

PARISH CLERGY:

PARISH PRIEST
Fr. Craig Davies

PARISH DEACONS
Rev. John Higgins
Rev. Peter Crosby

PARISH REPS:

SAFEGUARDING:
Mr Gerry Wintrip
(01922 457471)

HEALTH & SAFETY:
Mr Phil Probert
(01922 458406)

ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS



39 Whetstone Lane
Aldridge
Walsall
WS9 0JD
Tel:01922 452316



This Parish is
part of the
Archdiocese of
Birmingham
Registered
Charity
Nº:234216

Parish Website:

www.catholicaldridge.co.uk

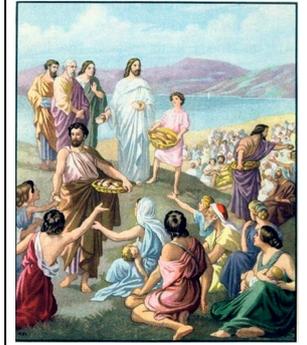
Parish Email:

smota.aldridge@rcaob.org.uk

Fr. Craig's Email:

fr.craig.davies@rcaob.org.uk

THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH



DATE
Sunday 25th July 2021

SUNDAY
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B

DIVINE OFFICE
Week 1

Live-streamed Masses: Sunday at 9.30am, and all weekday Masses.

<u>Saturday 24th July</u> (1 st Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	Lily Payne RIP ^(SH)
<u>Sunday 25th July</u> Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish Peter Taylor RIP ^(FD) Leslie Roberts RIP ^(MR)
<u>Monday 26th July</u> Ss. Joachim & Anne Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary ^{Memorial}	9.15am	Int. of Caroline D'Oyly ^(PS)
<u>Tuesday 27th July</u> Feria	9.15am	Tony Andrews RIP ^(CA)
<u>Wednesday 28th July</u> Feria		No Services Today
<u>Thursday 29th July</u> St. Martha ^{Memorial}	7.30pm	Francis Patton RIP ^(Kerrigan Family)
<u>Friday 30th July</u> St. Peter Chrysologus Bishop, Doctor of the Church ^{Memorial}	9.15am	Dec. of the McCarthy Family ^(BO'B)
<u>Saturday 31st July</u> St. Ignatius of Loyola ^{Memorial} (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9.30am 10-11am 6.00pm	Denis Healy RIP ^(P&AC) Confessions & Exposition Int. of Kath & Paddy Breen ^(D&SG)
<u>Sunday 1st August</u> Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	Alice Murphy RIP ^(J&SW) Int. of the Service Family ^(PS) People of the Parish

Pope Francis:

Only a heart that is not taken over by hastiness is capable of being moved, that is, of not allowing itself to be caught up in itself and by things to do, and is aware of others, of their wounds, their needs. Compassion is born from contemplation.

Data Protection – Live-streaming

Sunday 9.30am Mass, and all weekday Masses, will continue to be live-streamed. The camera is situated at the front of the church so that only the Sanctuary is visible. If, however, you are sitting on the right side of the church you will become visible, in a way in which you might be recognisable, for a brief moment as you return from receiving Holy Communion. If you do not wish to appear on the live-stream please inform one of the stewards who will ensure that you are seated on the left of the church.

St. Joseph's Care Home



Situated in the beautiful surroundings of rural Warwickshire, St. Joseph's Care Home offers a range of personalised services including residential care, specialised dementia care and short term respite care in a friendly welcoming environment. With a dedicated and compassionate staff team who are passionate about making residents safe and happy in an environment that is just *how home feels*. If you or someone you know might benefit from the care offered and would be interested in more information or to book a virtual tour then please quote SJ1 and contact the Care Home Manager Shelley Perryman on 01675 434559, email:

shellyperryman@fatherhudsons.org.uk

or visit our website at:

www.stjosephscarehome.co.uk

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for the month of July is:- **Social Friendship**. We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

Sick in the Parish

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

Hannah Delmas, Margaret Healy, Margaret & Leo Jones, John Wynne, Maura McGarry, Juliet Woodhall, Pat Hopley, Luke Smith, Catherine Shepherd, Keiron Sanders, Jim Smith, David Goodwin, Nancy Levell, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia (Dotty) Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Deacon John Higgins, 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, Marguerite Baxendale, David Piggott, Clare Cooksey & Áine McDonagh.

We continue to pray also for those who are suffering as a result of COVID-19, and for all who are involved in caring for the sick and the dying.

Praying for the Unborn



For all going through difficult pregnancies, we pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be given to them by their families, friends, and local communities. Amen.



Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Live Simply Prayer – Week 35

(Seventeenth Sunday of the Year)

God our Father, teach us to be charitable, selfless, gentle and patient. In this way we will build unity with you and unity with one another. Such is your desire for us your children.

