

<p><u>PARISH CLERGY:</u> PARISH PRIEST Fr. Craig Davies PARISH DEACONS Rev. John Higgins Rev. Peter Crosby</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>39 Whetstone Lane Aldridge Walsall WS9 0JD Tel:01922 452316</p> </div>  </div>	<p>This Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Registered Charity Nº:234216</p>
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DATE
Sunday 12th February
2023

SUNDAY
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A

DIVINE OFFICE
Week 2

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

<p><u>Saturday 11th Feb</u> 1st Mass of Sunday</p>	<p>6:00pm</p>	<p>Int. of Bishop Christopher Budd ^(CS)</p>
<p><u>Sunday 12th February</u> Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>9:30am</p>	<p>People of the Parish</p>
<p><u>Monday 13th Feb</u> Feria</p>	<p>9:15am</p>	<p>Nancy Levell RIP ^(M&LD)</p>
<p><u>Tuesday 14th Feb</u> St. Cyril Monk & St. Methodius Bishop, Patrons of Europe ^{Feast}</p>	<p>9:15am</p>	<p>Paddy Breen RIP ^(SVP)</p>
<p><u>Wednesday 15th Feb</u> Feria</p>		<p>No Services Today</p>
<p><u>Thursday 16th Feb</u> Feria</p>	<p>7:00pm</p>	<p>A Private Intention</p>
<p><u>Friday 17th Feb</u> Feria</p>	<p>9:15am</p>	<p>Daniel Burns RIP ^(JH)</p>
<p><u>Saturday 18th Feb</u> Our Lady ^{Saturday Memorial} (1st Mass of Sunday)</p>	<p>9:30am 10-11am 6:00pm</p>	<p>Int. of Joan Lewis ^(DJ) <i>Exposition, Confessions and Benediction</i> People of the Parish</p>
<p><u>Sunday 19th February</u> Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>9:30am</p>	<p>For the Souls of the Fernandes Family ^(AA)</p>

Pope Francis:

I pray that you will be salt that spreads, dissolves and seasons with the fraternal taste of the Gospel.

This Week's CaFOD Prayer

CAFOD

(Sixth Sunday of the Year)

Grant, Lord, that the course of our world may be directed by your peaceful rule, so that your Christian people may be untroubled, when they show their devotion to you.

Whetstone Over 50's Group

The next meeting of the Whetstone Over 50's Group is this 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

Next weekend, **18th/19th February**, there will be a retiring collection for **Life**. This collection will support the work of the Life House in Walsall.

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. We have now reached full capacity for this pilgrimage. Could all those who have now received their booking forms please return them to Fr. Craig ASAP.

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

Our Children's Liturgy takes place 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

A Gap Year Opportunity - CaFOD

Are you 18-30, or do you know someone who is? Do you want to develop a wide range of skills including leadership while learning about global justice and inspiring others to use their faith in action? CaFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, believes in equipping and inspiring young adults to contribute to a more just and peaceful world. Step into the Gap is a fully funded year of volunteering, with food, accommodation, stipend and training within a UK placement plus a Rome and Assisi pilgrimage. Visit the CaFOD website for more information: www.cafod.org.uk/gapyear

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!

Praying for the Unborn



Yesterday, we commemorated the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and the World Day of Prayer for the Sick. Let us especially pray for all medical professionals who work in hospice care, that they might continue to safeguard the dignity and wellbeing of all patients who are made in the image and likeness of God. Amen.

Wednesday Friends

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

Congratulations



We offer our prayers and congratulations to **Bodhi Blue Preston R** 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. Remember to also pray for those families preparing for the Baptism of their children at this time.

Craft and Natter

There will be **no** craft and natter on **Tuesday 21st February** as it is the half term break; back to normal **Tuesday 28th February** at 11am when everyone will be welcome.

For more information call Christine on 01922 860981.

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.catholicdridge.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: **11TH/12TH FEBRUARY 2023**

<u>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</u>	READERS:	Brian L & Pat H
	MUSIC:	School
<u>9:30AM SUNG MASS</u>	READERS:	David W & Martin B

Duties During the Week: **13th – 18th February 2023**

CLEANERS:	Team B
FLOWERS:	Sally S & Shelagh G

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: **18TH/19TH FEBRUARY 2023**

<u>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</u>	WELCOMERS:	Shelagh G & Anne H
	WARDENS:	Brian L
	READERS:	Hugh D & John H
<u>9:30AM SUNG MASS</u>	MUSIC:	Folk Group
	WELCOMERS:	Rossella B & Helen C
	WARDENS:	Pat & Sally S
	READERS:	Jacqui B & Will B
COFFEE:	The Service Family	

And finally:- This weekend, on Sunday, we welcome the children of Year 3 and their families to the Mass of Commitment. This moment forms part of their continued preparation to receive the Sacraments of first Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Like them we too are called to daily commit ourselves to the living out of our faith. On the day of our Baptism the 'Seed of Faith' was sown in our hearts. Through the Sacraments, through prayer and the reading of scripture, by God's grace through the action of the Holy Spirit that seed grows and flourishes in order that it might produce fruit. In the Gospel our Lord encourages us to commit ourselves to our faith, for 'if your virtue (your faith) goes no deeper than that of the Scribes and the Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven'. Let us pray that the gift of faith may never go unused in our lives; rather, may our faith be the very foundation upon which our every thought, word and action is founded and formed.

May God bless you all. Fr. Craig