

**St. Mary of the Angels Newsletter**

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**Fifth Sunday in Lent** (C)

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**Next week's duties.**

**Wardens** Saturday: - Tony & Mavis

Sunday: - Pat & Sally

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

**Welcomers** Saturday: Alison & Mavis

Sunday: Mike & Pat

**Cashiers** Team B

**Coffee** Maureen, Dorothy & Geraldine

6 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> April		Liturgy	Mass Intention	Readers	E Mins
Sat.6 <sup>th</sup>	Vigil Mass - 6:00pm.	<b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b> <i>Day of Prayer for Candidates of the Sacraments</i>	Jack & Betty Terry RIP <sup>J&amp;AT</sup>	John & Christine L	Maura, Keith, Christine H & Nathalie
Sun.7 <sup>th</sup>	Sung Mass 9:30am. Music by the Choir 4:00pm		Anthony Satariano RIP <sup>YD</sup>	Jacqui & Brian	Jonathan, Denis, Barbara & Phil
Mon.8 <sup>th</sup>	Eucharistic Service 9 15am.	<b>Lent 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.	
Tue.9 <sup>th</sup>	9 15am. 12:00 noon	<b>Lent Feria</b> Colin Watson's Funeral Service	Mary Cassar RIP <sup>YD</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.	
Wed.10 <sup>th</sup>	Eucharistic Service 9 15am	<b>Lent Feria</b>		Pat H & Cathy S	Bernadette, Emma, David G & Ann T
Thu.11 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am 4:30pm. 7:30pm	Reception of Remains of Geoff Jones	Holy Souls <sup>BOB</sup> Int. Marie Walker <sup>ES</sup>	Team 3	David W & Peter C
Fri.12 <sup>th</sup>	9 15am. 11:30am. 3:00pm.	<b>Lent Feria</b> <i>Day of Prayer for Victims of Abuse</i> Requiem of Geoff Jones Michael Hughes' Funeral Service	Int. Maureen Patton <sup>MP</sup>	E Mins	Sue, David W, Margaret & John C
Sat.13 <sup>th</sup>	9 30am. 10:00-11:00am	<b>Lent Feria</b> Holy Hour for Vocations	Geoff Jones RIP <sup>T&amp;MM</sup>	Servers:	Team 4
	10:00-11:00am	Confessions		Readers	
Sun.14 <sup>th</sup>	Vigil Mass - 6:00pm.	<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	Int. Wendy Rusling (Wedding Anniversary) <sup>DM</sup>		
	Sung Mass 9:30am. Music by the Folk Group 4:00pm		People of the Parish		

**Father's Notes**

**Benedict XVI** - We have reached the Fifth Sunday of Lent in which the liturgy this year presents us with the Gospel episode of Jesus who saves an adulterous woman condemned to death. [In this Gospel we see Jesus who is the Legislator], he is justice in person. And what is his sentence? "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." These words are full of the disarming power of truth that pulls down the wall of hypocrisy and opens conscience to a greater justice, that of love, in which consists the fulfilment of every precept.

**Monday Morning Mass.** Please note that there will be no Mass this Monday Morning, instead there will be a Service of Word and Communion. This is because Fr. Craig will be in the Lake District celebrating the Funeral of his Grandmother. Please do keep him, his family, and the soul of his Grandmother in your prayers on this day.

**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 your name and telephone number to Fr. Craig ASAP. For further details please see the poster in the porch.

**Praying for the Victims of Abuse.** The Bishops of England and Wales have asked that this coming Friday, 12th April, be a National Day of prayer, praying for the victims/survivors of abuse. The Mass on Friday will have special prayers for this purpose.

**Aldridge Prayer Walk.** This Sunday is the monthly Aldridge Prayer Walk. The walk will begin at 3pm outside Costa Coffee and normally lasts for about one hour. Please do go along and join in this fantastic act of witnessing to our faith in, and praying for, the community in which we live.

**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.

**Stations of the Cross.** Please note that there will be no stations of the cross this Friday afternoon.

**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.

Colin Watson's Funeral Service is at 12.00pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April.

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

Michael Hughes' Funeral Service is at 3.00pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April.



**50/50 Club**

The draw for March entrants will be on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April. The 50/50 draw for February took place on the 24<sup>th</sup> March. The winning numbers were:

1 <sup>st</sup>	111	JME	£150.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	17	PM	£80.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	57	AC	£40.00
4 <sup>th</sup>	37	NP	£25.00

**Coffee Rota**

Please pick up your copy of the rota in the porch. Thank you to our volunteers, and all who supported in the last three months where donations were £195.

**Parish Evenings**

Thanks to all supporters of the beetle drive on Friday. Please see the notice board for other entertainments.

**Craft and Natter**

Craft and Natter we will break up for Easter, there will be no club on 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of April back to normal on 30<sup>th</sup> April. Everyone is welcome. For more information call Christine ☎ 01922 860981.

**Thomas Project AGM**

The Thomas Project will hold their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April, 7:30pm at their project offices 196H Walsall Wood Road. This is an open meeting, and all are welcome.

**CAFOD Live Simply Prayer Week 19**

We pray for all those who are excluded, stigmatised, or ignored. Lord God open our eyes to the dignity of every person you have created and loved.

**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 Hawkey, 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.

**Whetstone Over 50s**

Our next meeting will be on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 2:00pm in the Church Meeting Room.

**Aldridge Spring Market**

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

**Misio (Red Boxes)**

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

**Retiring Collection**

There will be a retiring collection at the end of Mass this weekend to support the young people from St. Francis' School going to Lourdes this summer with the Diocese.

**Last Week's Offertory: £300.01**  
**Weekly Standing Orders: £740.00**  
**Coffee Mornings: £195.00**