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THE YEAR OF THE WORD



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DATE

**Sunday 15th March
2020**

SUNDAY

**Third Sunday of Lent
Year A**

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 3

<u>Saturday 14th March.</u> (1 st Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	Colin & Gary Watson RIP ^(AW)
<u>Sunday 15th March</u> Third Sunday of Lent	9.30am 5.00pm	People of the Parish Stations of the Cross
<u>Monday 16th March</u> Lent Feria	9.15am	James Brindley RIP ^(SB)
<u>Tuesday 17th March</u> St. Patrick, Bishop ^{Feast}	9.15am	Geoff Jones RIP ^(AH & Jones Family)
<u>Wednesday 18th March</u> Lent Feria	9.15am	Service of Word and Communion
<u>Thursday 19th March</u> St. Joseph, Husband of the BVM ^{Solemnity}	9.15am 7:30pm	Int. of Dolores & Michael Vaughan ^(Sr.A) Int. of Keith Hickson ^(SVP)
<u>Friday 20th March</u> Lent Feria	9.15am 3.30pm	Stuart Harvington RIP ^(Sisters) Stations of the Cross
<u>Saturday 21st March</u> Lent Feria (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9.30am 10-11am 11.00am 6.00pm	Billy McCarthy RIP ^(AH) Confessions & Exposition Benediction People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 22nd March</u> Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday	9.30am 5.00pm	Michael Lavin RIP ^(HC) Stations of the Cross

Pope Francis

In Lent we are called to rediscover what truly matters, what we really need, what helps us to live well and, at the same time, to identify what is secondary and that which we can easily do without.

Coronavirus (Covid-19)

In light of the spread of Coronavirus, as a precaution, we have been advised by the Bishops of England and Wales to suspend the use of Holy Water at the entrance to the Church, Hymn Books, Parish Mass Books, Communion **from the Chalice**, and the physical offering of the sign of peace during Mass.

Lent Alms Giving

The Lent Alms Giving Box is on the offertory table. This year we are donating the money to Survive Miva. For info on their work please see the notice board outside the Walsingham Chapel.

Stations of the Cross

There will be Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 3:30pm, and Sundays at 5:00pm, during the Season of Lent.

St Francis of Assisi College



Our next Youth SVP retreat afternoon will be on Tuesday 25th March. The theme will be based on Lent. The sign up sheets are in the porch.

Year of the Word

This year, The Bishop's Conference of England and Wales, has dedicated as being The Year of the Word. We will begin our series of prayer and study with the Scriptures on **Friday 13th March at 7.00pm** in the Parish Meeting Room. Each session will include 30mins. of *Lectio Divina* followed by 30mins. of Scripture Study. Please do come along.

Church Email Address

Please note. You will note from the 1st page of this weeks newsletter, that we have a new email address for the church. It is smota.aldridge@rcaob.org.uk. Please notice that as well as the domain name change, the local-part omits the 't' and expands the name from **ald** to **aldridge**.

The old address will continue to be monitored for the time being.

Walsall Life

Walsall Life are once more in need of prams. If you have any that are no longer needed by your family, please contact Ann T or Beryl M. We thank you in anticipation.

Whetstone Over 50's

April's gathering will be our annual meal for members and their other halves or guests. It will be at **Druid's Heath Golf Club** 20th April costing £20 per head. Arrive 12.30 for 1.00 start. See Shelagh Goodwin for menu and to sign-up.

Please note the changed date.

Missio (Red Box)

Could Missio (Red Box) collectors please empty boxes in their care and let Sue W have the monies. Thank you.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The next meeting of the SVP will take place on Thursday 19th March in the Presbytery Meeting Room after the evening Mass. If you are interested in helping with their work please do come along.

Congratulations



We offer our congratulations to **Caleb James S** and **Niall Andrew C** who were Baptised here last weekend, and to their parents and godparents.

