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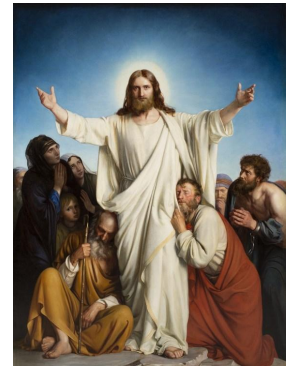
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DATE

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May  
2023**

SUNDAY

**Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Year A**

DIVINE OFFICE

**Week 1**

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

<u>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday	6:00pm	Maureen Hayes RIP <sup>(JH)</sup>
<u>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May</u> Fifth Sunday of Easter	9:30am	People of the Parish
<u>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May</u> Easter Feria		No Services Today
<u>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May</u> Easter Feria	9:15am	Paddy Breen RIP <sup>(KB)</sup>
<u>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May</u> Easter Feria	9:15am	Peter COX RIP <sup>(AR)</sup>
<u>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May</u> Easter Feria	7:00pm	Private Intention
<u>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May</u> Easter Feria	9:15am	Int. of Rod & Joan Lewis <sup>(SVP)</sup>
<u>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May</u> <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i> Memorial (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	9:30am 10-11am 6:00pm	Dominic Mark Chapman RIP <sup>(M&amp;GL)</sup> <i>Exposition, Confessions &amp; Benediction</i> Francis Xavier & Olwen Borg RIP <sup>(YD)</sup>
<u>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May</u> Sixth Sunday of Easter	9:30am	People of the Parish

## Pope Francis:

If in our hearts we are carrying some burden or suffering that seems to crush us, it is the moment to go to meet Jesus, who is close, to open the tomb of our problems and look beyond the threshold toward his light.

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



Lord Jesus, you have gone ahead to prepare a place for us, your Father's chosen people. Come back; take us with you, so that we too may be where you are.

#### Fix the Food System

At Sunday Mass there will be a brief talk. CaFOD is mounting a new campaign – “Fix the Food System”. This is because the freedom and ability of small farmers around the world to save and use their own seeds is under threat.

#### 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

#### 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!**

#### Whetstone Over 50's Group

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

## 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 this **Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> 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 <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 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.

### Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Rita Bigongiari** on whose soul Sweet Jesus have mercy, may she rest in peace.

### Talking Mental Health



Following Mental Health Awareness week, 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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**).

### Congratulations



We offer our prayers and our congratulations to **Emma Elsie H** 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.

### Praying for the Unborn



Let us pray for all those who have just learned that they are expecting a baby and have troubled hearts, let us pray that the Lord Jesus would remove anxiety and fear from their lives. Lord hear us

### Annual Spring Market



We are holding our Annual Spring Market on Saturday, **13<sup>th</sup> May** from **12pm to 3pm**. We are **URGENTLY** 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.

### 50/50 Club Winners

The winners of the draw for March entrants drawn on 30<sup>th</sup> April:

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize</b>	<b>CL</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>£150</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize</b>	<b>DP</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>£60</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Prize</b>	<b>PP</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>£32.50</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Prize</b>	<b>JW</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>£20</b>

Total prize money this month: £262.50.

### LOUDfence Survivors Voices

To show support to victims and survivors of abuse, St. Chad's Cathedral is hosting a LOUDfence and all are welcome to join. This initiative involves tying brightly coloured ribbons and messages of support in public spaces. The LOUDfence will run from 7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> May (pausing on the 8<sup>th</sup> for the Bank Holiday) and there is a programme of events and activities now in place. Full details of the event are available on the Diocesan website:

[www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.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.catholicaldridge.co.uk/baptismal-enquiries.html> Here you can complete a 'Baptism Enquiry Form'. The next available dates for Baptism Preparation are:

7pm Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July  
7pm Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September  
7pm Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November

#### PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 6<sup>TH</sup>/7<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023

<b>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>READERS:</b>	Hugh D & Pat H
<b>9:30AM SUNG MASS</b>	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Folk Group
	<b>READERS:</b>	Alice G & Christine L

#### Duties During the Week: 8<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023

<b>CLEANERS:</b>	Team A
<b>FLOWERS:</b>	Ann H

#### PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 13<sup>TH</sup>/14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023

<b>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Shelagh G & Anne H
	<b>WARDENS:</b>	Brian L
	<b>READERS:</b>	Gerry W & Brian L
<b>9:30AM SUNG MASS</b>	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Folk Group
	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Rossella B & Helen C
	<b>WARDENS:</b>	Pat & Sally S
	<b>READERS:</b>	Will B & Jacqui B
<b>COFFEE:</b>	Mary & Don H, Geraldine F	

**And finally:-** On Friday we gathered, as a community, to say farewell to Deacon John at the celebration of his Requiem Mass. It is with thanksgiving in our hearts for the 27 years of faithful service as a Deacon in our parish we commended John to the loving mercy of the Lord, praying that he may now receive from the Lord the reward of his labours here on earth. At Easter, as the Lord rose from the tomb, he opened for all who believe in Him the way to eternal life. On the Cross he destroyed the power of death as He wiped out the record of our sinfulness by His ascension He leads us in His victory procession back to the heart of the Father – this is our hope, this is our faith! Filled with the same faith that inspired Deacon John throughout his life we continue to pray for the repose of his soul. Inspired by his life of service we pray that we too may dedicate ourselves to following the Lord until he calls us home to heaven.

*May God bless you all, Fr. Craig*