

**St. Mary of the Angels Newsletter**

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**Solemnity of Christ the King<sup>C</sup>**

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Next week's duties.	
<b>Wardens</b>	Saturday: - <b>Tony &amp; Mavis</b> Sunday: - <b>Brian</b>
<b>Cleaners</b>	<b>Maureen, Ann, Pat H, Philomena &amp; Jill</b>
<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Sally</b>
<b>Welcomers</b>	Saturday: <b>John &amp; Ann T</b> Sunday: <b>Jonathan &amp; Ann F</b>
<b>Cashiers</b>	<b>Team E</b>
<b>Coffee</b>	<b>Margaret &amp; Fran R &amp; Sue W</b>

Liturgy		Mass Intention	
Sat.23 <sup>rd</sup>	Vigil Mass 6:00pm.	<b>Solemnity of Christ the King</b>	Emma Ampil <sup>MB</sup> RIP
Sun.24 <sup>th</sup>	Sung Mass 9:30am. Music by the School		Muriel Manson <sup>EM</sup> RIP
Mon.25 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am.	<b>St Catherine of Alexandria</b> <sup>Virgin, Martyr</sup> <sup>Memorial</sup>	Int. of Tony & Beryl Meehan <sup>BOB</sup>
Tue.26 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am.	<b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b>	Margaret McDonagh née Halton <sup>CMcD</sup> RIP
Wed.27 <sup>th</sup>	Word & Communion 9:15am.	<b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b>	
Thu.28 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am. NB ⇒ 7:00pm. Circa 8:00pm.	<b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Parish Pastoral Council Meeting</i>	Chris & Anne Rudd <sup>DM</sup> RIP Jackie Perks <sup>SVP</sup> RIP
Fri.29 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am.	<b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b>	Holy Souls <sup>BOB</sup>
Sat.30 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am. 10:00-11:00am. 10:00-11:00am.	<b>St Andrew</b> <sup>Apostle, Martyr</sup> <sup>Feast</sup> <b>Holy Hour for Vocations</b> <b>Confessions</b>	People of the Parish
	Vigil Mass 6:00pm.	<b>First Sunday in Advent</b>	Alan Payne <sup>RIP</sup>
Sun.1 <sup>st</sup>	Sung Mass 9:30am. Music by the Choir		Dec. Members of the Whetstone Over 50s Group

Readers	James & Gerry
E Mins:	Nathalie, Bernadette, Emma & David G
Readers	<b>Cathy &amp; Helen</b>
E Mins:	Phil, Sue, David W & Margaret
<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.	
<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.	
Readers	Cathy
E Mins:	John C, Ann T, Francis & Maura
Readers	<b>Keith &amp; Christine L</b>
E Mins:	Jacqui, <b>Rosella</b> , Dorothy & Jonathan

**Father's Notes**

**(Origen on Prayer)** - For those of us who press forward unceasingly, the kingdom of God which is within us will reach its full completion when the apostle's words are fulfilled, that Christ, with all his enemies subject to him, will deliver the kingdom to God the Father so that God may be all in all. And so, praying unremittingly in the Spirit which the Word inspires in us, let us say to our Father who is in heaven: 'Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.'

**Parish Council AGM.** This Thursday the Parish Council AGM will be taking place immediately after the evening Mass. For this reason the Mass will be celebrated at 7pm. Please do come along to the meeting in the Meeting Room, all are welcome.

**St. Joseph's Primary Neehells.** As in previous years, we will be donating presents to the children of St. Joseph's. Gifts should be wrapped and labelled showing the sex and age of the child they are intended for. Please deliver to the Church or Presbytery **before the end of the school term.**

**Parish Social.** The date of the Parish Social has been moved from December to January, this is due to a clashing of dates with other events at the end of November and the beginning of December. The new date will be published shortly.



**Walsall Life**



On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December we will need cakes please for the annual Life Coffee Morning to raise money to provide Christmas presents for the mothers and babies in the Walsall Life House.

