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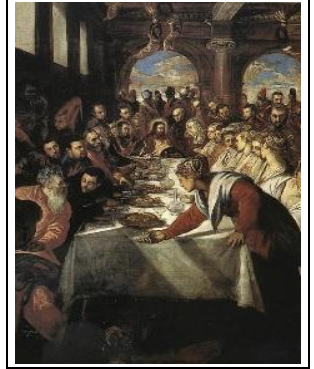
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DATE

**Sunday 28th August
2022**

SUNDAY

**Twenty-Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year C**

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 2

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

<u>Saturday 27th August</u> 1 st Mass of Sunday	6:00pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 28th August</u> Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am	Int. of John O'Neill (JO'N)
<u>Monday 29th August</u> Passion of St. John the Baptist Martyr Memorial	9:15am	Audrey Dwyer RIP (B&TM)
<u>Tuesday 30th August</u> St. Margaret Clitherow Virgin, Martyr Memorial	9:15am	Bert Mercer RIP (G, M & JW)
<u>Wednesday 31st August</u> Feria		No Services Today
<u>Thursday 1st Sept</u> Feria	6:30pm 7:00pm	Rosary for the Unborn Int. of Jim & Peggy Smith (SVP)
<u>Friday 2nd Sept</u> Feria	9:15am	Rosemary Bunce RIP (BB)
<u>Saturday 3rd Sept</u> St. Gregory the Great Pope, Doctor of the Church Memorial (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9:30am 10-11am 6:00pm	Geraldine Kelly RIP (AW) Exposition, Confessions & Benediction Tom Mitchell RIP (CM)
<u>Sunday 4th September</u> Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am	People of the Parish

Pope Francis:

Peace is not often achieved by famous people, but by the daily determination of ordinary men and women.

CAFOD

(Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)

We pray that all those, who seek to do what is evil, will have a conversion of heart and repent of their ways – as did St. Paul on his way to Damascus.

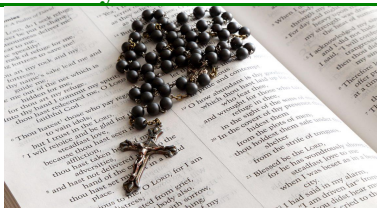
Coffee Morning Rota

The latest copy of the **Coffee Morning Rota** is now available in the church porch and on the parish website.

Whetstone Over 50's Group

The next meeting of the Whetstone Over 50's Group takes place on Monday 12th September. This month our speaker will be Mr. Tim Coltman. Tim will be delivering a talk entitled 'Two Crosses' – the story of his grandfather and his role in World War I.

Rosary for the Unborn



This Thursday, **1st September**, we gather in church at **6.30pm**, to pray the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament for the protection of all babies in the womb, and for their families. This month our intention is: '**For political leaders, that they uphold the sanctity of life through just laws**'.

Foodbank Collection

We are now resuming our collection for the Foodbank run by the Thomas Project.

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for **September** is: **For the abolition of the death penalty**. We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

Sick in the Parish

Please pray for all the sick in the parish, remember especially:

Canon Michael, Val Osborn, Janet Chambers, Jo Hawker, Paul Atkinson, Jacqui Bird, Alison Welton, Fr. Tony Rohan, Louise Morgan, Stephen Brook, Margaret Davis, Mary Brough, Joe Bannister, Morris Moseley, Margaret Healy, Juliet Woodhall, Pat Hopley, Luke Smith, Catherine Shepherd, Keiron Sanders, Jim Smith, David Goodwin, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia (Dotty) Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Dcn. John Higgins, Joan Hart, Emma Jones, Anna Morgan née Meehan, Margaret Cooper, Holly Brady, Mike Mander, Jo Cooke, Anne Humphreys, Paul Mott, Theresa Chandler, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath Breen, Max Lewis, David & Sheila Piggott, Clare Cooksey & Aine McDonagh.

Please pray also for all those who carry the burden of their illnesses privately, and for all those who are dedicated to the care of the sick.

CaFOD Simple Meal

We will be holding our annual **CaFOD Meal** fundraiser on **Saturday the 22nd October** after the Vigil Mass. This will be our first since the beginning of the pandemic. Now we are a 'Live Simply' parish, the emphasis here will be on 'simple', as His Holiness has recommended.