Sick in the Parish

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

Nancy Levell, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia (Dotty) Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, 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 Hawkley, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath & Paddy Breen, Max Lewis, Alma Darby, Marguerite Baxendale, David Piggott, Mary Ellis, Clare Cooksey & Áine McDonagh.



Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Our thanks for the generous second collection last week, when **£515.75** was raised by the parish towards CAFOD's work.

Live Simply Prayer – Week 16

God Our Father, spur us to support the people of Yemen. Move us to help them still with our gifts through CAFOD this Lent, so their suffering is relieved.

Our gold box remains in situ for any donations of stamps, coins and broken jewellery. Many thanks for all your donations.

Maryvale Institute

On Thursday 2nd April at 5:30 to 9:30pm there will be an evening of recollection for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Maryvale Institute. It will be lead by the Rev Joseph The-quang Nguyen. The evening will cost £5.00. Details of are on the notice board, and registration forms can be found in the porch.

Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of: **Eliz McCabe, Peggy McGill, Denis Tocker, Fr. Bob Wright & Canon Peter Taylor**; on whose souls Sweet Jesus Have Mercy. May they Rest in Peace. Eliz McCabe's mortal remains will be Received into Church at 4pm on Thursday 26th March, and the Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10.45am on Friday 27th March. Denis' funeral will be from St. Anne's Streetly on the 18th March at 10:00am.

Parish Website

We regret that our parish website (www.stmaryoftheangelsaldrige.co.uk) is no longer functioning. A new site will shortly replace it, as our old one was no longer being maintained. Details of this will shortly be available.

Craft and Natter

ATTENTION: In light of the recent developments with regards to Coronavirus we have decided to suspend the meeting of the Craft and Natter until after Easter. We will then make a further review of the situation. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Annual Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage

This year the Diocese are hosting two Masses for those who are celebrating an Anniversary of Marriage, Saturday 9th & Saturday 16th of May at 12 noon. If you are interested in going please see the details on the poster in the porch.

Lourdes Fundraising Concert

We are extremely grateful for all of the fundraising you have already been doing for our students at SFA. To finish our campaign we will run a concert on **Wednesday 1st April**. We would love you all to join us for a night of incredible musical talent and help us to raise money for our great cause. More details will be realised closer to the time.

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 MARCH 2020, AND DURING THE WEEK

<u>6.00PM VIGIL MASS</u>	READERS:	Gerry & James
	E. MINS:	* Please see Coronavirus notice above
<u>9.30AM SUNG MASS</u>	MUSIC:	Choir
	READERS:	David W & Helen
	E. MINS:	* Please see Coronavirus notice above
CLEANERS:		Pat, Sally, Ann & Simon

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 21ST/22ND MARCH 2020

<u>6.00PM VIGIL MASS</u>	WELCOMERS:	Dawn & Katie
	WARDENS:	Peter H
	READERS:	Pat H & John H
	E. MINS:	* Please see Coronavirus notice above
<u>9.30AM SUNG MASS</u>	MUSIC:	School
	WELCOMERS:	Helen C & Margaret L
	WARDENS:	Pat & Sally
	READERS:	David W & Peter C
	E. MINS:	* Please see Coronavirus notice above
CASHIERS:	Team C	
COFFEE:	Barbara, Juliet & Tony	

And finally: The readings given to us in the Lectionary for the Sundays in Lent in Year A have, in a very particular way, a focus on the Sacrament of Baptism. Today, in the story of the Woman at the Well we see how, through her encounter with the Lord, she is moved to faith. This faith instantly leads her to seek with all her heart the ‘Water of Life’ – the grace of the Holy Spirit. Like her we too are called to listen to the voice of the Lord, to open up our hearts to listen trustfully to God in order that we too may encounter Christ who reveals to us his love and tells us: “I who speak to you am He”, the Messiah, your Saviour. May the fountain of the water of life well up in our hearts this Lent, and may the Holy Spirit strengthen and sustain us in our faith.

May God bless you all. Fr. Craig