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DATE

**Sunday 28th January
2024**

SUNDAY

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B**

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 4

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

<u>Saturday 27th Jan</u> 1 st Mass of Sunday	6:00pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 28th January</u> Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am 6:15pm	Stephen Brook RIP ^(CA) <i>Holy Hour for Vocations</i>
<u>Monday 29th Jan</u> Feria	9:15am	The Howard Family RIP ^(Parish Memorial Mass)
<u>Tuesday 30th Jan</u> Feria	9:15am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
<u>Wednesday 31st Jan</u> St. John Bosco Priest Memorial		No Services Today
<u>Thursday 1st Feb</u> Feria	4:30pm 6:30pm 7:00pm	<i>Reception into Church – Peggy Smith</i> Rosary for the Unborn Private Intention
<u>Friday 2nd Feb</u> Presentation of the Lord ^{Feast}	10:30am 6:15pm	<i>Requiem Mass – Peggy Smith</i> Lectio Divina
<u>Saturday 3rd Feb</u> Our Lady ^{Saturday Memorial} (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9:30am 10-11am 6:00pm	Int. of Maureen Patton ^(Patton Family) <i>Exposition, Confessions & Benediction</i> People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 4th February</u> Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am 6:15pm	George & Edna Lander RIP ^(HA) <i>Holy Hour for Vocations</i>

Pope Francis

The coming months will lead us to the opening of the Holy Door, with which we will begin the Jubilee. Let us pray together to prepare ourselves to live properly this grace-filled event and to experience the power of hope in God.

The CaFOD Prayer

CAFOD

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Help me, Lord, to listen to your voice, not to the longings and desires that take me away from you.

Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Sheila Service, Peggy Smith, Mark Rainer, Fr. Sandy Brown, Fr. Christopher Greeny & Elizabeth Morrissey**, on whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy. May they rest in peace.

Peggy will be received into church at **4:30pm** on **Thursday 1st February**. Her **Requiem Mass** will be celebrated at **10:30am** on **Friday 2nd 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. Please remember that this group is not limited to those who are experienced ‘crafters’, you are more than welcome to come along for some company and a natter or to try your hand at crafting. For more information please call Christine W on 07900604902.

Pope’s Prayer Intention

The Pope’s prayer intention for February is:- For the terminally ill. We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

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 ^(Dotty) Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Anna Morgan ^{née Meehan}, 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.

Happy Birthday

On Sunday we wish Fr. Craig a very happy birthday. 21 again, he says!

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.

Rosary for the Unborn



This Thursday, 2nd February at 6:30pm, we pray the Holy Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament for the protection of all babies in the womb, and for their families. This month's intention is: **'For women seeking healing after an abortion'**.

Collection for Jithin

Next weekend, 3rd/4th February, we will have a special collection at the end of the Masses to say 'Thank You' to Jithin. I am sure that he will be very grateful, and surprised, to receive this gift from the Parish

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 2nd 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 Saviour's 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.

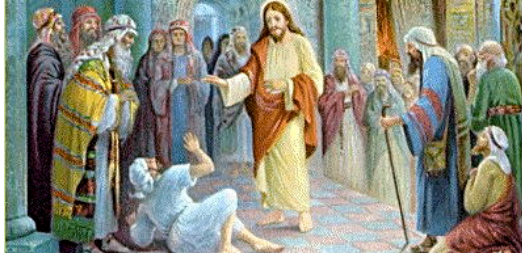
Thank You from Dcn. Peter

On behalf of the residents and staff at Castlehill Care Home, Dcn. Peter would like to thank you for the many items of clothing and other items that have been donated. Once again your overwhelming generosity in responding to a particular need, and the love that you have shown through your generosity, is outstanding.

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 26th March
7pm Tuesday 4th June

PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 27TH – 28TH January 2024

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	READERS:	Pat H & Gerry W
9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	SMA Primary School
	READERS:	Children from SMA Primary School

Duties During the Week: 29TH JANUARY – 3RD February 2024

CLEANERS:	Team B
FLOWERS:	Ann T

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 3RD – 4TH February 2024

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	WELCOMERS:	Dawn M
	WARDENS:	Tony M
	READERS:	Gerry W & Cathy S
9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Folk Group
	WELCOMERS:	Margaret L, Helen A & Elena S
	WARDENS:	Pat & Sally S
	READERS:	Mark H & Catherine A
COFFEE:	Dorothy C, Bernadette D & Christine L	

And finally:- As many of you are aware over the past several months I have been struggling with a bad back – a condition which has gradually worsened over time. I thought I would take this opportunity, firstly thank you for your prayers and concern for my well being, and to give you an update on what is going on. On St. Stephen's Day I underwent a MRI Scan, and as a result of that scan I have been referred to a spinal surgeon. On Thursday I have my first appointment with a consultant. As of yet, I do not know what the next stages of my treatment are to be, however, there is a very real chance that I will be undergoing surgery in the not too distant future. If this should happen I will have to take a considerable amount of time off in order to recover from the surgery – and I fear that this will mean an absence from the parish that will include the Easter Celebrations. Once I know a little more I will keep you informed, however, do not worry, I will ensure that the parish is in good hands in my absence.

May God bless you all, Fr. Craig