Tickets will be £10pp.

Becoming a Catholic

Not a Catholic, yet you regularly attend Mass with your family? **Have you ever thought about being received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church?** If this is something that you are interested in please see Fr. Craig who will speak about the possibility of doing a Journey in Faith Course leading up to the celebration of Easter next year.

Sacramental Preparation

If you have children in a non-Catholic School who, in September, will be going into Years 3 or 6 the time has come to think about their preparation for the Sacraments. Here at St. Mary of the Angels we begin our Sacramental Preparation Programme after the October half term. If you would like your child(ren) to be enrolled onto this programme please speak to Fr. Craig ASAP.

Children's Liturgy

We are looking forward to re-starting our Children's Liturgy sessions for the new term. Children's Liturgy takes place each week during the first part of the 9.30am Mass on Sundays to share and explore the Sunday Gospel reading through prayer, discussion, activities and fun.

If you would be interested in joining the Children's Liturgy Group as a session leader or helper please speak to Will B or Fr. Craig.

Parish Patronal Festival

Thursday 8th September marks the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the date fixed by Canon Hogarty for the celebration of the Parish Patronal Festival. After the **7pm** evening Mass we will mark this occasion with a cheese and wine reception in the Parish Meeting Room. A 'sign up sheet' can be found in the church porch.

Praying for the Unborn



We pray that, as a Church, we would improve how we look after those who are experiencing difficulty in their pregnancies and provide the care and support they need in welcoming their child into the world. Amen.

St. Bernadette Relic Tour 2022

In September and October this year, the relics of St. Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage from Lourdes to the UK for the very first time.

If you wish to attend the reservation system is now open and can be accessed at: www.stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/ - demand will be high so we encourage you to make your reservation at your earliest convenience.

Such is the importance of this tour, and such are graces that will flow from these days that we hope that all will feel encouraged to visit. Pilgrims who have been unable to register will not be turned away.

Fairtrade Stall



Next Sunday, after the 9.30am Mass, our Fairtrade stall will again be in the Parish Meeting Room.

Date for your Diary – Angel Drive

We will be holding our annual Angel Drive on **Friday 30th September** at **7pm**. The cost is **£10pp**, which includes a Fish/Pie/Chicken & Chip supper.

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.

Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Daniel Burns & Sr. Mary Henry OP** on whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy, may they rest in peace.

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.catholicdridge.co.uk/baptismal-enquiries.html>

Here you can complete a 'Baptism Enquiry Form'. The next available dates for Baptism Preparation are:

7pm Tuesday 15th November

7pm Tuesday 10th January

PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 27TH/28TH AUGUST 2022

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	READERS:	John H & Brian L
9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Folk Group
	READERS:	Christine L & Catherine A

Duties During the Week: 29th August – 3rd September

CLEANERS:	Team C
FLOWERS:	Anne H

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 3RD/4TH SEPTEMBER 2022

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	WELCOMERS:	Shelagh G & Anne H
	WARDENS:	Brian L
	READERS:	Pat H & Gerry W
9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Choir
	WELCOMERS:	Rossella B & Helen C
	WARDENS:	Pat & Sally S
	READERS:	David W & Helen C
COFFEE:	Anne H, Helen A & Jacqui B	

And finally:- Today in the gospel our Blessed Lord speaks to us of the virtue of Humility. When approaching this subject, or indeed any of the virtues, we must remember that, contrary to popular belief, a virtue is not the opposite of a vice. The correct way to understand what is meant by a virtue is to imagine the pendulum of a clock swinging from side to side. As this pendulum oscillates back and forth the two extremities of its swing are not a vice and its opposite virtue, but in fact two opposite vices. Virtue is to be found at the midpoint of the oscillation – the *via media* – that lies between the two opposing vices. Humility is therefore to be understood not as the opposite of being boastful, rather it is the middle road which lies between Grandiosity and Self-loathing, Pride and Shame. To be truly humble means that we recognise our own dignity and the dignity of our neighbour, we use and appreciate our gifts and talents whilst also valuing those of others, and we strive to work together in harmony for the glory of God and the mutual flourishing of all.

May God bless and protect you all. Fr. Craig