**Volunteers STILL Needed Urgently**



We need volunteers for **church cleaning** and **Mass Welcomers**. If you are able to help, and are willing to volunteer, please contact John Terry who will assign you to one of the teams.

**Missio 2020 Calendars**

Please take a Missio Calendar from the back of church. They are free.

**Remember to Pick up your advent 'Walk with Me' booklets and children's Advent Calendars**

**Christmas Fayre Sunday Morning**  
**The Christmas Fayre is this Sunday morning immediately after Mass.**

Please come along, or stay after Mass. There will be stalls and roast pork baps (or a vegetarian alternative), tea and coffee.  
**There will be a cake stall, so we would welcome contributions.** Please remember to bring your cakes/biscuit donations for the stall.

**Urgent Advent Draw**

Could sold tickets and money please be returned by **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November** or as soon after as possible. The first draw is on **1<sup>st</sup> December**. Late tickets will be added to the draw but you may miss one or more of the draws. **Thank you, and good luck.**

**St Francis of Assisi Parish Advent Retreat 2019**

The SVP within St. Francis of Assisi Catholic College have invited all from within the Parish to join them for a retreat afternoon focusing on Advent. This will be on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** at 2pm concluding around 3.30pm. This is totally free, however, we would ask that you bring a donation for the Glebe Centre food collection. To sign up, please add your name to the signup sheet at the back of Church by 8<sup>th</sup> December.

The College is inviting local residents and senior citizens to a Christmas meal on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** at 5:00pm. This will be followed by a Christmas entertainment. There will **shortly** be a list to add your name for catering numbers in the Sacristy corridor. **NB This date differs from that published on last weeks newsletter.**

**SFA Lourdes Pilgrimage 2020 Fund Raising**

Katie C & Niamh R with the kind help and support of the Keeling School of Dance staff, will be hosting a children's Christmas party to raise monies for their **2020 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** with SFA. The party will be at the Keeling school, behind the TSB, on Sunday the **15<sup>th</sup> December** from **2:00-4:00pm**.

Parents need not stay, they can just drop the children and have a handy 2 hours at this busy time of year. Pre-booking is essential and the cost will be £5 per child, payable when booking. This is to include a drink, snacks and a gift. See Catherine, Katie C, Emma or Niamh R to book.



**Live Simply Prayer - Week 52**

Lord Jesus, you have told us your kingship is not like that of earthly rulers. Teach us to imitate you, the Servant King, and your way of ruling.

**Thank you to all who helped in any way to make the CAFOD evening last week such a success.** Special thanks to the children for their drawings and leaves.

We have received a glowing email from the CAFOD HQ visitors, thanking us for our hospitality. Again our thanks for your support.

**Sick in the Parish**

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

Please remember especially: **Deacon John, Joan Hart, Emma Jones, Anna Morgan** <sup>Née Meehan</sup>, **Margaret Cooper, Holly Brady, Mike Mander, Jo Cooke, Anne Humphreys, Pat Gray, Paul Mott, Theresa Chandler, Evelyn Hawkey, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath & Paddy Breen, Max Lewis, Mary Nix, Alma Darby, Marguerite Baxendale, Eliz McCabe, David Piggott, Mary Ellis, Clare Cooksey & Aine McDonagh.**

**Craft and Natter**

We meet every **Tuesday from 11am to 3pm**, when everyone is welcome. For more information ring **Christine** ☎ 01922 860981.

**Aldridge Christmas Market**

The Aldridge Churches are having a stall at the market on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December**. Volunteers from our community would be most welcome. In all of the advertising, we are using the hashtag **#AldridgeNativity** and the tag line **"Where do you fit in the story?"**, to build a theme (or 'brand') for the event. Please see the notice board for details.

**Second Collection**

There will be a second collection **this** weekend for the **Catholic Youth Services**.