

<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 March
2023

SUNDAY
Third Sunday of Lent
Year A

DIVINE OFFICE
Week 3

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

<u>Saturday 11th March</u> 1 st Mass of Sunday	6:00pm	Doris Borg RIP (J&YD)
<u>Sunday 12th March</u> Third Sunday of Lent	9:30am 5:00pm	People of the Parish <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
<u>Monday 13th March</u> Lent Feria	9:15am	Int. of Marie Wilson (FS)
<u>Tuesday 14th March</u> Lent Feria	9:15am	Int. of John & Dorothy Clarke (66th Wed Ann) (J&DC)
<u>Wednesday 15th March</u> Lent Feria		No Services Today
<u>Thursday 16th March</u> Lent Feria	7:00pm	A Private Intention
<u>Friday 17th March</u> St. Patrick Bishop, Patron of Ireland ^{Feast}	9:15am 3:30pm	Geoff Jones RIP (4th Ann) (AH & Jones Fam.) <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
<u>Saturday 18th March</u> Lent Feria (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9:30am 10-11am 6:00pm	James Brindley RIP (SB) <i>Exposition, Confessions and Benediction</i> People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 19th March</u> Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)	9:30am 5:00pm	Kathleen O'Flaherty RIP (AH) <i>Stations of the Cross</i>

Pope Francis:

Almsgiving, practised far from the spotlight, gives peace and hope to the heart. It reveals to us the beauty of giving, which then becomes receiving, and thus enables us to discover a precious secret: our hearts find more joy in giving than in receiving.

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

We pray that through the work of CAFOD the Church across the world may be a sign of God's love for all people and a beacon of hope for those in need.

Retiring Collection

This weekend, **11th/12th March**, there will be a retiring collection for **CaFOD Family Fast Day**. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation please use the envelope provided.

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 this 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!

Thank You

Cathy S and family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, messages of condolence, and kind expressions of sympathy following the death of Keiron.

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.

Autistic Catholic Adults

A new group has been founded to support Catholic Adults who have been diagnosed as non-neurotypical, or think that they may be. This group is aimed at being a safe-space where people can talk about their experiences, share their ideas and discuss how to play a full role in the parish community. The first meeting takes place on **Thursday 23rd March** at **7pm** in the Parish Centre of Our Lady and St. Rose of Lima, Weoley Castle.

Sick in the Parish

Pray for the sick in the parish, 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.

Pray also those who carry the burden of their illnesses privately and those who care for them.

Children's Liturgy

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.

Clergy Training Fund

There are new blue & white envelopes to replace the old orange CTF envelopes. These can be collected from the back of church. If you are interested in supporting the CTF please contact Dawn M on 07900 327151

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.

Craft & Natter Stall

There will be a craft stall at the back of church after Mass on **Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th March**. Lots of lovely items for Mothering Sunday and Easter. Come along and have a look and buy a little something for Mom and something for Easter. All proceeds go to the church funds.

Whetstone Over 50's Group

The next meeting of the Whetstone Over 50's Group takes place this 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 play Board Games.

Sunday Coffee Mornings

Every Sunday after the 9:30am Mass in the Meeting Room. If you have not yet joined us after Mass 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 new parents and grandparents, that they may manifest the love and mercy of God to their children and grandchildren. Amen.

Lenten Alms-giving

Following the earthquake that has brought suffering and hardship to thousands in Turkey and Northern Syria this years 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.

A very Big Thank You

Thank you to everyone who gave gladly of their time to make the **World Day of Prayer** such an enjoyable evening.

Congratulations



We offer our prayers and congratulations to **Johnny Jax Robert B** 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.

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. 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.catholicaldridge.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: 11TH/12TH MARCH 2023

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	READERS:	John H & Gerry W
9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Choir
	READERS:	Alice G & Catherine A

Duties During the Week: 13th – 18th March 2023

CLEANERS:	Team B
FLOWERS:	No Flowers during Lent

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 18TH/19TH MARCH

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	WELCOMERS:	Shelagh G & Anne H
	WARDENS:	Peter H
	READERS:	Pat H & Hugh D
9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	School
	WELCOMERS:	Rossella B & Helen C
	WARDENS:	Pat & Sally S
	READERS:	Jacqui B & Will B
COFFEE:	Anne H, Helen A & Jacqui B	

And finally:- Over the next few Sundays, at the celebration of the 9:30am Mass, our three candidates for reception into full communion with the Catholic Church will undergo the Scrutinies. On each of these days the prayer of exorcism reflects the central message of the gospel passages of the Sunday Masses in Year A. Today we listen to the familiar story of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well. During this meeting we see how our Blessed Lord, who is thirsting not for water but for the woman's faith, leads her from doubt and unbelief to a true and living faith in God - a faith that will spring up to eternal life in the hearts of true believers. As we pray for them let us also pray for ourselves, that we may constantly thirst for the living water that flows from the pierced side of Christ. That it will continue to well up in each one of us as the wellspring of our faith and the eternal source of our life and hope in God.

May God bless you all. Fr. Craig