

<p><u>PARISH CLERGY:</u> FR. CRAIG DAVIES (Parish Priest)</p> <p>Rev. Mr John Higgins (Parish Deacon)</p>	<p>ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS 39 Whetstone Lane Aldridge Walsall WS9 0JD Tel:01922 452316</p>   <p>Parish Website: www.stmaryoftheangelsaldrige.co.uk Parish Email: stmota.ald@hotmail.co.uk</p> <p>YEAR OF THE WORD</p>	<p>This Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Registered Charity N^o:234216</p> 
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DATE
 Sunday 1st December
 2019

SUNDAY
 1st Sunday of Advent
 Year A

DIVINE OFFICE
 Week 1

<p>Saturday 30th Nov. (1st Mass of Sunday)</p>	<p>6.00pm</p>	<p>Alan Payne ^{RIP}</p>
<p><u>Sunday 1st Dec.</u></p>	<p>9.30am</p>	<p>Dec Members of the Whetstone Over 50's Group</p>
<p><u>Monday 2nd Dec.</u> <i>Advent Feria</i></p>	<p>9.15am</p>	<p>Int. of Emma Jones ^(Choir)</p>
<p><u>Tuesday 3rd Dec.</u> Memorial of St. Francis Xavier ^{Priest}</p>	<p>9.15am</p>	<p>Paul Power ^{RIP (M&LJ)}</p>
<p><u>Wednesday 4th Dec.</u> <i>Advent Feria</i></p>	<p>9.15am</p>	<p>Service of Word & Communion</p>
<p><u>Thursday 5th Dec.</u> Feast of St. Birinus ^{Bishop}</p>	<p>9.15am 7.00pm 7.30pm</p>	<p>In Thanksgiving ^(MD) Exposition for the Unborn Holy Souls ^(BO'B)</p>
<p><u>Friday 6th Dec.</u> Memorial of St. Nicholas ^{Bishop}</p>	<p>9.15am</p>	<p>Int. of Pat Hopley ^(PH)</p>
<p><u>Saturday 7th Dec.</u> Memorial of St. Ambrose ^{Bishop,} Doctor of the Church</p> <p>(1st Mass of Sunday)</p>	<p>9.30am 10-11am 11.00am 6.00pm</p>	<p>Francis Doherty ^{RIP (MD)} Confessions & Exposition Benediction Int. of Joseph & Sheila Delaney ^(CM)</p>
<p><u>Sunday 8th Dec.</u> <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i></p>	<p>9.30am</p>	<p>People of the Parish</p>

Pope Benedict XVI

With the first Sunday of Advent a new liturgical year begins: the People of God begin again on the way to living the mystery of Christ in history. Christ is the same yesterday, today and for ever; history, instead, changes and requires constant evangelisation; it needs to be renewed from within and the only true novelty is Christ.

Walk with Me

Remember to pick up your Advent 'Walk with Me' booklet, and your children's Advent Calendar.

St. Joseph's Primary Nechells

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.**

SVP Meeting

The Parish SVP will be meeting in the Presbytery Meeting Room **this Thursday** after the evening Mass. If you are interested in joining the SVP Group, or if you are interested in what the SVP group does, please do come along to the meeting.

Thank you

I would like to say a huge thank you to all, who in any way, helped with the Christmas Fayre last weekend.

Craft and Natter

We meet every Tuesday from 11am to 3.00pm, when everyone is welcome. For more information ring Christine on 01922 860981.

Mission 2020 Calendars

Please take a Missio Calendar from the back of Church. They are Free!

Volunteers STILL Needed Ugrently



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.

Walsall Life



Next **Sunday 8th 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.

Prayers for the Unborn

This Thursday, **5th December at 7.00pm**, the Rosary will be prayed before the Blessed Sacrament for the protection of all babies in the womb. This month our intention is: 'For those facing crisis pregnancy at this time'.

