Keith, Christine H, Nathalie & Bernadette
Mon.11 <sup>th</sup>	9 15am.	Our Lady of Lourdes <sup>Memorial</sup>	Anne Plant <sup>RIP CD</sup>	Readers	Jacqui & Brian
Tue.12 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am.	Requiem Mass of Mary Margaret Russon		E Mins	Denis, Barbara, Phil & Sue
Wed.13 <sup>th</sup>	Eucharistic Service 9 15am.	<b>Feria</b>		<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.14 <sup>th</sup>	With Year 3 SMA 9:15am 7:30pm	St. Cyril Monk & St. Methodius Bishop, <sup>Feast</sup> Co Patrons of Europe	Int. Marie Wallsen <sup>ES</sup> Canon Laurence Hogarty <sup>RIP</sup>	<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.15 <sup>th</sup>	9 15am.	<b>Feria</b>	Canon Laurence Hogarty <sup>RIP</sup> Canon Laurence Hogarty <sup>RIP</sup>	Readers	Pat H & John H
Sat.16 <sup>th</sup>	9 30am. 10:00-11:00am 10:00-11:00am	Our Lady on Saturday <sup>Memorial</sup> Holy Hour for Vocations Confessions	People of the Parish	E Mins	Emma, David G, Ann T & Francis
	Vigil Mass - 6:00pm.	<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	In Thanksgiving for 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday of Eve Margetts <sup>EM</sup>	Servers	Team (5)
Sun.17 <sup>th</sup>	Sung Mass 9:30am. Music by the Choir				Readers
				E Mins	David W, Margaret, John C & Jacqui
				Servers	Team (6)

**Father's Notes**

**(From the Slavonic Life of Constantine).** - O Lord, my God... Free your people from the impious malice of those unbelievers who blaspheme against you. Make your Church grow in numbers, and gather its members into unity. Make them a chosen people, of one mind in your true faith and in orthodox profession of it; breathe the word of your teaching into their hearts. For it is a gracious favour from you that you have accepted us to preach the gospel of your Christ by encouraging your people to do good works and by doing what pleases you.

**Recently Deceased.** Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of **Mary Margaret Russon** who passed away on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Fortified by the Rites of our Holy Mother the Church, on whose soul Sweet Jesus have mercy. May she Rest in Peace. Mary's mortal remains will be received into Church at 4.30pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February, and her Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb, followed by interment in Streetly Cemetery.

**Bookstall.** 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. As well as books there will be **Craft Club** items, we have St Patrick's, Mothering Sunday and Easter items for sale. Come along and see what has been made. We also need **Good prizes** for the draw. Have you any unwanted books 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?

**Weekday Masses.** At the recent Parish Council meeting it was requested that we return to using the old (small) door in the meeting room for Mass during the week, rather than using the large disabled access, in order to preserve the heat. Therefore the large door will remain locked and the small door open, however, the large door will be un-lockable from the inside should it be required, by using the twist knob catch inside.

**50/50 Club.** The 50/50 draws will take place on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February**. The two draws this month are for entrants in December and January.

**Talk on the life and works of Thomas Merton.**

The Catholic Times author Chris McDonnell is giving a talk on Thomas Merton, Trappist monk, writer, theologian, mystic, poet, social activist and scholar of comparative religion. On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February at St. Mary's Parish Centre, Vivian Road, Harborne B17 0DN. Start at 1:30pm, tea, talk, Q&A, discussion. Everyone welcome. No charge, contact local ACTA at: [mjriordan@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mjriordan@hotmail.co.uk).

**Grand Draw.** There are still **many tickets** available. **Please take and sell some to family and friends, returning the counterfoils with the payment by no later than Wednesday 13 February.** 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.

**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.



**Baby Loss Matters**

Many thanks for your kind donations to the Life second collection last week. Our parish participation in the Baby Loss Matters initiative has a memorial near the Marian Shrine at the back of church. It includes prayer cards, as well as details of support services if you feel you need them. This will remain in place for a few weeks so that prayers may be left in the wooden box located there.

**Craft and Natter.**

There will be no meeting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February for half term, back to normal on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> 11am till 3pm, everyone is welcome, come for a natter or to make something.. **Christine ☎ 01922 860981.**

**Knights of St. Columba**

The Knights of St Columba is a group of catholic men. Our aim is to support the Church and Clergy in a variety of ways. We are looking for new members. If you are interested please contact Joe McNamara on 07801273086.



**CAFOD Live Simply Prayer Week 11**

Help us, Lord, to support with prayer and in whatever other way we can, those people who are less fortunate than ourselves.

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.

**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 Lytle & Anne Mitchell.**

**Whetstone Over 50s**

The AGM and an illustrated talk by Canon Michael on the parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land will be on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February**.

**S.V.P**

The SVP will meet on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February** in the Presbytery Meeting Room after evening Mass.

**Lourdes Pilgrimages**

Northern Star Pilgrimages offer various Lourdes dates for 2019 dates, which may be paid by instalments, provided booking sufficiently early.

See notice boards for details

**Second Collection**

There will be a Second Collection at Mass on the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> Feb - Racial Justice Sunday. The funds raised through this collection will be used by the Bishops' Conference to promote racial justice in England and Wales.

**Last Week's Offertory: £290.05**  
**Weekly Standing Orders: £740.00**  
**Life** <sup>Second Collection</sup>: **£431.02**