

St. Mary of the Angels Newsletter

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Nineteenth Sunday Ordinary Time (C)

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Next week's duties.	
Wardens	Saturday: - Tony & Mavis Sunday: - Brian
Cleaners	Beryl, Julie, Catherine & Pat J
Flowers	Ann T
Welcomers	Saturday: Ann & John Sunday: Jonathan & Ann F
Cashiers	Team B
Coffee	Joan L, Elena & Joanne M

Liturgy		Mass Intention	
Sat.10 th	Vigil Mass 6:00pm.	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Thomas Weir RIP ^{JH}
Sun.11 th	Sung Mass 9:30am. Music by the Folk Group		Julia Doherty RIP ^{HC}
Mon.12 th	9:15am.		Holy Souls
Tue.13 th	9:15am.	Feria in Ordinary Time	Fr. John Clancy RIP ^{A&JT}
Wed.14 th	Word & Communion 9:15am.	St. Maximilian Kolbe Priest, Martyr ^{Memorial}	
Thu.15 th	Holy Day of Obligation 9:15am. 7:30pm.	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Int. of Alma Darby ^{SVP} Int. of the People of the Parish ^{KW}
Fri.16 th	9:15am.	Feria in Ordinary Time	Int. of Alma Darby ^{SVP}
Sat.17 th	9:30am. 10:00-11:00am.	Feria in Ordinary Time Holy Hour for Vocations	Thomas Weir RIP ^B
	10:00-11:00am.	Confessions	
Sun.18 th	Vigil Mass 6:00pm.	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Robert Gull RIP
	Sung Mass 9:30am. Music by the Choir		People of the Parish

Readers	Keith & Pat H
E Mins:	Nathalie, Bernadette, Emma & David G
Readers	Helen & Christine L
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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.	
Readers	Gerry & James
E Mins:	John C, Ann T, Francis & Maura
Readers	Christine L & David W
E Mins:	Jacqui, Peter, Dorothy & Jonathan

Father's Notes

The Solemnity of the Assumption is, in some ways, the paramount feast of Our Lady, since it commemorates her passing, body and soul, into the glory of Heaven, where she stands beside her Son 'in garments of gold'. Though the dogma of the Assumption was only defined in 1950, it was widely believed by the earliest Christians. The Blessed Virgin truly leads the way; she fulfilled her vocation in humility and, given her Immaculate Conception, the grave was no place for her body. Where she is now, we one day hope to be.

Solemnity of the Assumption. Thursday is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Body and Soul, into the glory of Heaven. **This day is a Holy Day of Obligation** when all Catholics are obliged to come to Mass. Mass will be celebrated at **9.15am and 7.30pm on the day**, as there is normally an evening Mass on this day **there will not be a Vigil Mass the evening before.**

Congratulations to David & Francesca who were married here on Friday

Mass Intention. There is now a very serious lack of Mass intentions to be offered in the Parish. Please remember that having Masses offered is one of the principle ways in which you, the people of this parish, contribute to the support of your Parish Priest. If you would like to have a Mass, or Masses, offered please see Fr. Craig. Alternatively, if everyone put a pound, every now and again, in the slot in the porch marked 'Holy Souls' you could keep me in Masses until the Lord's return in glory at the end of time.

Marriage Care - Help Needed. We are in urgent need of Marriage Preparation Facilitators as well as a Chaperone/Receptionist to join our team in Birmingham. Full training and support are provided. Could you give us a few hours a week, a month, a year to help make a real difference to marriage and therefore the Church and society, too? For more information about these roles and our centre please visit us at: <http://www.marriagecare.org.uk> or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

Craft and Natter
 We return on Tuesday 10th September, 11am to 3pm, everyone is welcome, for more information ring Christine ☎ 01922 860981

Fund Raising Event

On **Friday 6th September**, we will have our next Fish & Chip supper with an Angel Drive The meal choices are fish, meat pie or chicken all with chips. Please let **Ann T** or **Sue W** know as soon as possible if you would like to attend giving them your meal choice, as spaces are limited.

Walsall Life Requests

Walsall Life still urgently **prams, pushchairs breast pumps and a child's table.** If you have any such that are no longer required, please contact **Ann T** or **Beryl M.** Many thanks for all items donated to date.

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By now you will be aware, that maintenance of the church grounds has been undertaken by a willing but ageing and rapidly diminishing small group of parishioners. We **really need anyone** who would have some time to spare to help, particularly with mowing and leaf tidying. Although this notice has been run for a few weeks now to date response has been a little thin, well non-existent actually. The work is not onerous and you would be most welcome. No skill is needed just a willingness to help, and gloves. Please sign the clipboard, which will be in the porch at weekends and in the Sacristy corridor during the week. Call Dawn for more details on ☎ 07900 327151. Thank You.



The **THOMAS Project** and the Aldridge Churches come together for the Aldridge Prayer Walk on the 14th day of every month. The Aldridge Prayer Walk for August will take place on Wednesday the 14th, meeting at 11.00 am, for one hour. For this particular Prayer Walk, we will be focusing on the shops and businesses in Aldridge. "It would be wonderful to be able to chat with the business owners and see how we might be able to pray for, or serve them. I pray that you may be able to join us ... you would be very welcome." Nicky.

Sick in the Parish

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

Please remember especially: **Rev. Chris Baxter, Anna Morgan** ^{Nec Meehan}, **Margaret Cooper, Holly Brady, Mike Mander, 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.**

Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

Live Simply Prayer - Week 37

We pray for all children taken unjustly from their parents and for all children suffering hardship and neglect.

Church Duty Rotas

The latest version of the Mass welcomers' Church Cleaners and Coffee Morning Rotas are still in the rack in the porch. **Please pick up your named envelope from the porch.**

If you are on one of our duty rotas, it is important that you have a copy of the rota. As newsletter editor, I include an aide-memoire each week for the various duties but even I, difficult as this may seem to believe, am capable of making mistakes. So please collect your personal copies. ED

Missionary Appeal



This weekend there will be a Missionary Appeal given by the Columban Fathers. **Fr. John Boles** ssc will be giving the appeal on behalf of the **Columban Missionary Fathers**, he himself having spent the last 25 years living and working in South America - in particular in Chile and Peru. There will therefore be a retiring collection at the end of both of the weekend Masses.

Last Week's Offertory: £174.96
Weekly Standing Orders: £760.00
Feed My Lambs: £25.25