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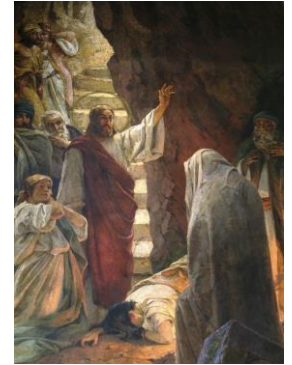
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DATE

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March  
2023**

SUNDAY

**Fifth Sunday of Lent  
Year A**

DIVINE OFFICE

**Week 1**

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

<u>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday	6:00pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March</u> Fifth Sunday of Lent	9:30am 5:00pm	Claire Higgs <sup>née McAnulty</sup> RIP <sup>(SB)</sup> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
<u>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March</u> Lent Feria		No Services Today
<u>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March</u> Lent Feria	9:15am	For the wellbeing of a friend <sup>(Y&amp;JD)</sup>
<u>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March</u> Lent Feria		No Services Today
<u>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March</u> Lent Feria	10:00am 7:00pm	A Private Intention <i>Mass with the Sacrament of Confirmation</i>
<u>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March</u> Lent Feria	9:15am 3:30pm	Francis Patton RIP <sup>(Patton Family)</sup> <b>in SMA School</b> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
<u>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April</u> Lent Feria (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	9:30am 10-11am 6:00pm	Sick in the Parish <sup>(SVP)</sup> <i>Exposition, Confessions and Benediction</i> Rosemary Bunce RIP <sup>(Anniversary)</sup> <sup>(Bunce Family)</sup>
<u>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</u> <b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b>	9:30am 5:00pm	People of the Parish <i>Stations of the Cross</i>

### Pope Francis:

Everyone can discover in St. Joseph a man who goes unnoticed, a man whose daily presence is discreet and hidden, an intercessor, a support, and a guide in difficult moments.

### This Week's CaFOD Prayer (Fifth Sunday of Lent)



Lord, have pity on the people of Ukraine and relieve their suffering and pain. May our prayers lead to an end to this war.

### Beetle Drive



This **Saturday**, after the evening Mass, we will be hosting our annual Beetle Drive & Fish and Chip Supper (or alternative). If you have signed up for this event please remember to come along. Most importantly – **remember to bring with you your own liquid refreshments.**

### Confirmation Mass

On Thursday evening the children of Y6, and a child from the parish, will receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. Please continue to pray for these children as they prepare for this important step in their journey of faith. **On this day the Parish Mass will be celebrated at 10am.**

### Easter Triduum Services

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Maundy Thursday:  
Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:30pm  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Good Friday:  
Liturgy of the Passion – 3:00pm  
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Holy Saturday:  
Solemn Easter Vigil – 8:30pm

### 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.

### Annual Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage

An invitation is extended to married couples, those celebrating a milestone anniversary and those preparing to marry this year, to our annual Mass for Marriage at St. Chad's Cathedral on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April** at **12noon**, followed by light refreshments. Please visit:

[www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass](http://www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass)

### Sick in the Parish

Pray for the sick in the parish, especially:

**Dcn. John Higgins, 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 & Rita Bigongiari, Olivia (Dotty) Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Joan Hart, Anna Morgan <sup>née</sup> 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 & Anthony Brisbane** on whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy, may they rest in peace. Pat's funeral details will follow shortly.

### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March

There will be no Mass celebrated here at St. Mary of the Angels on Monday. This is due to Fr. Craig having to attend an overnight residential course for the Recently Ordained Clergy (formal called the Under 10's).

### The Easter Big Clean



Could all cleaners, if you are available, come along at **10:30am** on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April** to clean and prepare the church for the Easter Ceremonies. Many thanks.

### 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



Yesterday, we celebrated the feast of the Annunciation of the Lord, the day we commemorate when the Lord Jesus took on human flesh. Let us pray that all expectant mothers and fathers will be given the grace of God and the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Lord hear us

### 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.

### 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.



The clocks go forward this Saturday night Sunday morning. Don't forget to put yours forward by an hour.

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> May**  
**7pm Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

### PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 25<sup>TH</sup>/26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023

<b>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>READERS:</b>	Brian L & Gerry W
<b>9:30AM SUNG MASS</b>	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Choir
	<b>READERS:</b>	Helen C & Alice G

### Duties During the Week: 27<sup>th</sup> March – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023

<b>CLEANERS:</b>	Team D
<b>FLOWERS:</b>	No Flowers during Lent

### PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 1<sup>ST</sup>/2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL

<b>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Dawn M
	<b>WARDENS:</b>	Brian L
	<b>READERS:</b>	John H & Pat H
<b>9:30AM SUNG MASS</b>	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Folk Group
	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Elena S & Margaret L
	<b>WARDENS:</b>	Pat & Sally S
	<b>READERS:</b>	David W & Cathy S
<b>COFFEE:</b>	The Wintrip Family	

**And finally:-** There are only two weeks to go until Easter and the Bible readings of this Sunday all speak about resurrection. It is not yet that of Jesus, which bursts in as an absolute innovation, but our own resurrection, to which we aspire and which Christ Himself gave to us, in rising from the dead. Indeed, death represents a wall as it were, which prevents us from seeing beyond it; yet our hearts reach out beyond this wall and even though we cannot understand what it conceals, we nevertheless think about it and imagine it, expressing with symbols our desire for eternity. Christ pulls down the wall of death and in Him dwells all the fullness of God, who is life, eternal life. (Benedict XVI)

*May God bless you all. Fr. Craig*