

<p><u>PARISH CLERGY:</u></p> <p>FR. CRAIG DAVIES (Parish Priest)</p> <p>Rev. John Higgins (Parish Deacon)</p>	<p>ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS</p> <p>39 Whetstone Lane Aldridge Walsall WS9 0JD Tel:01922 452316</p>  	<p>This Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham</p> <p>Registered Charity N^o:234216</p>
<p><u>PARISH REPS:</u></p> <p>SAFEGUARDING: Mr Gerry Wintrip (01922 457471)</p> <p>HEALTH & SAFETY: Mr Phil Probert (01922 458406)</p>	<p>Parish Website: www.stmaryoftheangelsaldrige.co.uk</p> <p>Parish Email: stmota.ald@hotmail.co.uk</p> <p>THE YEAR OF THE WORD</p>	

DATE
Sunday 29th December
2019

SUNDAY
Solemnity of the Holy Family
Year A

DIVINE OFFICE
Week 1

Saturday 28 th Dec. (1 st Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	Int. of John O'Neill (JO'N)
Sunday 29 th Dec. Solemnity of the Holy Family	9.30am	Int. of Josephine Coterill (SC)
Monday 30 th Dec. 6 th Day in the Christmas Octave	10.00am	Int. of Margaret Cooper (MC)
Tuesday 31 st Dec. 7 th Day in the Christmas Octave	10.00am	Int. of Rose & David Bunce (SVP)
Wednesday 1 st Jan. Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God	10.00am	Nora (Eleanor Mary) Hickson RIP (KH)
Thursday 2 nd Jan. Memorial of St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen Bishops, Doctors of the Church	9.15am	Service of Word and Communion
Friday 3 rd Jan. Memorial of the Holy Name of Jesus	9.15am	Service of Word and Communion
Saturday 4 th Jan. Christmas Feria (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9.30am 6.00pm	Service of Word and Communion In Thanksgiving (MB)
Sunday 5 th Jan. Solemnity of the Epiphany	9.30am	People of the Parish

Pope St. John Paul II

If we aspire to a deep understanding of Jesus' life, we must draw close to the mystery of the Holy Family of Nazareth to listen and observe. Today's liturgy offers us a providential opportunity to do so. For every believer, and especially for Christian families, the humble dwelling place in Nazareth is an authentic school of the Gospel. Here we admire, put into practice, the divine plan to make the family an intimate community of life and love...

Recently Deceased

Pray for the soul of **Canon Gerry Breen**. On whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy, may they rest in peace.

Confessions and Exposition

There will be no exposition of the Blessed Sacrament or Confessions this coming Saturday.

From Canon Michael

Canon Michael and Christine wish all parishioners a very happy Christmas season and a blessed New Year. We thank you for your kindness and good wishes and for cards and gifts.

Diocesan Directories 2020

Directories are available in the sacristy. They are priced at £5.00 a copy, money to be given to Fr. Craig.

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

From Fr. Ryan

Thank you for the many gifts and cards which I have received during this my first Christmas as a Priest.

Christmas Crib Collection.

This year the Crib Offering is being donated to support the work of LEPROA, a charity whose work focuses on bringing help and relief to those who are suffering from Leprosy.

For more information about their work please see the notice board at the back of the church situated near the Walsingham Chapel. The donation box will be left in front of the Crib throughout the Christmas Season.

50/50 Draw

The draw for November entrant was on **Sunday 22nd December**, the winning numbers were:

1 st Prize	41	FH	£150.00
2 nd Prize	6	JC	£75.00
3 rd Prize	109	ER	£40.00
4 th Prize	101	DW	£22.50

Wednesday Friends

Our monthly breakfast meeting restarts after the Christmas break, to welcome everyone to coffee, tea, toast and an opportunity to meet and chat. Why not join us on the 3rd Wednesday every month at 10am in the meeting room. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday 15th January**.

Advent Parish Draw

The advent draws, which started on December 1st and ran until Christmas Eve was a great success. It created two dozen happy prize recipients, and enabled the parish to bank a very welcome **£3080.00**. Our thanks go to all those who participated in raising this sum, and particularly those who donated the prizes. Congratulations to the 24 winners.

The Big Clean

A very big 'thank you' to everyone who helped to prepare for and assist in our celebrations over Christmas. Cleaners, flower arrangers, choir, folk group; everyone who worked so hard to make it such a happy and holy celebration.

Walsall Life

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to accommodate two new mothers-to-be last week into our house. Both received a welcome pack, which contains emergency supplies. We have two 'new baby' packs ready, one baby was due on Christmas eve and another on New Years Day. All residents will have had a Christmas Dinner and a small gift. Thank you also for your donated gifts.

Prayers for the Unborn

On Thursday, **9th January 2020 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 families, that they are supported and remain open to the gift of life'**.

Parish Christmas Cards

The rack for your Christmas Cards is in porch again this year. Please ensure that you have taken your cards as this weekend the remaining cards will be disposed of.

CAFOD

Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Live Simply Prayer – Week 5

Lord, we pray that all families may be transformed by the model you have given us in your Holy Family.

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

Parish Social

The next social event will cost £8 and be on **Saturday 18th January**, after evening Mass.

Aid to the Church in Need

Thanks you for your great kindness this year – you have made it possible for Aid to the Church in Need to come to the aid of those who turn to us in their time of great need. Your remarkable generosity is offering the hope of Christ's love to suffering Christians around the world.

The Advent 'Walk with Me' tells us that there have been more Christian martyrs in the 20th and 21st centuries than in all the preceding centuries of the faith. Please help Aid to the Church in Need. Through your kindness, they offer the hope of Christ, who was born for all.

Sick in the Parish

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

Olivia (Dotty)^C, 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.



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 NEXT WEEKEND: 28TH/29TH DECEMBER 2019

6.00PM VIGIL MASS	READERS:	Keith & Pat H
	E. MINS:	John C, Ann T, Maura + a volunteer minister
9.30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Choir
	READERS:	Helen & Christine L
	E. MINS:	Pat & Sally

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 4TH/5TH JANUARY 2020

6.00PM VIGIL MASS	WELCOMERS:	Ann & John T
	WARDENS:	John O
	READERS:	Gerry & James
	E. MINS:	Emma, David G, John C & Ann T
9.30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Folk Group
	WELCOMERS:	Jonathan & Ann F
	WARDENS:	Denis
	READERS:	Helen & Christine L
	E. MINS:	Phil, Sue, David W & Margaret
CLEANERS:	Maureen, Ann T, Pat H & Philomena	
CASHIERS:	Team D	
FLOWERS:	Karen	
COFFEE:	Phil , Jill & Barbara	

And finally: Today, as we celebrate the Holy Family of Nazareth, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for the very warm reception, which over the past year I have experienced in many different ways, I received when I entered into this family of faith here in Aldridge. As we begin a new year may we continue to grow together in our love for the Lord, and for His most Sacred Word, as we continue to seek to serve Him. I would also like to say a huge thanks for the many cards and gifts which I have received over the Christmas period; I, as a priest, never cease to be astounded by the generosity of the people of God. Thank you all.

I wish you, and all who you love, a very blessed, happy and holy New Year.

May God bless you all. Fr. Craig