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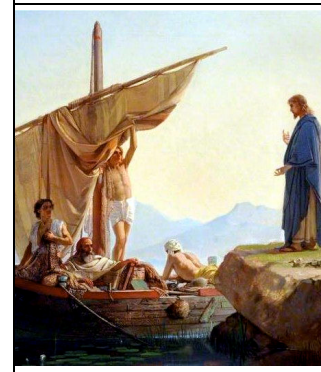
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DATE

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January  
2024**

SUNDAY

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year B**

DIVINE OFFICE

**Week 3**

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

Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday	6:00pm	Victor ALONZO RIP <sup>(MB)</sup>
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am 6:15pm	People of the Parish <i>Holy Hour for Vocations</i>
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan Feria	9:15am	Christine Stratford RIP <sup>(BM)</sup>
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan Feria	9:15am	Gitta Tangey RIP <sup>(SB)</sup>
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan St. Francis de Sales Bishop, Doctor of the Church Memorial		No Services Today
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan Conversion of St. Paul Apostle Feast	10:00am 7:00pm	<i>Funeral Service – Mark Rainer</i> Francis Patton RIP <sup>(Patton Family)</sup>
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan Ss. Timothy & Titus Bishops Memorial	9:15am 6:15pm	Anthony Andrews RIP <sup>(CA)</sup> <i>Lectio Divina</i>
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan Our Lady Saturday Memorial (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	9:30am 10-11am 6:00pm	Private Intention <i>Exposition, Confessions &amp; Benediction</i> People of the Parish
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> January Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am 6:15pm	Stephen Brook RIP <sup>(CA)</sup> <i>Holy Hour for Vocations</i>

## Pope Francis

At the start of the year, we exchange wishes for peace, but weapons have continued to kill and destroy. Let us pray that those who wield power over these conflicts may understand: War is in itself a crime against humanity.

### The CaFOD Prayer

# CAFOD

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**When I stray, Lord, show me the path back to you. Teach me how to return. With your help I shall surely return.**

### Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Peggy Smith, Mark Rainer, Elizabeth Morrissey & Agnes Bradbury**, on whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy. May they rest in peace.

**Mark's Funeral Service** will be held at **10:00am** on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January** prior to cremation at Streetly Crematorium.

**Peggy** will be received into church at **4:30pm** on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February**. Her **Requiem Mass** will be celebrated at **10:30am** on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** prior to cremation at Streetly Crematorium.

### Craft & Natter

We meet **every Tuesday** from **11am – 3pm** in the **Parish Meeting Room**. Everyone is welcome to come for the morning, the afternoon or for the whole day, just remember to bring your lunch. 50p per session which covers tea/coffee and supplies. For more information please call Christine W on 07900604902.

## Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for January is:- **For the gift of diversity of in the Church.**

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the Catholic Church.

### Sick in the Parish

Pray for the sick in the parish, remembering especially:

**Marian Mathews, 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, Margaret Davis, Mary Brough, Joe Bannister, 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, 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, that the Lord may grant them His healing and peace.

### Parish SVP Group

Our SVP Group are in desperate need of volunteers to help them carry out their important work in the Parish. If you have some time free, and would like to help them in their work please see Fr. Craig or Sue W.

### 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.

### Clothing Appeal

Can you help clothe a disabled elderly gentleman? A Catholic resident of Castlehill Care Home has arrived recently with almost no clothes. Deacon Peter will be pleased to receive donations of new or serviceable second hand clothes and toiletries. For a full list of items required please see the notice in the church porch. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### Goodbye and Thank You

This weekend we say 'goodbye' to Jithin. On behalf of the parish I would like to say 'thank you', for all that he has done in the parish over the past few months. With my bad back, his help to me personally has been invaluable.

### Journey in Faith

We meet on **Mondays** at **6:30pm** during Term-Time in the Parish Meeting Room. This course 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 Easter.



### 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.

### Christmas Crib Collection

This year, following the outbreak of war in the Holy Land our **Crib Collection** will go to support the work of the **Friends of the Holy Land**. The box for this collection will be located next to the Nativity Scene, at the front of the church, and will remain there until 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024. **Please also remember to pray for our brothers and sisters who are suffering, that there may be an end to warfare and division in the land of Our Saviours birth.**

### Children's Liturgy Volunteers

Our Children's Liturgy group meets each week during the Sunday Mass to share and explore the Gospel Reading through prayer, discussion, activities and fun! If you would be interested in joining this group as a session leader or as a helper please speak to Fr. Craig or Will B to find out more.

### Thank You from Jithin

As my time here on placement draws to a close, I would like to extend my thanks to Father and all the parishioners of Aldridge. Thank you firstly for your faithfulness to God and to the Church and also for the prayers, warmth, kindness, and love that you have shown me too. It has been a wonderful experience and I wish you the very best. **GOD BLESS YOU ALL**

### 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 26<sup>th</sup> March**  
**7pm Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

#### **PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 21<sup>ST</sup> – 22<sup>ND</sup> January 2024**

<b>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>READERS:</b>	Gerry W & Brian L
<b>9:30AM SUNG MASS</b>	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Choir
	<b>READERS:</b>	Helen C & Will B

#### **Duties During the Week: 22<sup>ND</sup> – 27<sup>TH</sup> January 2024**

<b>CLEANERS:</b>	Team A
<b>FLOWERS:</b>	Helen A

#### **PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 27<sup>TH</sup> – 28<sup>TH</sup> January 2024**

<b>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Mavie & Krystal B
	<b>WARDENS:</b>	Peter H
	<b>READERS:</b>	Pat H & Gerry W
<b>9:30AM SUNG MASS</b>	<b>MUSIC:</b>	SMA School
	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Rod & Joan L
	<b>WARDENS:</b>	John O'N & Elaine A
	<b>READERS:</b>	SMA School Children
<b>COFFEE:</b>	Beryl & Tony M & Anna M	

**And finally:-** I wonder if you have ever noticed that, in the proclamation of the Word of God each day, the First Reading, the Responsorial Psalm, and the Gospel, provide us with a theme – that they are intrinsically linked in the message that they proclaim? Today we hear of the call of Jonah and the call of the first four disciples of the Lord; and what was the purpose of their being called if not to know Him and to make His way known through the message they proclaimed. Today the Church, spread throughout the world, celebrates the 'Sunday of the Word of God'. A day on which we, as disciples of the Lord, are called to rediscover our love of the Scriptures. To open our hearts once more to listen to the voice of the Lord who calls us through His Word that we may know Him, and make Him know, by our lives and by our preaching. May we never forget, as St. Jerome reminds us, that "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ".

*May God bless you all, Fr. Craig*