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DATE
Sunday 5th February
2023

SUNDAY
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A

DIVINE OFFICE
Week 1

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

<u>Saturday 4th Feb</u> 1 st Mass of Sunday	6:00pm	Emma Jones RIP (AH & Jones Family)
<u>Sunday 5th February</u> Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am	People of the Parish
<u>Monday 6th Feb</u> St. Paul Miki, and Companions Martyrs Memorial	9:15am	Sick in the Parish (SVP)
<u>Tuesday 7th Feb</u> Feria	9:15am	Int. of Maureen Carr (Birthday) (MC)
<u>Wednesday 8th Feb</u> Feria		No Services Today
<u>Thursday 9th Feb</u> Feria	7:00pm	A Private Intention
<u>Friday 10th Feb</u> St. Scholastica <small>Virgin</small> Memorial	9:15am	Francis Patton RIP (The Patton Family)
<u>Saturday 11th Feb</u> Our Lady of Lourdes Memorial (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9:30am 10-11am 6:00pm	Dec. Friends of Dawn & Tony Mercer (DM) <i>Exposition, Confessions and Benediction</i> Int. of Bishop Christopher Budd (CS)
<u>Sunday 12th February</u> Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am	People of the Parish

Pope Francis:

Overcome evil with good. May you be the ones who transform society, the ones who turn evil into good, hatred into love, war into peace.

This Week's CaFOD Prayer

CAFOD

(Fifth Sunday of the Year)

From the depths of my soul I give thanks to you, Lord. I bless your holy name. You heal me from all my ill doing. You do not treat me according to my sins; for you are all compassion and love.

Whetstone Over 50's Group

The next meeting of the Whetstone Over 50's Group is on **Monday 13th February** at **2pm**. This month we have S.M.A. Year 6 children coming over to join us. They want to play some board games with us and possibly teach us a few new games. This is an exercise of uniting the school with the parish. Please come along and support this event.

Retiring Collection

This weekend, **4th/5th February**, there is a retiring collection to support a young person from our parish going to Lourdes with St. Francis of Assisi Catholic College.

2023 Diocesan Directories

Copies of the 2023 Diocesan Directory are now available for £5 per copy. These can be purchased from either Fr. Craig or Dcn. Peter.

Canon Michael's Silver Jubilee

On the 5th of September Canon Michael will be celebrating his 25th anniversary of priestly ordination. He will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at 12noon on Saturday 9th September at St. Mary the Mount followed by a reception. An open invitation is extended to us all.

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for **February** is:- **For Parishes**. We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

Parish Pilgrimage to Assisi – Sept 2023

Together with the Parish of Our Lady of the Angels Cwmbran we are running a pilgrimage to Assisi from 4th – 8th September. For more information please see the 'Pilgrimage' noticeboard in the church porch; alternatively the information is available on the homepage of the Parish Website. Please let Fr. Craig know ASAP if you wish to come.

Sick in the Parish

Pray for the sick in the parish, remember especially:

Paul Corbett, Carmel Fekete, Geoff Hopkinson, Tony & Lynn Stanley, John Green, Roy Allsopp, Christine Leadbeater, Frances Hutchcocks, Janet Chambers, Jo Hawker, Alison Welton, Louise Morgan, Stephen Brook, Margaret Davis, Mary Brough, Joe Bannister, Morris Moseley, Margaret Healy, Juliet Woodhall, Pat Hopley, Luke Smith, Catherine Shepherd, Jim Smith, David Goodwin, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia (Dotty) Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Dcn. John Higgins, Joan Hart, 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.

Remember also those who carry the burden of their illnesses privately, and for all those who care for the sick.

Children's Liturgy

Every Sunday at the 9:30am Mass. At the start of the Mass the children will be invited to go out to the Meeting Room for their Liturgy. All children are welcome to come along.

Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Keiron Sanders, Paul Atkinson & Canon Garry Byrne**, on whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy, may they rest in peace.

Exams Invigilators

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic College are urgently looking to recruit Invigilators to supervise their students taking their examinations. Full details can be found on the 'Jobs' noticeboard in the church porch. You can also visit: www.stfrancis.cc

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Fairtrade Stall



This Sunday, after the 9.30am Mass, our Fairtrade Stall will again be in the Parish Meeting Room. Please do come in after Mass and support this important initiative.

Praying for the Unborn



Let us pray that the good works and charity of our church community towards those experiencing difficult times would give glory to our Heavenly Father – especially towards the needy among us preparing for the birth of a child. Amen.

Wednesday Friends

The next meeting of the Wednesday Friends takes place on **Wednesday 15th February** at **10am** in the Meeting Room. Why not come along for some friendly chat with friends and also enjoy hot buttered toast and a cup of tea/coffee.

Sunday Coffee Mornings

Every Sunday after the 9:30am Mass in the Meeting Room. If you have not yet joined us in this important parish social time why not pop in for a tea/coffee and a biscuit?

We would love to see you there!

Congratulations



We offer our prayers and congratulations to **Caleb Michael C** who was baptised here last weekend. We pray also for his parents and Godparents as they take on the responsibility of raising him in the practice of the faith.

50/50 Club Winners

The winners of the draw for December entrants drawn on 29th January:

1st Prize	AW 4	£150
2nd Prize	SS 15	£60
3rd Prize	MM 73	£30
4th Prize	ER 39	£20

Total prize money this month: £260.00.

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.



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 March

7pm Tuesday 9th May

7pm Tuesday 11th July

PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: **4TH/5TH FEBRUARY 2023**

<u>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</u>	READERS:	Gerry W & John H
	MUSIC:	Choir
<u>9:30AM SUNG MASS</u>	READERS:	Cathy S & Alice G

Duties During the Week: **6th – 11th February 2023**

CLEANERS:	Team A
FLOWERS:	Anne H

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: **11TH/12TH FEBRUARY 2023**

<u>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</u>	WELCOMERS:	Ann & John T
	WARDENS:	Tony M
	READERS:	Brian L & Pat H
<u>9:30AM SUNG MASS</u>	MUSIC:	Folk Group
	WELCOMERS:	Jonathan & Jenson G
	WARDENS:	John O'N & Bruce B
	READERS:	David W & Martin B
COFFEE:	Catherine C, Rossella B & their girls	

And finally:- Last Tuesday we celebrated the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. That moment when, in fulfilment of the Law, Mary and Joseph offered a sacrifice to the Lord to redeem their first born son. As well as the Holy Family two other important figures, Simeon and Anna the prophetess, come to the fore. Whilst this is the only occasion in the Scriptures that we encounter these two people they, and their lives, have much to teach us in our Christian discipleship. We are told that Simeon was a 'devote man' who patiently spent his days 'look[ing] forward to Israel's comforting'. Anna, now well on in years, 'never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer'. Each time we recite the Creed we profess our belief that one day Christ will 'come again in glory'. May the patient waiting of Simeon, and the prayerful example of Anna, help us each day to prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of the Lord.

May God bless you all. Fr. Craig