

<p><u>PARISH CLERGY:</u></p> <p>PARISH PRIEST Fr. Craig Davies</p> <p>PARISH DEACON Rev. Peter Crosby</p>	<p 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. Registered Charity Nº:234216</p>
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DATE
**Sunday 15th October
2023**

SUNDAY
**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary
Time Year A**

DIVINE OFFICE
Week 1

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

<u>Saturday 21st October</u> 1 st Mass of Sunday	6:00pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 22nd October</u> Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am 6:15pm	Sr. Assumpta Healy RIP ^(CB) Holy Hour for Vocations
<u>Monday 23rd Oct</u> Feria	9:15am	Int. of Peggy Smith ^(SVP)
<u>Tuesday 24th Oct</u> Feria	9:15am	Int. of Sheila Kerrigan ^(KB)
<u>Wednesday 25th Oct</u> Feria		No Services Today
<u>Thursday 26th Oct</u> Feria	7:00pm	Private Intention
<u>Friday 27th Oct</u> Feria	9:15am 6:00pm	Bernadette Duggan RIP & Family Int. ^(FS) Lectio Divina
<u>Saturday 28th October</u> Ss. Simon & Jude Apostles ^{Feast} (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9:30am 10-11am 6:00pm	Int. of Tony & Mavis Miles ^(P&AC) <i>Exposition, Confessions & Benediction</i> Albert Mercer RIP ^(DM)
<u>Sunday 29th October</u> Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am 6:15pm	People of the Parish Holy Hour for Vocations

Pope Francis

The proclamation of Christ is one of hope. He knows the anguish and hope we bear in our hearts, the joys and struggles that mark our lives, the darkness that struggles that mark our lives, the darkness that assails us, and the faith that we raise to Heaven like a song in the night.

This Week's Prayer **CAFOD**

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Teach us, Lord, not to worry. Teach us to trust in you and your care. Help us to have faith in your eagerness to meet our needs. Shall we not rely on the assurance your Son gave us?

A Thank from our CaFOD Group

Many thanks to all who helped with and attended our CaFOD meal and social fund raiser last Saturday. With your help the group raised **£763** for CaFOD's work. Our thanks also to the CaFOD representative Helen Mosley who gave us an interesting update, with slides, on their current projects.

Craft & Natter

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

Congratulations



We offer our prayers and our congratulations to **Níamh Ava J** who was Baptised here recently. We pray also for her parents and Godparents as they take on the responsibility of raising her in the practice of the faith.

Help Needed

From anyone with a **van** to transport a **Fridge Freezer**, donated to a client of Walsall Life, and will be much appreciated. Please call Ann 01922 451124

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.

Thank you

Thank you to all parishioners who, through prayer and sponsorship, supported Patrick Hayes. He completed the Berlin Marathon in 3hrs 30mins and raised £4000 for Rethink Mental Health. This is an amazing amount and will go far to help the charity in its work.

Thank you for your generosity.

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.

Journey in Faith

Mondays at **6:30pm** in the Parish Meeting Room. This course of Adult Catechesis is open to all members of the parish who are interested in learning more about the faith, and the teachings of the Church. Coming along to these sessions not only helps us to grow in our faith, but it is also an opportunity to support those who are preparing to be received into the Church this coming Easter.

Second Collection

This weekend **21st/22nd October**, there will be a second collection for **APF World Mission Sunday**. This important collection supports the work of the Missionary Societies in continuing the work of proclaiming the Gospel. Please give generously to this good cause!

Please Remember!



Next weekend, on Sunday 29th October, the clock go back one hour!



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.

Parish Christmas Fayre

After the Sunday Morning Mass, on **26th November**, we will be holding our annual Christmas Fayre in the Parish Meeting Room. Each weekend we are ask for donations of different items to be sold in order to raise funds to support the parish. **This weekend we are asking for donation of toiletries**. These can be placed in the box under the table in the porch.

Blessing of the Graves at Oscott

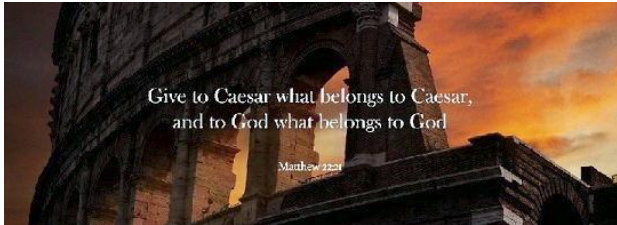
The family and friends of those buried at Oscott Cemetery are warmly invited to the annual Blessing of the Graves on **Saturday 4th November** beginning at **3pm** in the main square of the cemetery. For more information please see the poster in the church porch.

Donations to Walsall Life

Walsall Life thanks all that have contributed items to help their clients in Walsall over the last few years. Sadly, storage facilities have been curtailed, so other than small baby items they are unable to keep donations at the Helpstation. There may be occasional future requests but for the time being, larger items cannot be taken and kept there. Again, many thanks for your past and continued support

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 21st November
7pm Tuesday 23rd January 2024
7pm Tuesday 26th March

PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 21ST/22ND OCTOBER 2023

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	READERS:	Gerry W & Pat H
9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Folk Group
	READERS:	Christine L & Alice G

Duties During the Week: 23RD – 28TH October 2023

CLEANERS:	Team A
FLOWERS:	Ann H

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 28TH/29TH OCTOBER 2023

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	WELCOMERS:	Shelagh G & Anne H
	WARDENS:	Brian L
	READERS:	Cathy S & John H
9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Choir
	WELCOMERS:	Rossella B & Helen C
	WARDENS:	Pat & Sally S
	READERS:	Will B & Martin B
COFFEE:	The Almeida Family	

And finally:- To whom do you belong? Perhaps if you were married, you could quite easily answer it. Also, we own various things and, this or that belong to me, we could say. Our life in one sense is from our parents but if we keep tracing back, ultimately, we all have our lives because of God - the source of all life. Therefore, in the proper sense and according to the Scriptures, our children are a gift from God and we take care of them for a brief period. The coin belonged to Caesar, and praise, honour and glory belonged to God who is the author of all life. If Caesar's image was imprinted on the coin, then it is God's image that is imprinted on a human soul. God made the whole universe and of course everything that can be seen, but His most prized possession is not any of those things that will pass away in the end. You and me, who belong to God, are His greatest possession. Whilst fulfilling our duties in this world (tax, providing biscuits for Fr Craig etc.,) we must never forget the greatest of all duties. Give yourself to God, Whose image you bear.

May God bless you all, Jithin