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DATE

**Sunday 30th April
2023**

SUNDAY

**Fourth Sunday of Easter
Vocations Sunday**

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 4

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

<u>Saturday 29th April</u> 1 st Mass of Sunday	6:00pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 30th April</u> Fourth Sunday of Easter	9:30am	John O'Neill RIP (JO'N)
<u>Monday 1st May</u> St. Joseph the Worker Memorial	9:15am	Int. of Carmel Fekete (CF)
<u>Tuesday 2nd May</u> St. Athanasius Bishop, Doctor of the Church Memorial	9:15am	Christie Lamb RIP (DMcL)
<u>Wednesday 3rd May</u> Ss. Philip & James Apostles Feast		No Services Today
<u>Thursday 4th May</u> The English Martyrs Feast	4:30pm 6:30pm 7:00pm	Reception: Rev. Mr John Higgins <i>Rosary for the Unborn</i> Private Intention
<u>Friday 5th May</u> Easter Feria	11:15am	Requiem Mass: Rev. Mr John Higgins
<u>Saturday 6th May</u> Easter Feria (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9:30am 10-11am 6:00pm	Bernadette Duggan RIP (SVP) <i>Exposition, Confessions & Benediction</i> Maureen Hayes RIP (JH)
<u>Sunday 7th May</u> Fifth Sunday of Easter	9:30am	People of the Parish

Pope Francis:

Faith is passed down from generation to generation through life, through witnesses who brought the flame of the Gospel, the joy of the saving love of Jesus, and the hope of his promise. Faith grows through witness.

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

CAFOD

Almighty God, lead us to share in the joys of our heavenly home, so that we, his humble flock may follow where our courageous shepherd has led the way.

Craft & Natter

We meet every Tuesday in the Parish Meeting Room from **11am** to **3pm**. Everyone is welcome to come along. 50p per session for drinks and supplies. Come for the whole day or for part of the day; just remember to bring your lunch. For more information call Christine on 01922 860981

Retiring Collection

There will be a retiring collection this weekend, **29th/30th April**, for the **Clergy Training Fund**. This important collection supports the training of the future Priests and Permanent Deacons of the Archdiocese.

Whetstone Over 50's Group

Our Over 50's Group are going for lunch at Druids Heath Golf Club on **Monday 15th May** at **12:30pm** (meal at 1pm). If anybody would like to join them for this meal please contact Sue W on 01922 457257.

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!

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for **May** is:-
For Church movements and Groups. We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

Parish SVP Group

The next meeting of the SVP (St. Vincent de Paul Society) takes place on **Thursday 11th May** in the Presbytery at **7:30pm** following the evening Mass. **New members are most welcome to come along to find out what we do, and hopefully to join us in parish activities.**

Sick in the Parish

Pray for the sick in the parish, remembering especially:

Frances Hutchcocks, 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, 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 of the **Word**

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.

Talking Mental Health



Following Mental Health Awareness week, 15th-21st May, Life Charity is hosting an open day reflecting on: '**Talking Mental Health and the work of the Life Charity**'. This event is taking place on **Thursday 25th May** from **11am-1pm** at the Life Help station, 23 Glebe Street, Walsall, WS1 3NX. There will be light refreshments available. Due to limited space booking is essential via 07786 390861. (Please note **there is a flight of stairs to enter the venue**).

Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Rita Bigongiari, Deacon John Higgins & Bishop Christopher Budd** on whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy, may they rest in peace.

Rosary for the Unborn



This Thursday, **4th May** at **6:30pm**, we will pray the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament for the protection of all babies in the womb, and for their families. This month's intention is: '**For women and families struggling with infertility**'.

Praying for the Unborn



Let us pray for all considering abortion, that they would receive support and love from family and friends – and from the Christian community – so that they might continue with their pregnancies in hope. Lord hear us

Annual Spring Market



We are holding our Annual Spring Market on Saturday, **13th May** from **12pm to 3pm**. We are asking for donations of items for the Tombola, Raffle and the Bottle Stall. If you are able to donate some items please leave them in the box in the porch. Many thanks.

Cursillo Weekend

CURSILLO is a Catholic movement with Papal approval, dedicated to spreading the Word of God and helping Catholics to form a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. This 3-Day Weekend provides adult faith formation within the experience of a loving Christian community together with the celebration of the Sacraments. The cost of the three days is **£240**. There is financial support available. No one should be excluded because of the cost.

This event takes place from **Thursday 11th May (5pm)** to **Sunday 14th May (6pm)**, at Shallowford House near Stone. For more information please contact Canon Michael Leadbeater at canon.michael.leadbeater@rcaob.org.uk or Paul Northan (Office for Mission) at paul.northan@rcaob.org.uk

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 11th July
7pm Tuesday 19th September
7pm Tuesday 21st November

PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 29TH/30TH APRIL 2023

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	READERS:	John H & Cathy S
9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Folk Group
	READERS:	Martin B & Mark H

Duties During the Week: 1st May – 6th May 2023

CLEANERS:	Team D
FLOWERS:	Helen A

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 6TH/7TH MAY 2023

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	WELCOMERS:	Ann & John T
	WARDENS:	Tony M
	READERS:	High D & Pat H
9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Folk Group
	WELCOMERS:	Jonathan & Jenson G
	WARDENS:	John O'N & Bruce B
	READERS:	Alice G & Christine L
COFFEE:	Elena S, Joan L & Angela S	

And finally:- This weekend, following the theme of the Gospel, has traditionally been called 'Good Shepherd Sunday'. Focusing on the image of the Good Shepherd the Church dedicates today as the Day of Prayer for Vocations. We are encouraged to pray for an increase in vocations to the Ministerial Priesthood, the Permanent Diaconate and the Religious Life. On Maundy Thursday, during the celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper, we recalled the institution of the priesthood, the gift of Christ to His Church by which His own ministry is perpetuated for the salvation of souls. Today we pray that the Lord may continue to inspire in the hearts of the faithful the desire to dedicate their lives to the service of the Church, so that there may arise from our own numbers Good Shepherds for today.

May God bless you all, Fr. Craig