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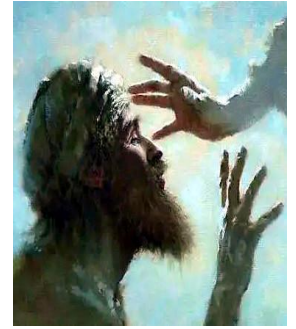
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DATE

**Sunday 19th March
2023**

SUNDAY

**Fourth Sunday of Lent
Year A**

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 4

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

<u>Saturday 18th March</u> 1 st Mass of Sunday	6:00pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 19th March</u> Fourth Sunday of Lent	9:30am 5:00pm	Kathleen O'Flaherty RIP ^(AH) <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
<u>Monday 20th March</u> St. Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary Solemnity	9:15am	Nancy Levell RIP
<u>Tuesday 21st March</u> Lent Feria	9:15am	Donnell Burns RIP ^(A&TB)
<u>Wednesday 22nd March</u> Lent Feria		No Services Today
<u>Thursday 23rd March</u> Lent Feria	7:00pm	Alvydas RIP (1st Ann) ^(M)
<u>Friday 24th March</u> Lent Feria	9:15am 3:30pm	Int. of Mary Roberts ^(SVP) <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
<u>Saturday 25th March</u> Annunciation of the Lord ^{Solemnity} (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9:30am 10-11am 6:00pm	A Private Intention <i>Exposition, Confessions and Benediction</i> People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 26th March</u> Fifth Sunday of Lent	9:30am 5:00pm	Claire Higgs née McAnulty RIP ^(SB) <i>Stations of the Cross</i>

Pope Francis:

Is your faith tired? Do you want to reinvigorate it? Look for God's gaze: sit in adoration, allow yourself to be forgiven in Confession, stand before the Crucified One. In short, let Him love you.

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



Lord, may your Holy Spirit guide world leaders to act against hunger and poverty in our world. May He move them to commit themselves and their governments to begin to build a just future for their peoples.

Cursillo Encounter Day

Saturday 25th March, at St. Mary the Mount Pastoral Centre, from **10:30am to 2:30pm** (lunch provided). This is a lay-led day for adults interested in deepening their faith. This is a day of prayer, reflection and discipleship.

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!

Becoming a Welcoming Church

On Monday, 20th March, 7:30pm – 8:30pm, there is an online Zoom session for anyone interested in how parishes can support older people and those who experience dementia. It has been prepared by Father Hudson's Care working with a number of local parish groups. This session is free. Please sign up at: <https://www.evenbrite.com/cc/a-welcoming-church-1741579>

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:

Barbara McAnulty, 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 soul of **Pat Hopley**, on whose soul Sweet Jesus have mercy, may she rest in peace. Funeral details will follow shortly.

Craft & Natter Stall

This weekend, **Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th March**, the craft stall will be in the porch. 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.

Mothering Sunday

We would like to wish all Mothers, Grandmothers and Great Grandmothers a joy filled and blessed Mothers Day. Today we also ask the prayers of Mary, our Heavenly Mother, for all pregnant women and for all mothers who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith and now rest in the sleep of peace.

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

As we reach the midpoint of Lent, today, and as we celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph, tomorrow, let us pray for all fathers, that, through their example, they may demonstrate the loving provision and compassion of Almighty God to their children. Amen.

Lenten Alms-giving

Following the earthquake that has brought suffering and hardship to thousands in Turkey and Northern Syria this year's 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 **Rosin Mary & Anya Rose O'C** and also **Matilda Ann M** who were baptised here last weekend. We pray also for their parents and Godparents as they take on the responsibility of raising them in the practice of the faith.

Missio - Red Boxes Holders

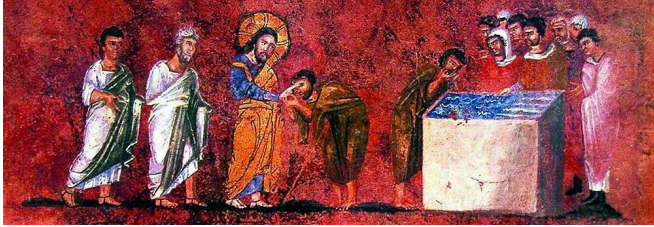
Could co-ordinators please collect money from our Red Box holders and let Sue W have it. If your Red Box does not get emptied please call Sue W on 457247.

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: 18TH/19TH MARCH 2023

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	READERS:	Pat H & Hugh D
9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	School
	READERS:	School

Duties During the Week: 20th – 25th March 2023

CLEANERS:	Team C
FLOWERS:	No Flowers during Lent

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 25TH/26TH MARCH

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	WELCOMERS:	Mavie & Krystal B
	WARDENS:	Tony M
	READERS:	Brian L & Gerry W
9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Choir
	WELCOMERS:	Rod & Joan L
	WARDENS:	John O'N & Bruce B
	READERS:	Helen C & Alice G
COFFEE:	Martin B, Abbie H & Maureen A	

And finally:- This weekend our Gospel reading, the healing of the man born blind, focuses our attention on the move from darkness to light – the true light that comes from faith in Christ alone. Perhaps the greatest symbol of this 'coming into the light', which is our journey from spiritual blindness to pure sight, comes at the Easter Vigil. At the beginning of the service the church stands in darkness, with only the light of the Easter fire burning outside. Soon, however, the light of the Easter fire, now transferred to the Paschal Candle, is divided into many flames lighting up the whole of the church and the people therein. This symbolic action, revealing the presence of the risen Christ in our midst – Christ who is our light - awakens our hearts to the mystery, to the beauty, and the truth of our faith. In this light all doubt and despair is dispelled by the power of Him who rose from the dead to become the life of all who put their trust in Him.

May God bless you all. Fr. Craig