

<p><u>PARISH CLERGY:</u></p> <p>PARISH PRIEST Fr. Craig Davies</p> <p>PARISH DEACON Rev. Peter Crosby</p>	<p>ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS</p>  <p>39 Whetstone Lane Aldridge Walsall WS9 0JD Tel:01922 452316</p> 	<p>This Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham.</p> <p>Registered Charity Nº:234216</p>
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DATE
Sunday 16th July 2023

SUNDAY
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A

DIVINE OFFICE
Week 3

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

<p><u>Saturday 15th July</u> 1st Mass of Sunday</p>	<p>6:00pm</p>	<p>Victor Alonzo RIP ^(MB)</p>
<p><u>Sunday 16th July</u> Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>9:30am</p>	<p>Paul Atkinson RIP ^(AH)</p>
<p><u>Monday 17th July</u> Feria</p>	<p>9:15am</p>	<p>Edwin Wilson RIP ^(CA)</p>
<p><u>Tuesday 18th July</u> Feria</p>	<p>9:15am</p>	<p>Bernadette Duggan RIP ^(C&SP)</p>
<p><u>Wednesday 19th July</u> Feria</p>		<p>No Services Today</p>
<p><u>Thursday 20th July</u> Feria</p>	<p>7:00pm</p>	<p>Private Intention</p>
<p><u>Friday 21st July</u> Feria</p>	<p>9:15am in School</p>	<p>Sr. Benedicta Hanley RIP ^(Sr. A)</p>
<p><u>Saturday 22nd July</u> St. Mary Magdalene ^{Feast} (1st Mass of Sunday)</p>	<p>9:30am 10-11am 6:00pm</p>	<p>Int. Christine Leadbeater ^(S&JW) <i>Exposition, Confessions, and Benediction</i> People of the Parish</p>
<p><u>Sunday 23rd July</u> Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>9:30am</p>	<p>Int. John O'Neill ^(JO'N)</p>

Pope Francis:

The little ones are those who, like children, feel their need and are not self-sufficient. They are open to God and allow themselves to be amazed at His works. They know how to read the signs, to marvel at the miracles of His love!

This Week's CaFOD Prayer

CAFOD

(Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time)

You have enabled us to see what others cannot see, to hear what others cannot hear. We thank you, Lord Jesus, for the privilege of understanding and assurance.

Craft & Natter

Craft and natter will be having their usual summer break, closing at 3pm on Tuesday 18th July, returning refreshed at 11am on Tuesday 5th September.

As usual all are welcome, 50p per session, for more information call Christine on 07900604902, please note the new phone number.

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!

Wednesday Friends

On Wednesday, **19th July**, the next meeting of the Wednesday Friends takes place at **10am** in the **Parish Meeting Room**. Come along for a friendly chat and enjoy a nice cup of tea or coffee with a hot slice of buttered toast (which always tastes better when you don't have to make it yourself). All are welcome to come along.

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for **July** is:- **For a Eucharistic life**. We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

Walsall Life Appeal



Walsall Life urgently require a **twin pushchair**. If you have one you no longer need please contact **Ann T**.

Sick in the Parish

Pray for the sick in the parish, remembering especially:

Carol Facer, Oscar Wordsworth, Nichola Woodhall, Annie McManus, Paul Corbett, Barbara McAnulty, Carmel Fekete, Geoff Hopkinson, 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, 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.

Please remember also in your prayers those who carry the burden of their illnesses privately and those who care for them.

Safeguarding Notice

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Mr. Gerry Wintrip. He can be contacted at: sg.smota.aldridge@rcaob.org.uk or the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk or on 0121 230 6240 if you have any concerns.



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 **Fr. John Darley**, **Fr. Bernard Garratt** and Fr. Michael White's father **John White** on whose soul Sweet Jesus have mercy, may they rest in peace.

Thank You

Many thanks to all who assisted in the preparations for Fr Craig's celebrations on Friday evening. Special thanks go to Sue W for organising the event and to Stephen and the choir. Despite the inclement weather we trust everyone had an enjoyable evening.

A Message from Fr. Craig

I would like to take this opportunity to say 'thank you' for the many cards, Masses and gifts that I have received over the past few days as I mark the 10th Anniversary of my Priestly Ordination. As always your generosity is overwhelming, however, your love and support of me as your Parish Priest far outweighs all other gifts.

Canon Michael J Leadbeater

Invites you to celebrate his Silver Jubilee of Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood on

Saturday 9th September 2023

at

St. Mary's the Mount Catholic Church

Holy Mass will be celebrated at **12:00 noon**

followed by lunch in the Pastoral Centre.

There is a Sign Up form in the porch which needs to be completed before the 1st of August.

SPUC Petition



The Chinese government is imposing forced abortion, sterilisation and infanticide on its own population and especially on the Uyghur minority. The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) is petitioning the UK Government to stop funding a regime that commits these abuses of human rights. You can find out more and sign the petition at:

<https://www.spuc.org.uk/complicit-petition>.

Congratulations



We offer our prayers and our congratulations to **Arthur Antonio Soares P** 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.

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.



The Parable of the Sower

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 19th September
7pm Tuesday 21st November

PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 15TH/16TH JULY 2023

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	READERS:	John H & Gerry W
9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Folk Group
	READERS:	Alice G & Martin B

Duties During the Week: 17TH/22ND July 2023

CLEANERS:	Team C
FLOWERS:	Helen

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 22ND/23RD JULY 2023

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	WELCOMERS:	Dawn M
	WARDENS:	Peter H
	READERS:	Hugh D & Brian L
9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Folk Group
	WELCOMERS:	Margaret L, Helen A & Elena S
	WARDENS:	Pat & Sally S
	READERS:	Helen C & Jacqui B
COFFEE:	The Reynolds Family	

And finally:- This weekend we hear on the lips of our Blessed Lord the famous 'Parable of the Sower'. For anybody who takes an interest in horticultural pursuits you will know that both before, and after, the sowing of the seed there is much work to be done. Following the Winter and the coming of the Spring the ground has to be prepared to receive the seeds that are to be sown. Once sown they have to be nurtured and watered if they are to produce the intended results. It is exactly the same with the gift of faith! Whilst faith is a gift freely given to us by God through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, there is much work needed on our part too. For God's Spirit to find a dwelling place in our hearts we must first ensure that there is a home ready to receive Him. Once that seed, that precious gift has been received, we must tend it and care for it, watching over it day and night lest it should wither and die. Whilst the tools of our trade are not the implements of gardening, prayer is essential if the seed of faith is to flourish.

May God bless you all, Fr. Craig