

St. Mary of the Angels Newsletter

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Fourth Sunday in Lent (C)

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Next week's duties.

Wardens Saturday: - **John O**
Sunday: - **John S**

Cleaners **Pat, Sally, Ann & Simon**

Welcomers Saturday: **Shelagh & Anne H**
Sunday: **Pat J & Elena**

Cashiers **Team A**

Coffee **Maureen A, Dorothy & Geraldine**

30 th March – 7 th April		Liturgy	Mass Intention	Readers	Gerry & James	
Sat.30 th	Vigil Mass - 6:00pm.	Fourth Sunday in Lent <i>Mothering Sunday.</i> <i>Day of Prayer for Candidates of the Sacraments</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	People of the Parish	E Mins:	Emma, David G, Ann T & Francis	
Sun.31 st	Sung Mass 9:30am. Music by the School 4:00pm		Int. Claire E Higgs née McAnulty ^{BMcA}	Readers:	Helen & Keith	
Mon.1 st	9 15am.		Holy Souls	E Mins:	John C, Jacqui, Peter Dorothy	
Tue.2 nd	9 15am.	Lent Feria	The Souls in Purgatory	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. 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.		
Wed.3 rd	Eucharistic Service 9 15am	Lent Feria	Int. of Evelyn Hawkley ^{SVP}			
Thu.4 th	9:15am 7:00pm 7:30pm	Lent Feria <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Edward Service ^{RIP PD} Pauline Ivory ^{RIP BO B}			
Fri.5 th	9 15am. 2:00pm. 3:30pm	Lent Feria Requiem Mass of Thomas Skellern RIP <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	Edward Service ^{RIP D&RS}			
Sat.6 th	9 30am. 10:00-11:00am	Lent Feria Holy Hour for Vocations	Jack & Betty Terry ^{RIP J&AT}			
	10:00-11:00am	Confessions	Anthony Satariano ^{RIP YD}			
Sun.7 th	Vigil Mass - 6:00pm.	Fifth Sunday in Lent <i>Day of Prayer for the Candidates of the Sacraments</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	Readers:			John & Christine L
	Sung Mass 9:30am. Music by the Choir 4:00pm		E Mins:			Maura, Keith, Christine H & Nathalie
			Servers:			Team 1
			Readers:			Jacqui & Brian
			E Mins:	Jonathan, Denis, Barbara & Phil		
			Servers:	Team 2		

Father's Notes

Benedict XVI - On this Fourth Sunday of Lent, the Gospel of the father and the two sons better known as the Parable of the "Prodigal Son" is proclaimed. The two sons represent two immature ways of relating to God: rebellion and childish obedience. Both these forms are surmounted through the experience of mercy. Only by experiencing forgiveness, by recognising one is loved with a freely given love, a love greater than our wretchedness but also than our own merit, do we at last enter into a truly filial and free relationship with God.

Recently Deceased. Of your charity please pray for the souls of: **Geoff Jones, Christina Davies** (Fr. Craig's grandmother), **Thomas Skellern, Michael Hughes** and **Colin Watson** who have all died recently. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Thomas Skellern's Requiem Mass is at **2.00pm** on **Friday 5th April**.

Colin Watson's Funeral Service is at **12.00pm** on **Tuesday 9th April**.

Geoff Jones' mortal remains will be received into the Church at **4.30pm** on **Thursday 11th April**. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated at **11.30am** on **Friday 12th April**.

Michael Hughes' Funeral Service is at **3.00pm** on **Friday 12th April**.

Diocesan Magazine. The Easter edition of The Sower, the new diocesan magazine, is available in the porch. This is a free publication so please do take one home and have a read. This is a great way of keeping in touch with what is going on in, and around the diocese.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham. The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, the National Shrine of Our Lady, takes place on Saturday 11th May. This year Bp. David McGough leads it. If you are interested in going please give you name and telephone number to Fr. Craig ASAP. For further details please see the poster in the porch.

First Thursday Exposition

Our exposition of the Blessed Sacrament continues from 7:00 until 7:20pm, when the Rosary will be prayed for the souls of the unborn. For more details, please speak to Elena S.

Parish Evenings

Our beetle drive and fish & chip supper on **Friday April 5th** is now fully booked, but please see the notice board for other entertainments.

Nurses Needed to Help Sick Pilgrims
Every year the diocese brings sick pilgrims to Lourdes, a pilgrimage that they cannot make without the support from the wonderful doctors and nurses who come with us.

We are a little short on nurses this year and without your expertise we cannot bring as many ill pilgrims to have the wonderful experience of Lourdes. This is an opportunity for you to do something new and to make a real difference for these travellers.

Can you help? The pilgrimage runs from 25th-31st May. For more information and for contact details, please visit the Lourdes Hospitalite website: www.birminghamlourdeshospitalite.com/about/

Missio (Red Boxes)

Could collectors please empty boxes in their care and let Sue Wilkinson have the money. Thank you.

Craft and Natter

Craft and Natter will be in the meeting room as usual this Tuesday. For more information call **Christine ☎ 01922 860981**.

Thomas Project AGM



The Thomas Project will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 9th April, 7:30pm at their project offices 196H Walsall Wood Road. This is an open meeting, and everyone is welcome.

Aldridge Spring Market

The spring market is on Saturday 27th April from 10am to 4pm. The Thomas Project has organised a stall for the Aldridge churches together.



CAFOD Live Simply Prayer Week 18

Lord, may your Holy Spirit guide world leaders to speak out against hunger and poverty in our world. May He move them to take action to build a better future.

Cyclone IDAI Appeal. CAFOD are part of the Disasters Emergency Committee, and are appealing for funds to aid those struggling after the cyclone in southern Africa.

Please see the notice boards for details.

Green Boxes are still available for those wishing them for their Lenten charity.

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 Hawkley, Jacqueline Perks, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath & Paddy Breen, Max Lewis, Mary Nix, Alma Darby, Marguerite Baxendale, Eliz McCabe, David Piggott, Mary Ellis, Clare Cooksey, Aine McDonagh, Emma Jones & Isabella Lyttle.**

Piety Stall

Please visit our piety stall where we have a selection of cards and gifts for many occasions.

Retiring Collection

Next weekend 6th/7th April Zac, a young man from St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Technological College, will be giving a brief talk about the forthcoming Pilgrimage to Lourdes. At the end of the Mass there will be retiring collection to help support some of the young people from the school to help with the cost of this pilgrimage. Please give generously, you never know what seeds of faith, through the prayers of Our Lady of Lourdes, might be sown in the hearts of the young men and women who go to Lourdes.

Last Week's Offertory: £263.35
Weekly Standing Orders: £740.00