October 50/50 Draw Results

The draw for October entrant was on **Sunday 25th November**, the winning numbers were:

1 st Prize	103	JH	£150.00
2 nd Prize	7	KH	£80.00
3 rd Prize	109	JE	£40.00
4 th Prize	101	AW	£22.50

Second Collection

There will be a Second Collection **next weekend** for the Poor Parishes Fund.

Congratulations



Congratulations to **Lorcan G, Hudson H, Lachlan M** and **Annie P**, who have received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism here at St. Mary of the Angels over the past few weeks, and to their parents and godparents..

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 11th 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 sign up sheet at the back of the Church by 8th December.

Advent Parish Draw

This Sunday, following the morning Mass, we will draw the first ticket in our Advent Draw. A ticket will then be draw after the morning Mass on each of the days of Advent. **Good luck to all who have entered!**

Christmas Meal

The College is inviting local residents and senior citizens to a Christmas meal on **Wednesday 18th December at 5.00pm**. This will be followed by Christmas entertainment. There is a list to add your name for catering purposes in the Sacristy corridor.

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 ^{nee Meehan}, **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.**

Aldridge Christmas Market

The Aldridge Churches are having a stall at the market on **Saturday 7th December**. [Volunteers from our community would be most welcome. Please see the notice board for details.](#)



Live Simply Prayer – Week 1

Lord Jesus, as we await your coming, open our hearts to become diligent stewards in your vineyard. Through you we can transform this world. Help us to place our trust always in you, to labour well each day for you.

SFA Lourdes Pilgrimage 2020

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 15th December from 2.00-4.00pm**. Pre-booking is essential and the cost is £5 per child, payable on booking. See Catherine, Katie, Emma or Niamh to book or for more information.



Baptism Enquiries: If you would like to have your child Baptised here at St. Mary of the Angels please contact Fr. Craig, either at the end of Mass or by telephone, in order to book an appointment with him. The dates of the Baptismal Classes can be found in the porch.

Sacrament of the Sick: Please remember to inform Fr. Craig **directly** in case of sickness, especially if it requires hospital treatment or prolonged absence from Mass. If you cannot inform the clergy then your family should take on this responsibility.

PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 30TH NOVEMBER / 1ST DECEMBER 2019

<u>6.00PM VIGIL MASS</u>	READERS:	Cathy & Pat H
	E. MINS:	John C, Ann T, Francis & Maura
<u>9.30AM SUNG MASS</u>	MUSIC:	Choir
	READERS:	Keith & Christine L
	E. MINS:	Jacqui, Rosella , Dorothy & Jonathan

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 7TH/8TH DECEMBER 2019

<u>6.00PM VIGIL MASS</u>	WELCOMERS:	John & Ann
	WARDENS:	Peter H
	READERS:	Cathy
	E. MINS:	Keith, Christine, Nathalie & Bernadette
<u>9.30AM SUNG MASS</u>	MUSIC:	Folk Group
	WELCOMERS:	Jonathan & Ann F
	WARDENS:	Pat & Sally
	READERS:	Helen & Jacqui
	E. MINS:	Denis, Barbara, Phil & Sue
CLEANERS:	Beryl, Julie, Catherine & Pat J	
CASHIERS:	Team F	
FLOWERS:	No Flowers	
COFFEE:	Jonathan, Catherine & Helen	

And finally: This weekend, with the coming of the Season of Advent, we enter into a new liturgical year, a new year of grace in the life of the People of God. Amid the rush of preparations for the Christmas Festivities Advent can so easily pass us by unnoticed, or even overlooked; yet this great season has so much to offer! Today, not only do we begin a new liturgical year, Pope Francis has called for this to be a year dedicated to the 'Word of God'; a year in which we, as Catholic Christians, can allow the Sacred Scriptures to inform, enliven, and enrich our lives and our faith. May this Advent Season be for each one of us a season of grace, a season of renewed hope, and a season in which we can allow the Word of God to penetrate into our hearts as we prepare to celebrate anew the mystery of the Incarnation.

May God bless you all. Fr. Craig