

<p><u>PARISH CLERGY:</u> FR. CRAIG DAVIES (Parish Priest) Rev. 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 15th December
2019

SUNDAY
3rd Sunday of Advent
Year A

DIVINE OFFICE
Week 3

Saturday 14 th Dec. (1 st Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 15th Dec.</u> Gaudeté Sunday	9.30am	Bert Margetts RIP ^(EM)
<u>Monday 16th Dec.</u> Advent Feria	9.15am	Int. of Ann & Brian Hornblower ^(A&BH)
<u>Tuesday 17th Dec.</u> Advent Feria	9.15am	Jackie Perks RIP ^(FH)
<u>Wednesday 18th Dec.</u> Advent Feria	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion
<u>Thursday 19th Dec.</u> Advent Feria	9.15am 7.30pm	Int. of Margaret Cooper ^(SVP) Int. of Emma Jones ^(SVP)
<u>Friday 20th Dec.</u> Advent Feria In SMA School	9.15am	Benedict Hickson RIP ^(KH)
<u>Saturday 21st Dec.</u> Advent Feria (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9.30am 10-11am 11.00am 6.00pm	David Evans & Baby Margaret Mary RIP ^(ES) Confessions & Exposition Benediction Margaret Jessop RIP ^(DJ)
<u>Sunday 22nd Dec.</u> 4 th Sunday of Advent	9.30am	People of the Parish

Pope Benedict XVI. “Gaudete in Domino semper – Rejoice in the Lord always.” Holy Mass of the Third Sunday of Advent opens with these words of St. Paul and is therefore called “Gaudete” Sunday. The Apostle urges Christians to rejoice because the Lord’s coming, that is, his return in glory, is certain and will not be delayed. Indeed, we wait with hope certain of his second coming because we have experienced his first.

Bambinni Sunday. Today, the 3rd Sunday of Advent, we will be blessing the images of the Baby Jesus for your cribs at home. This will take place after the Offertory Procession. **Please bring you Christ Child to the front.**

Archdiocese of Birmingham. The Archdiocese is advertising a full time post for a qualified and experienced Social Worker to join the Safeguarding Team at Cathedral House as a Safeguarding Advisor. If you are interested please see the information in the porch.

Christmas Carol Services. This week SMA School and Aldridge School are holding their annual Christmas Carol Services here in Church. SMA's Carol Service is on Monday 16th at 7.00pm. Aldridge School's is on Thursday 20th at 7.00pm.



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 by **Sunday 15th December.**

Walsall Life



Our thanks to all who helped at, or contributed to the Coffee Morning last Sunday. We managed to raise **£439.10** towards our Walsall Life House. Again, our grateful thanks for your generosity.

Recently Deceased

Pray for the souls of **John Ward & William Fortune.** On whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy, may they rest in peace.

Craft and Natter

We have now broken up our Christmas break, returning refreshed on Tuesday January 14th at 11am, when everyone is welcome. For more information call me Christine on 01922 860981

Clergy Training Fund

The Clergy Training Fund envelopes for December will be taken up with the Offertory **this** weekend.

Second Collection

There is a Second Collection **this weekend** in aid of the work of the **St. Vincent de Paul Society.**

Advent Parish Draw

The advent draw has, since December 1st, been drawn each day and will continue until the morning of Christmas Eve. The winners will be published after the last draw. **Good luck to all who have entered!**

Whetstone Over 50's Group

Thank you to all who contributed to our Christmas Party last Monday and all who joined in. The children from St Mary's school choir gave us wonderful entertainment again, singing many Christmas carols with tremendous gusto. Everyone left with a present from the Santa Sack plus some winners from the monthly raffle. We raised £84 for Acorns Hospice instead of sending Cards to each other. My Very Best Wishes for you to have a Happy and Holy Christmas and I wish you a great New Year. (Chairman).

Congratulations



We offer our congratulations to **Tom** and **Kirsty R.** who were joined in Holy Matrimony here at St. Mary of the Angels last Saturday.

SFA Lourdes Pilgrimage 2020

Katie C & Níamh 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 This **Sunday 15th December from 2.00-4.00pm.** Pre-booking is essential and the cost is £5 per child which includes drinks, snacks and a gift; fee payable on booking. See Catherine, Katie, Emma or Níamh to book or for more information.

Christmas Cards

The rack for your Christmas Cards is in porch again this year. Please place your cards for parishioners on the shelf with their surname initial, and be sure to look for your cards on your initial shelf.

Christmas Meal



SFA 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 and the number in your party for catering purposes in the porch. **We have arranged with the college that we can delay giving numbers until this Sunday, so please add your name to the list in the porch if you wish to attend.** The College always put on a good show.

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.

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Live Simply Prayer – Week 3

Lord Jesus, as we await your coming, give us the joy of knowing and following you.

Please remember to leave any stamps from your Christmas cards in the gold box in the porch

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: 14TH/15TH DECEMBER 2019

6.00PM VIGIL MASS	READERS:	Gerry & James
	E. MINS:	Emma, David G, John C & Ann T
9.30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Choir
	READERS:	Brian & Cathy
	E. MINS:	David W, Margaret, Jacqui & Catherine

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 21ST/22ND DECEMBER 2019

6.00PM VIGIL MASS	WELCOMERS:	Mavie + any volunteer
	WARDENS:	Tony & Mavis
	READERS:	John H & Pat H
	E. MINS:	Maura, Keith, Christine H & Ann T
9.30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Folk Group
	WELCOMERS:	Mike & Pat T
	WARDENS:	Brian
	READERS:	Brian & Helen C
	E. MINS:	Dorothy, Jonathan, Denis & Barbara
CLEANERS:	Pat, Sally, Ann & Simon	
CASHIERS:	Team A	
FLOWERS:	No Flowers	
COFFEE:	Margaret J, Anne H & Shelagh	

And finally: Today, with the coming of the Third Sunday of Advent we see a change in the liturgical colour, from Violet to Rose. This momentary change of colour helps to focus our minds, and hearts, on the change in the nature of this Holy Season from today onwards. Today our Advent journey is changed from that of 'hope filled expectation', as await the Lord's return in glory, to that of 'joy filled anticipation', as we move ever closer to our celebration of the Lord's Nativity, His first coming as a tiny child, born in a stable at Bethlehem. As we continue our preparations for the Christmas Season, both spiritually and materially, may our hearts be filled with the joy of knowing that God loves us so much that He sent His only begotten Son into our world, that one day we may enter into His eternal Kingdom.

May God bless you all. Fr. Craig