

<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; align-items: center;">  <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 5th March
2023

SUNDAY
Second Sunday of Lent
Year A

DIVINE OFFICE
Week 2

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

<u>Saturday 4th March</u> 1 st Mass of Sunday	6:00pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 5th March</u> <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	9:30am 5:00pm	In thanksgiving for Prayers & Kind Wishes <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
<u>Monday 6th March</u> <i>Lent Feria</i>	9:15am	Members of the Walsall Catenians, their Wives, Families & Widows ^(DM)
<u>Tuesday 7th March</u> <i>Lent Feria</i>	9:15am	Tome & Juliet Almeida RIP ^(AA)
<u>Wednesday 8th March</u> <i>Lent Feria</i>		No Services Today
<u>Thursday 9th March</u> <i>Lent Feria</i>	10:00am 7:00pm	A Private Intention <i>Mass with the Sacrament of Confirmation</i>
<u>Friday 10th March</u> <i>Lent Feria</i>	9:15am 3:30pm	Leo Jones RIP ^(ES) <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
<u>Saturday 11th March</u> <i>Lent Feria</i> (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9:30am 10-11am 6:00pm	Nancy Levell RIP ^(SVP) <i>Exposition, Confessions and Benediction</i> Doris Borg RIP ^(J&YD)
<u>Sunday 12th March</u> <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	9:30am 5:00pm	People of the Parish <i>Stations of the Cross</i>

Pope Francis:

Jesus teaches us to repel the attacks of the Devil who, as his name suggests, wants to sow division in us, between us and God, between us and others. How do we repel him? Not by negotiating with him, but by opposing him in faith with the divine word.

This Week's CaFOD Prayer (Second Sunday of Lent)

Inspire us, Almighty Father, to be impatient to meet your Son on the day of his resurrection. If we fill ourselves with sorrow for our wrongdoing, with self-restraint to curb our selfishness and with generosity towards our neighbours in their need, then on the day of his arising we shall be welcomed by him.

Retiring Collection

This weekend, **4th/5th March**, there will be a retiring collection for **Cathedral Maintenance**. Next weekend, **11th/12th March**, there will be a retiring collection for **CaFOD Family Fast Day**.

Beetle Drive



On **Saturday 25th March**, after the evening Mass, we will be hosting our annual Beetle Drive & Fish and Chip Supper (or alternative). There is a sign up in the porch & the cost is £10 per person (bring your own drinks). If you have never been to one of these events why not come along –they are great fun!

Wednesday Friends

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

We would love to see you there!

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for **March** is:- **For victims of abuse**. We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

50/50 Club Winners

The winners of the draw for January entrants drawn on 26th February:

1 st Prize	PP	24	£150
2 nd Prize	BL	54	£60
3 rd Prize	RA	56	£32.50
4 th Prize	JS	118	£20

Total prize money this month: £262.50.

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, Janet Chambers, Jo Hawker, Alison Welton, Louise Morgan, Stephen Brook, Margaret Davis, Mary Brough, Joe Bannister, Morris Moseley, Margaret Healy, Juliet Woodhall, 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 in your prayers those who carry the burden of their illnesses privately, and 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 **Pat Hopley & Deacon Hugh Robinson**, on whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy, may they rest in peace. Pat's funeral details will follow shortly.

Fairtrade Stall



This Sunday, **5th March**, after the 9:30am Mass our Fairtrade Stall will again be in the Parish Meeting Room.

Walsall Life

Walsall Life are in great need of a cot. If you have one that you no longer require we would be happy to take it off your hands.

Whetstone Over 50's Group

The next meeting of the Whetstone Over 50's Group takes place on Monday, **13th March** at **2pm**, in the Meeting Room. This month we will be joined by the Y6 pupils from our Primary School. They are coming to share with us their experience of Confirmation, and to play Board Games.

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

Let us pray for the grace to see God's glory in our encounters with those on both ends of life's spectrum, including infants and children, and the elderly, as well as those who care for them. Amen.

Lenten Alms-giving

Following the recent earthquake that has brought suffering and hardship to thousands in Turkey and Northern Syria this years Lenten Alms Charity will be the CAFOD Emergence Aid Appeal. The Lenten Alms-giving box will be situated at the back of church throughout the season of Lent.

Congratulations



We offer our prayers and congratulations to **Órlagh Hazel R** who was baptised here last weekend. We pray also for her parents and Godparents as they take on the responsibility of raising her in the practice of the faith.

Missio - Red Boxes Holders

Could co-ordinators please collect money from our Red Box holders and let Sue W have it. If your Red Box does not get emptied please call Sue W on 457247.

Volunteer Independent Visitor

Children living in the care of the Local Authority are entitled to an Independent Visitor. At the moment there are not enough volunteers for the children who have requested one. Independent Visitors make a valuable difference to the life of a young person. If you are interested in finding out more about this role details of who to contact can be found on the poster in the church porch.

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 9th May
7pm Tuesday 11th July

PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 4TH/5TH MARCH 2023

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	READERS:	Brian L & Hugh D
9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Folk Group
	READERS:	David W & Martin B

Duties During the Week: 6th – 11th March 2023

CLEANERS:	Team A
FLOWERS:	No Flowers during Lent

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 11TH/12TH MARCH

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	WELCOMERS:	Ann & John T
	WARDENS:	Brian L
	READERS:	John H & Gerry W
9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Choir
	WELCOMERS:	Jonathan & Jenson G
	WARDENS:	John O'N & Bruce B
	READERS:	Alice G & Catherine A
COFFEE:	The Probert Family	

And finally:- Each year, on the Second Sunday of Lent, we encounter in our Gospel reading the wonderful scene of the Transfiguration on the top of the mountain. There, in the presence of Peter, James, and John, Christ let His glory be seen. In his meditations on the 'Stations of the Cross' St. Alphonsus de Liguori reminds us that on the day of our Baptism our souls also shone with the glory of God. Sin, however, has darkened and disfigured the image of God that lies at the heart of who we truly are; now the true nature of our souls can be seen only dimly as in a mirror, glimpsed in those moments of grace-filled actions. Lent, and the weapons of 'spiritual combat' - prayer, fasting and alms-giving – strengthen us in our resolve to follow Christ more faithfully day by day. They enable us to overcome the obstacles that block the channels of grace; so that on Easter Sunday, as we celebrate the great victory of Christ over sin and death, we too might once again shine with the glory of God, transfigured in glory by Christ.

May God bless you all. Fr. Craig