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DATE

**Sunday 11th September
2022**

SUNDAY

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

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 4

Live-stream: All of our services are now Live-streamed.

<u>Saturday 10th Sept</u> 1 st Mass of Sunday	6:00pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 11th September</u> Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am	Lionel Holling RIP ^(AC)
<u>Monday 12th Sept</u> Feria	9:15am	Anthony Borg RIP ^(YD)
<u>Tuesday 13th Sept</u> Feria	9:15am	Deceased members of the Choir ^(FH)
<u>Wednesday 14th Sept</u> Exultation of the Cross ^{Feast}		No Services Today
<u>Thursday 15th Sept</u> Our Lady of Sorrows ^{Memorial}	7:00pm	Marie Theresa McNally RIP ^(MO'L)
<u>Friday 16th Sept</u> Ss. Cornelius Pope & Cyprian Bishop Martyrs ^{Memorial}	9:15am In School	A Private Intention
<u>Saturday 17th Sept</u> Feria (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9:30am 10-11am 6:00pm	Int. of the Bowen Family ^(JB) Exposition, Confessions & Benediction Int. of Christine Hopkinson ^(CH)
<u>Sunday 18th September</u> Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am	People of the Parish

Pope Francis:

God works through unplanned events, as well as through setbacks. Let us ask the Lord to send us His Holy Spirit so that He might help us to discern and to recognise His presence even in the unforeseen and painful situations in our lives.



(Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Living God, source of light and hope, give us the strength to walk in your way of truth and peace, so that all people may thereby come to share in the marvel of your plan.

Parish Meeting

The next Parish Meeting takes place after Mass on **Thursday 15th September**. Please put this date in your diary and remember to come along. This is an opportunity for all parishioners to be involved in our planning for the future.

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.

Foodbank Collection

We are now resuming our collection for the Foodbank run by the Thomas Project. The collection box for the Foodbank is located behind the 'Feed my Lambs' collection box in the porch. Please leave all donations in the box.

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 & Christine, 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 & Áine 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**. 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

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.

Craft & Natter

We will not be meeting this Tuesday **13th September**. We return for 'business as usual' from **11am to 3pm** on **Tuesday 20th September**. Everyone is welcome to come along, 50p per session for drinks and supplies. Come for the whole day or for part of the day; just remember to bring your lunch. We look forward to seeing you there. For more information call Christine W on 07900 604902.

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 by their family, friends and local community. 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/ 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.

Congratulations



We offer our prayers and our congratulations to **Alina Maria S, Hughie Michael G, Brody James A, Opal Gray E & Elijah Nathaniel M** who were all baptised here at St. Mary of the Angels over the past few weeks.

Date for your Diary – Angel Drive

We are be holding our annual Angel Drive on **Friday 30th September** at **7pm**. The cost is **£10pp**, which includes a Fish/Pie/Chicken & Chip supper. The 'Sign-up sheet' is now available in the porch. Please sign up and come along to this fun filled community event.

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.

Retiring Collection

Next weekend, **17th/18th September**, there will be a retiring collection for the **Catholic Evangelisation – Home Mission Sunday**.

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 15th November

7pm Tuesday 10th January

PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 10TH/11TH SEPTEMBER 2022

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	READERS:	Cathy S & Hugh D
9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Folk Group
	READERS:	Catherine A & Martin B

Duties During the Week: 12th September – 17th September

CLEANERS:	Team A
FLOWERS:	Sally S & Shelagh H

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 17TH/18TH SEPTEMBER 2022

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	WELCOMERS:	Dawn M
	WARDENS:	Brian L
	READERS:	John H & Pat H
9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Choir
	WELCOMERS:	Elena S & Margaret L
	WARDENS:	Pat & Sally S
	READERS:	Jacqui B & Will B
COFFEE:	Beryl & Tony M & Tony M	

And finally:- This week Sacred Scripture turns our attention once more to the infinite mercy of God as we reflect upon the parable of the Prodigal Son. In the parable we see how the father, here to be understood as God, not only desires to show mercy, but is active in seeking our repentance, our return to Him. He is not content with waiting for the son, us, to come to Him but instead runs out to meet him. The parable is of course the story of the incarnation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. When the Word took flesh in the virginal Womb of Mary God ran out to meet us in our fallen state, even before we had repented of our sinfulness. In the Passion and Death of our Lord, God Himself was the active agent in reconciling us, and we the passive recipients of the mercy which restored us to being once more His beloved sons and daughters. The wonder of God's loving mercy must not only fill us with awe at so great a gift; instead it must cause us to turn away from sin and run towards Him with arms outstretched ready to receive His loving embrace.

May God bless and protect you all. Fr. Craig