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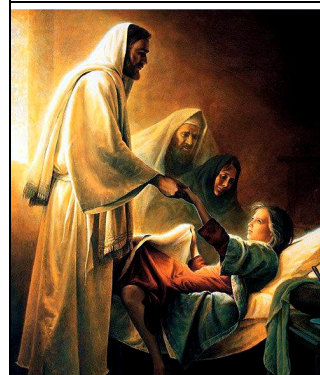
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DATE
**Sunday 4th February
2024**

SUNDAY
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B**

DIVINE OFFICE
Week 1

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

<u>Saturday 3rd Feb</u> 1 st Mass of Sunday	6:00pm	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>
<u>Monday 5th Feb</u> St. Agatha Virgin, Martyr Memorial	9:15am	Int. of Carmel Fekete & Family ^(CF)
<u>Tuesday 6th Feb</u> St. Paul Miki, & Companions Martyrs Memorial	9:15am	Paul Atkinson RIP ^(SVP)
<u>Wednesday 7th Feb</u> Feria		No Services Today
<u>Thursday 8th Feb</u> Feria	7:00pm	Private Intention
<u>Friday 9th Feb</u> Feria	9:15am 6:15pm	Int. of David Goodwin ^(KB) <i>Lectio Divina</i>
<u>Saturday 10th Feb</u> St. Scholastica Virgin Memorial (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9:30am 10-11am 6:00pm	Dcn. John Higgins RIP ^(BB) <i>Exposition, Confessions & Benediction</i> People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 11th February</u> Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am 6:15pm	In Thanksgiving (Birthday) ^(EM) <i>Holy Hour for Vocations</i>

Pope Francis

“Through the Desert God leads us to Freedom” is the theme of the Message for the upcoming Season of Lent. Let us make room for God, who delivers us from all forms of slavery. May we welcome Lent as an opportunity for conversion.

The CaFOD Prayer

CAFOD

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Keep us always in your care. Defend us and protect us in our difficulties, Lord Jesu, when we feel burdened and unable to cope.

Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Sheila Service & Peggy Smith**, on whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy. May they rest in peace.

Sheila's Requiem Mass will be celebrated at **9:30am** on **Tuesday 6th 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:

Michael Smith, 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.

Whetstone Over 50's Group

The next meeting of the Whetstone Over 50's Group is **Monday 12th February** at **2pm** in the Meeting Room. This month we have a speaker who will be talking about Liberace, Ringo, and a Trapeze artist. There will be some humorous anecdotes and pictures. Come and join us for an entertaining and friendly afternoon.

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.



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 November entrants drawn on 31st December:

1 st Prize	DM	64	£150.00
2 nd Prize	PC	44	£75.00
3 rd Prize	CH	60	£37.50

Total prize money this month: £262.50

If you would be interested in joining our monthly draw (£5 per ticket) please speak to Sue W or Fr. Craig.

Congratulations



We offer our prayers and our congratulations to **Finley Christopher C** 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.

Collection for Jithin

This 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

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 leader or as a helper please speak to Will B.

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.

Thank You from Margaret Rainer

Margaret, James and Joshua Rainer would like to thank Parishioners and friends for their kind condolences and prayers on the passing of Mark. You have all been so supportive. A huge thank you must go to Fr. Craig for his kindness and pastoral care during a very difficult few months.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL

Wednesday Friends

The next gathering of the Wednesday Friends is **Wednesday 21st February** at **10am** in the Meeting Room.

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: 3RD/4TH FEBRUARY 2024

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	READERS:	Gerry W & Cathy S W
9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Folk Group
	READERS:	Mark H & Catherine A

Duties During the Week: 5TH - 10TH February 2024

CLEANERS:	Team C
FLOWERS:	Anne H

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 10TH/11TH February 2024

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	WELCOMERS:	Ann & John T
	WARDENS:	Brian L
	READERS:	John H & Pat H
9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Choir
	WELCOMERS:	Jonathan & Jenson G
	WARDENS:	John O'N & Elaine A
	READERS:	Helen C & Christine L
COFFEE:	Elena S, Joan L & Angela S	

And finally:- On Thursday, as many of you are aware, I met with a Spinal Neurosurgeon. As a result of that meeting I have been scheduled for spinal surgery on Monday 12th February. It is hoped that my recovery should take about 6 weeks at which point, please God, I can return to 'light' duties in the parish. I'm sure you can imagine that Thursday afternoon was a mad flurry of activity in the Presbytery trying to put everything in place to ensure that you will be well looked after in my absence. So to put your minds at rest, whilst there will be no weekday Masses except for Ash Wednesday and the Sacred Easter Triduum, all of the weekend Masses have now been covered. I have no doubt in my mind that all will be well in my absence, however, if you should need a priest in an emergency please contact Fr. Malcolm at St. Francis of Assisi in Shelfield. In the weeks that lie ahead please remember me in your prayers, and be assured of my prayers for you also.

May God bless you all, Fr. Craig