

<p><u>PARISH CLERGY:</u></p> <p>PARISH PRIEST Fr. Craig Davies</p> <p>PARISH DEACON Rev. Peter Crosby</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>39 Whetstone Lane Aldridge Walsall WS9 0JD Tel:01922 452316</p> </div>  </div>	<p>This Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Registered Charity Nº:234216</p>
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DATE
Sunday 6th August 2023

SUNDAY
**Feast of the Transfiguration
of the Lord Year A**

DIVINE OFFICE
Week 2

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

<u>Saturday 5th August</u> 1 st Mass of Sunday	6:00pm	Int. of Tony & Mavis Miles (60th Wed Ann) ^(TM)
<u>Sunday 6th August</u> Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord	9:30am	Francis Patton RIP ^(The Patton Family)
<u>Monday 7th August</u> Feria	9:15am	Bernadette Duggan RIP ^(C&KM^cC)
<u>Tuesday 8th August</u> St. Dominic Priest Memorial	9:15am	Bridie Mockler RIP ^(CM)
<u>Wednesday 9th August</u> St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Virgin, Martyr, Patron of Europe ^{Feast}		No Services Today
<u>Thursday 10th August</u> St. Lawrence Deacon, Martyr ^{Feast}	7:00pm	Matthew Collins RIP (2nd Anniversary) ^(D&MH)
<u>Friday 11th August</u> St. Clare Virgin ^{Memorial}	9:15am	Desmond Loughran RIP ^(BB)
<u>Saturday 12th August</u> Our Lady ^{Saturday Memorial} (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9:30am 10-11am 6:00pm	Private Intention <i>Exposition, Confessions & Benediction</i> Lily Payne RIP ^(SH)
<u>Sunday 13th August</u> Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am	People of the Parish

Pope Francis:

Let us not waste time and freedom on trivial things, pastimes that leave us empty inside, while life offers us each day the precious pearl of the encounter with God and with others!

This Week's Prayer

CAF+D

(Feast of the Transfiguration)

Holy Father, give me a spirit of courage, to raise my voice for justice and equity in our country.

Craft & Natter

Craft and natter are now having their usual summer break. Our weekly meetings resume from **11am-3pm** on **Tuesday 5th September**. 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!

Walsall Life

Urgently need clothes for 18 month to 3-year-old baby girls and Moses baskets. If you have such spare, please contact **Ann T** on **01922 451124**.

Guild of St. Stephen – Servers Mass

On Saturday, **7th October**, Bishop David Evans will celebrate the Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Altar Servers at **12noon** at **St. Chad's Cathedral**. Altar Servers and their families are warmly invited to attend this Mass followed by light refreshments in the Grimshaw Room. If you wish to attend this Mass please let Fr. Craig know ASAP.

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for **August** is:- **For World Youth Day**. We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

50/50 Club Winners

The winners of the draw for June entrants drawn on 30th July:

1st Prize	FH	41	£150.00
2nd Prize	SW	58	£75.00
3rd Prize	AN	53	£30.00

Total prize money this month: £255.00

If you would like to join the draw speak to Sue & John W

Sick in the Parish

Pray for the sick in the parish, remembering especially:

Sister Ann-Marie, 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. Gerry 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.

Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Fr. Bernard Garratt** and **John White** on whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy, may they rest in peace.

Parish Pilgrimage to Assisi

The time for our Pilgrimage to Assisi will soon have arrived. To prepare ourselves, and to ensure that we are all “singing from the same hymn sheet”, it would be helpful if we could have a short pre-departure meeting. If possible could we meet at **6pm** on **Thursday 24th August** in the Parish Meeting Room. At this meeting Fr. Craig will give out printed copies of the itinerary, detailing the coach and flight information, he will and also try to answer any questions you may have. If you cannot make this meeting please let Fr. Craig know ASAP.

Sacramental Preparation

As we approach the beginning of another academic year we must begin planning for the Sacramental preparation of children beginning Y3 & Y6, who do not attend Catholic Schools, and adults who would like to be received into full communion with the Church at Easter 2024. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, or if you have a child in need of Sacramental preparation, please speak to Fr. Craig.



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.

A date for your diary

At **1pm** on **Thursday 17th August** Suzanne W, daughter of Sue & John W, will be joined together in Holy Matrimony to Andrew R. Sue and John warmly invite all parishioners to attend the Wedding Service of their daughter and future Son-in-Law.

Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall

This year marks the 100th Anniversary since Harvington Hall was rescued from falling into ruin. To mark this special anniversary His Grace the Archbishop will be celebrating the Annual Pilgrimage Mass on **Sunday 3rd September**. The Hall will be open from Midday for pilgrims to visit. **Mass will be celebrated at 3:00pm**. There is free parking and pilgrims are asked to bring their own chairs and packed lunch.

The Congregation of the Holy Spirit – Mission Weekend

This weekend, **5th/6th August**, we welcome **Chris O'Neal**, a Seminarian for the Spiritans, to our Parish. Chris will be speaking to us about the work of his community and making an appeal on their behalf. At the end of Mass there will be a retiring collection to support this Missionary Society and the important work they do in spreading the Gospel.

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 19th September
7pm Tuesday 21st November

PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 5TH/6TH AUGUST 2023

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	READERS:	Gerry W & Ann C
9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Choir
	READERS:	Christine L & Catherine A

Duties During the Week: 7TH/12TH August 2023

CLEANERS:	Team B
FLOWERS:	Helen A

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 12TH/13TH AUGUST

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	WELCOMERS:	Mavie & Krystal B
	WARDENS:	Peter H
	READERS:	John H & Hugh D
9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Folk Group
	WELCOMERS:	Rod & Joan L
	WARDENS:	John O'N & Bruce B
	READERS:	Alice G & Mark H
COFFEE:	Anne H, Helen A & Jacqui B	

And finally:- Today we take a break from the 'Sundays in Ordinary Time' to celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. In this wonderful moment, having taken three of His disciples with Him to the mountaintop, the Lord let His glory be seen. In this moment Peter, James and John glimpsed, momentarily, the glory that is one day to be ours when we participate fully in the Lord's Resurrection from the dead. In the first letter of St. John we read: "we are already the children of God, but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him". Our life, our Christian discipleship, is a journey of becoming; a journey of being transformed from glory into glory, as we use, each day, the gifts and talents entrusted to us by the Lord, aided by the Holy Spirit. The Transfiguration of the Lord strengthened the disciples to face the difficulties of the Passion and Cross – by letting them see what lay beyond the tomb. May today's feast strengthen us with the gift of hope, sure and certain that, whilst there may be times of difficulty and challenge, the Lord has promised us a share in His glory.

May God bless you all, Fr. Craig