CAFOD School Volunteers Needed

Could you spare some time to volunteer with CAFOD and help children and young people learn about global poverty, and motivate them to take action? We are looking for volunteers in the Walsall area to visit Catholic Schools. For further information please contact Joanne O'Meara at CAFOD Birmingham. Email: birmingham@cafod.org.uk.

Dates for your Diary

May I begin by thanking those parishioners who co-ordinate the Parish Groups for responding so promptly for a request for dates for the re-commencement of the group's meetings. The following dates, albeit presently provisional, are the planned dates for the first meeting of each group or activity:

Children's Liturgy – Sunday 5th September.

Coffee Morning: Sunday 5th September – after the morning Mass.

Whetstone Over 50's Group: Committee Meeting – Monday 6th Sept. - 2pm.

Group Meeting - Monday 11th Oct. - 2pm.

Craft & Natter: Tuesday 14th September - 11am to 3pm.

Wednesday Friends: Wednesday 15th September - 10am.

Parish SVP Group: Thursday 23rd September - 8pm

Parish Pastoral Council: Thursday 30th September - 7.30pm.

Baptism Enquiries

If you would like to have your child Baptised here at St. Mary of the Angels please visit the 'Baptismal Enquiry' page of the parish website using the following link:

<https://www.catholicaldridge.co.uk/baptismal-enquiries.html>

Here you can complete a 'Baptism Enquiry Form'. The next available dates for Baptism Preparation are: **7pm Tuesday 14th September, 7pm Tuesday 26th October, 7pm Tuesday 7th December.**

Thank you

Over the past 12 months we, as a parish, have faced strange and changeling times in the way that our services have had to be conducted. Now that most of the restrictions have been lifted it is only right that we say 'thank you' to all those members of our parish who volunteered to take on the responsibilities of being the stewards at Mass. From greeting people at the doors of the church, the sanitising of the pews at the end of Mass, and your willingness to 'plug the gaps' when people have not been available on certain days, your work has been tremendous. The whole parish owes you a debt of gratitude, sure in the knowledge that your contribution has not only kept us safe, but without you it would not have been possible to open the church for the celebration of Mass. Thank you!

Sacrament of the Sick

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

Changes following the easing of the COVID-19 Regulations

As announced at the end of all Masses last weekend there have been significant changes in the way we are now permitted to celebrate Mass. It is, however, not a return to pre-pandemic conditions, we must still be careful and cautious in our approach to these changes. It is of paramount importance that we now, each and every one of us, take on the responsibility of keeping each other safe whilst inside the church building. Whilst there are no social distancing measures in place in the church we must be conscious of leaving spaces, not sitting immediately next to, or behind, other people. Here now are the significant changes:

Track and Trace: We are still required to keep a record, for parish usage only, of those who attend Mass. It is therefore necessary that you use the form on the COVID-19 page (only required once) to book into the Sunday Mass that you will attend regularly. You will then, upon arriving at church, put a tick next to your name on the 'Booking in Form' or alternatively use the QR code which can be scanned via the NHS Track and Trace App

on your phone (this you will have indicated on the 'Booking in Form').

Offertory Gifts: These can now be brought to the altar, from the back of the church, by members of the congregation (6pm and 9.30am Masses only). Those bringing up the gifts must use the hand sanitiser on the offertory table before picking up the gifts.

Collections: These can now take place as before lockdown, using the basket system (6pm & 9.30am Masses only). At the 11.30 & 4.30 Masses this will be done as in previous weeks.

Votive Candles: You are now free to light candles at the shrines at the front of the church.

Singing: This will be reintroduced into Mass in September.

Servers: We will reintroduce serving at Mass in September.

Church Cleaners: A new rota will be produced shortly. However since the old rota was suspended, many of our cleaning team members have resigned, to the point where we have less than half of our old volunteers. **If you could find time to help with this important parish activity, please contact Fr. Craig as a matter of urgency.**

And finally:- This weekend we begin our six week journey through John Chapter 6, and our Blessed Lord's discourse on the subject of the Bread of Life. Today, we begin this journey, we encounter the familiar story of the feeding of the five thousand, or the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves. As Christians we look beyond the surface meaning of the text, the physical feeding of those men and women, to it being a prefiguring of the bread of the Eucharist. The moment when Christ shared the Bread of Life with His disciples; the exact same bread which, over 2000 years later, we share in at every celebration of the Mass. Today, however, the focus is not so much on the bread blessed and broken, but upon the gift given. Upon the gift of the small boy that enabled this great miracle to take place. This same symbolic action occurs during the Mass, at the moment when the bread and wine are brought from the congregation and given to the priest to become the Body and Blood of Christ.

May God bless and protect you all. Fr. Craig