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DATE

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
2023

SUNDAY

**Twenty-Second Sunday in  
Ordinary Time Year A**

DIVINE OFFICE

**Week 2**

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

<u>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday	6:00pm	Winnie Doherty RIP <sup>(G&amp;NP)</sup>
<u>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</u> <b>Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9:30am	People of the Parish
<u>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept</u> Feria		No Services Today
<u>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept</u> Feria		No Services Today
<u>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept</u> Feria		No Services Today
<u>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept</u> Feria		No Services Today
<u>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept</u> Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary <sup>Feast</sup>		No Services Today
<u>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept</u> Feria (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	6:00pm	No Morning Service Today People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September</u> <b>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9:30am	Int. of Roy Allsopp <sup>(SVP)</sup>

### Pope Francis:

The sign of encountering the Lord is joy. Sadness, or fear, on the other hand, are signs of distance from God. Those who distance themselves from the Lord are never happy, even though they have an abundance of possessions and possibilities at their disposal.

### This Week's CaFOD Prayer 22<sup>ND</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**By your grace, Lord Jesus, enable us to value you above all else. We know, if we take up the cross each day and follow you, we will find true life, the life you alone have to give.**

### Angel Drive

Our Angel Drive is on Friday, **22<sup>nd</sup> September**, at **7pm** in the Parish Meeting Room. The sign up sheet is now in the porch, and the cost is **£10** per person. Please sign up and give your meal choice.

**Remember to bring your own drinks!**

### Whetstone Over 50's Group

The next meeting of the Whetstone Over 50's Group takes place on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September** at **2pm** in the Meeting Room. Our speaker this month is from the Air Ambulance Organisation. All are welcome to come along. Air Ambulance run a Charity Shop and would be grateful for any clothes, books, bric-a-brac etc. Please bring them to church on the weekend of **9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Sept** and leave them in the porch, or bring them along to the Monday meeting.

### Craft & Natter

We open up 'shop' again for crafting & nattering on **Tuesday 5th September** from **11am to 3pm**. All are welcome, members old & new. Come for an hour, a morning, an afternoon or the whole session; remember to bring your lunch. 50p will cover refreshments and supplies. Call Christine on 07900604902 for more information. September marks ten years since craft and natter started; a real milestone.

### Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for **September** is:- **For people living on the margins**. We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

### Rosary for the Unborn

This Thursday, **7<sup>th</sup> September** at **6:30pm**, you are invited to pray the Rosary **in your homes** for the protection of all babies in the womb, and for their families. This month's intention is: **'For political leaders that they uphold the sanctity of life through just laws'**.

### Thank You

Barbara McA would like to say thank you for all of the prayers, Masses, get well cards, visits and phone calls following her accident in March. She felt surrounded by so much love from everyone. She is pleased to report that all is now well again. Praise the Lord!

### Sick in the Parish

Pray for the sick in the parish, remembering especially:

**Ian Phipps, Sister Ann-Marie, Carol Facer, Oscar Wordsworth, Nichola Woodhall, Annie McManus, Paul Corbett, Carmel Fekete, 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 <sup>(Dotty)</sup> Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Anna Morgan <sup>née Meehan</sup>, 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](mailto:sg.smota.aldridge@rcaob.org.uk) or the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted at [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) or on 0121 230 6240 if you have any concerns.



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.

### 50/50 Club Winners

The winners of the draw for July entrants drawn on 27<sup>th</sup> August were:

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize PP 24 £150.00**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize MH 55 £75.00**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize MW 19 £30.00**

**Total prize money this month: £255.00**

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

### 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!**

### 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.

### Bible Alive

The September edition of Bible Alive is now available for collection in the porch.

### Church Cleaners Needed!

As several of our cleaning volunteers have resigned due to ill health, we desperately require 'new blood'. On a four-week cycle, the work is not onerous. If you can spare an hour or two once a month it would be much appreciated. Please contact **Catherine C** or Fr Craig.

### Missio Magazine

The new edition of the Missio Magazine is now available for collection in the church porch. If you are a 'Red Box' holder please remember to collect your copy.

### Walsall Life

For now, we currently have sufficient baby clothes but still **urgently** need **Moses Baskets**. If you have such spare, please contact **Ann T** on **01922 451124**.

### Congratulations



We offer our prayers and our congratulations to **Arthur Paul C** & **Maisie Rose W** who were Baptised here last weekend. We pray also for their parents and Godparents as they take on the responsibility of raising them 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.



### 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 19<sup>th</sup> September**

**7pm Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

### **PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 2<sup>ND</sup>/3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023**

<b>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>READERS:</b>	Gerry W & Hugh D
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<b>9:30AM SUNG MASS</b>	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Choir
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<b>READERS:</b>	Alice G & Martin B
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### **Duties During the Week: 4<sup>TH</sup> – 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023**

<b>CLEANERS:</b>	Team B
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<b>FLOWERS:</b>	Ann T
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### **PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 9<sup>TH</sup>/10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023**

<b>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Mavie & Krystal B
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<b>WARDENS:</b>	Tony M
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<b>READERS:</b>	Pat H & Brian L
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<b>9:30AM SUNG MASS</b>	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Folk Group
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<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Rod & Joan L
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<b>WARDENS:</b>	John O'N & Bruce B
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<b>READERS:</b>	Will B & Catherine A
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<b>COFFEE:</b>	Beryl & Tony M & Anna M
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**And finally:-** From the sublime to the ridiculous! Last weekend in the Gospel we heard our Lord say to St. Peter that it would be upon his profession of faith, his recognition of Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the Living God" that He would "build [His] Church". Now, just a few verses on in the same chapter of the Gospel according to St. Mathew, St. Peter gets it so very wrong that it earns him one of the strongest rebukes found in the scriptures – "Get behind me Satan". Despite the many obvious, and at times very apparent, faults and failings of the closest disciples of the Lord, His Apostles, it was through them that the Good News of our salvation was proclaimed to the whole world; it was upon Peter that the Lord established His Church. For the truth is that the Lord knew their weaknesses even before He called them to be His followers, and in the end His choice of these twelve men proved good. Like them the Lord knows our faults and failings, and yet, He has called each one of us to be His disciples, to do for Him some specific service which only we can do.

*May God bless you all, Fr. Craig*