

St. Mary of the Angels Newsletter

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First Sunday in Lent ^(C)

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Next week's duties.

Wardens Saturday: - John O
Sunday: - Pat & Sally

Cleaners Maureen, Ann T, Pat H, Philomena & Angela A

Welcomers Saturday: Alison W & Mavie
Sunday: Mike & Pat T

Cashiers Team D

Coffee Catherine A, Jacqui & Bernadette

| 9 th - 17 th Mar | | Liturgy | Mass Intention | Readers | |
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| Sat.9 th | Vigil Mass - 6:00pm. | First Sunday in Lent <i>Day of Prayer for the Candidates of the Sacraments</i> | Josephine Keenan ^{JW} | E Mins: | Gerry & James |
| Sun.10 th | Sung Mass 9:30am. Music by the Folk Group | | People of the Parish | Readers: | Christine H, Nathalie, Bernadette & Emma |
| Mon.11 th | 9 15am. | Lent Feria | Doris Borg ^{YD} | E Mins: | Helen & Keith |
| Tue.12 th | 9 15am. | Lent Feria | Canon Gerry Hanlon ^{RIP J&A T} | E Mins: | Margaret, John C, Jacqui & Peter |
| Wed.13 th | Eucharistic Service 9 15am | Lent Feria | | Sacrament of the Sick. 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 th | 9:15am | Lent Feria | Mary Russon ^{RIP PD} | Parish Membership. 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 th | 7:30pm | Lent Feria - Family Fast Day | Edward Service ^{RIP D&SG} | Readers: | Keith & Cathy |
| Sat.16 th | 9 30am. | Lent Feria | Kay Sharp ^{RIP BM} | E Mins: | David G, Ann T, Francis & Maura |
| | 10:00-11:00am | Holy Hour for Vocations | John Lynch ^{RIP ML} | Servers: | Team ⁽¹⁾ |
| Sun. 17 th | 10:00-11:00am | Confessions | | Readers: | Jacqui & David W |
| | Vigil Mass - 6:00pm. | Second Sunday in Lent | People of the Parish | E Mins: | Dorothy, Jonathan, Denis & Barbara |
| Sung Mass 9:30am. Music by the Choir | Edward Service ^{RIP S&PS} | | Servers: | Team ⁽²⁾ | |

Father's Notes

Benedict XVI. St. Luke recounts that after receiving Baptism from John, "Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit for forty days in the wilderness, tempted by the devil". There is a clear insistence on the fact that the temptations were not just an incident on the way, but rather the consequence of Jesus' decision to carry out the mission entrusted to him by the Father: to live, to the very end, his reality as the beloved Son who trusts totally in him.

Stations of the Cross. There will be Stations of the Cross celebrated on Fridays at 3.30pm and Sundays at 4.00pm during the Season of Lent. Sunday Stations will begin this Sunday (1st of Lent). As there is a service at the Cathedral this weekend that Fr. Craig has to attend, Deacon John will conduct this.

Each First Thursday of the Month there will be an exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:00 until 7:20pm. During this time, the Rosary will be prayed for the souls of the unborn. For more details on this initiative, please speak to Elena S.

The annual Mass for the Sick and Anointing will take place on Monday 18th March at 2pm followed by a reception in the Parish Meeting Room. If you are able to help with transport to bring people to Mass could you please put your name on the list at the back of church. Thank you

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 the function that the parish will host following the Mass of Ordination, please put your donation into one of the envelopes provided in the porch and pass to Fr. Craig.

The Archdiocese Birmingham are advertising the job of Senior Administrative/Personal Assistant to the Vicar General. If you are interested, and would like to know more about this role and how to apply please see the poster see the advert in the porch.

SVP Meeting. The SVP will be meeting this Thursday in the Presbytery Meeting Room following the evening Mass. If you are interested in helping with the work done by the SVP please do come along to this meeting.

Sharing Hope in Crisis. There will be a one-day seminar on how to share the gospel with people who are suffering. The seminar is being held at the Maryvale Institute, Old Oscott Hill, on Sat 16th March 9.00am to 4.30pm. The day is free, however, you are asked to make a donation towards the hospitality and venue. If you are intending to go please remember to take a packed lunch. See poster in porch for further details.

50/50 Club. The 50/50 draw for January took place on the 24th February. The winning numbers were:
1st 61 C&J O'B £150.00
2nd 46 BH £80.00
3rd 60 CH £42.50
4th 6 AW £25.00

The draw for February entrants will be on **Sunday 24th March.**

Every Life Matter. There will be a thought-provoking talk, given by the Life Charity, on issues around life in the Grimshaw Room at the Cathedral on Saturday 23rd March at 11.00am. More info on the poster in the porch.



Parish Evenings

Our next Nostalgia Evening will be a beetle drive and fish & chip supper on Friday April 5th. Please see the notice board for other entertainments.

Thank You from Eve Margetts
My thanks to Fr. Craig and all dear friends at St. M. of A. for all good wishes, cards and Masses on the occasion of my 90th birthday. You all helped make it memorable. Thanks too for all the sharing over the years. Love and God bless. Eve Margetts.

Craft and Natter

Craft and Natter meet as usual on the Tuesday 12th March from 11am to 3pm. However on the 19th we will not be in the meeting room, but at Christine's house from 1pm to 3pm. For more information call Christine ☎ 01922 860981.

Piety Stall

Please visit our piety stall where we have a selection of Cards for many occasions.
First Communion, Confirmation, Baptism, Easter and Saint Patrick's Day. There are also birthday, sympathy and Mass cards as well as a selection of religious objects and rosary beads.



CAFOD Live Simply Prayer Week 15

Through your grace, Lord, may those who suffer hunger know that they are not forgotten. May they find the strength and support that they need to lift themselves out of poverty.

Have you decided on what to do for Lent?
The Green Boxes are available for anyone wishing to use for their Lenten charity collection.

Sick in the Parish

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

Please remember especially: Jo Cooke, Anne Humphreys, Pat Gray, Paul Mott, Theresa Chandler, 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.

Whetstone over 50s

The next meeting of the Whetstone over 50's will be this Monday 11th March at 2:00pm.



Birmingham's only permanent night shelter, is looking for volunteers to help, especially overnight and mentors. If you are interested in finding out more why not come along to their Open evening on Wednesday 20th March 2019.

See notice board for details.

Second Collections

There will be a Second Collection this Sunday for Cathedral maintenance. Next week there will be a retiring collection for the work of CAFOD relating to the Family Fast Day this coming Friday.

Last Week's Offertory: £203.06
Weekly Standing Orders: £740.00
Feed my Lambs: £51.12