

<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 1st October 2023

SUNDAY
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary
Time Year A

DIVINE OFFICE
Week 2

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

<p><u>Saturday 30th Sept</u> 1st Mass of Sunday</p>	<p>6:00pm</p>	<p>Tom Mitchell RIP (Anniversary) ^(CM)</p>
<p><u>Sunday 1st October</u> Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>9:30am 6:15pm</p>	<p>Dorothy Gomes RIP ^(JH) <i>Holy Hour for Vocations</i></p>
<p><u>Monday 2nd Oct</u> Holy Guardian Angels ^{Memorial}</p>		<p>No Services Today</p>
<p><u>Tuesday 3rd Oct</u> Feria</p>		<p>No Services Today</p>
<p><u>Wednesday 4th Oct</u> St. Francis of Assisi ^{Memorial}</p>		<p>No Services Today</p>
<p><u>Thursday 5th Oct</u> St. Faustina Kowalska ^{Virgin Memorial}</p>	<p>6:30pm</p>	<p><i>Rosary for the Unborn</i></p>
<p><u>Friday 6th Oct</u> Feria</p>	<p>6:15pm</p>	<p><i>Lectio Divina</i></p>
<p><u>Saturday 7th Oct</u> Our Lady of the Rosary ^{Memorial} (1st Mass of Sunday)</p>	<p>6:00pm</p>	<p>No Morning Services Kathleen Forde RIP ^(Hayes Family)</p>
<p><u>Sunday 8th October</u> Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>9:30am 6:15pm</p>	<p>Int. of Rod & Joan Lewis ^(P&JS) <i>Holy Hour for Vocations</i></p>

Pope Francis:

God's justice does not measure love on the scales of our returns, our performances or our failures: God just loves us, He loves us because we are His children, and He does so with an unconditional and freely given love.

This Week's Prayer **CAFOD**

Again, we pray for all those who work for CAFOD. Move us through our generosity to give them the means to enable people across the world, who are beset by disadvantage and distress, to build sure and hopeful lives for themselves and their children

Welcome

We welcome **Fr. Craig Szmidt** back to St. Mary of the Angels for the celebration of the Saturday Evening & Sunday Masses.

Please Support Our CaFOD Meal

On **Saturday 14th October** after the **Mass**. Please add your *name(s), contact number, to the list in the Porch*.

Help would be very much appreciated – please call Ann on 01922 451124.

Thank You

Canon Michael thanks all those who sent Mass cards and other greetings and for the gifts on the occasion of his Silver Jubilee. Your kindness, thoughts and prayers are very much appreciated. You will be remembered in prayer and at the celebration of Mass.

Craft & Natter

We meet every **Tuesday** from **11am to 3pm** during term time in the Meeting Room. All are welcome. Come for the whole session, a morning or afternoon; just remember to bring your lunch. 50p will cover refreshments and supplies. For more information call Christine W on 07900604902 for more information.

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for **October** is:- **For the Synod**. We pray for Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

Sick in the Parish

Pray for the sick in the parish, remembering especially:

Marie Wilson, Ian Phipps, Sister Ann-Marie, Carol Facer, Oscar Wordsworth, Nichola Woodhall, 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 (Dotty) Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, 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.

Second Collection

Next weekend, **7th/8th October**, there will be a retiring collection for: **CaFOD family fast day**. Envelopes are available in the porch this weekend if you wish to Gift Aid your Fast Day offering. If you are not Gift Aiding your offering simply place it in the basket at the end of Mass next weekend.

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.

Holy Hour for Vocations

Please do come along to church at **6:15pm** on Sunday evenings to join us in praying before the Blessed Sacrament for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood, the Diaconate and the Religious Life.

Lectio Divina

At **6:15pm** on **Fridays**, Jithin will be leading Lectio Divina in the Parish Meeting Room. Please do come along and to discover how this wonderful form of prayer can help you in your life of prayer.

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.

Rosary for the Unborn

This Thursday, **5th October** at **6:30pm**, we pray the Rosary in church before the Blessed Sacrament for the protection of all babies in the womb, and for their families. This month's intention is: **'For an end to abortion in our country'**.



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 August entrants drawn on 24th September:

1st Prize DM 64 £150.00

2nd Prize PH 1 £75.00

3rd Prize EQ 29 £32.50

Total prize money this month: £257.50

Whetstone Over 50's Group

Our next meeting takes place in the Parish Meeting Room on **Monday 9th October** at **2pm**. Our speaker will be Dr. Kate Round who will be speaking on "The Magic of Glass". She is an excellent speaker who speaks on behalf of the Dudley & Stourbridge Museum and is an expert on the Glass Industry and History. Please come along and support the Club. If you are able, and have not been before, you will be made to feel very welcome. Join us for the talk and tea/coffee and biscuits afterwards. We normally finish around 3:45pm, but you can always creep out early if you are collecting grandchildren from school. There is a small charge of £2.

Congratulations



We offer our prayers and our congratulations to **Jaxon Calum Jan D** who was Baptised here last weekend. We pray also for his parents and Godparents as they take on the responsibility of raising him 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 21st November

PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: **30TH SEPTEMBER / 1ST OCTOBER 2023**

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	READERS:	Gerry W & Pat H
9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Choir
	READERS:	Will B & Alice G

Duties During the Week: **2ND – 7TH OCTOBER 2023**

CLEANERS:	Team B
FLOWERS:	Helen A

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: **7TH/8TH OCTOBER 2023**

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	WELCOMERS:	Mavie & Krystal B
	WARDENS:	Brian L
	READERS:	Cathy S & John H
9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Folk Group
	WELCOMERS:	Rod & Joan L
	WARDENS:	John O'N & Bruce B
	READERS:	Helen C & Martin B
COFFEE:	Jonathan G, Tony M & Peggy S	

And finally:- The Gospel reading of this weekend reminds us of the need for integrity in the choices that we make. This is not only essential in our day to day dealings with others, involved as we all are in the affairs of this world, but also in our following of the Lord, and the teachings of His Church, in matters of faith. Yes it is true that for some, if not for all, some of the teachings of the Church – of Christ – may seem difficult, and dare I say it 'a little old fashioned'. But we cannot and must not approach matters of faith in a piece-meal way, choosing to accept and follow some whilst rejecting others. Following the Lord was never going to be easy, even He acknowledges this in His comments made to the disciples after His teachings on the Eucharist, but follow Him and His teachings we must if we are to "make our way into the Kingdom of Heaven". If we say "yes" to following Christ we must mean 'yes' – in all matters of faith as taught by the Church – and so we must pray for the strength to remain faithful even when we find our faith challenging.

May God bless you all, Fr. Craig