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**Registered
Charity
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DATE
**Sunday 11th February
2024**

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

DIVINE OFFICE
Week 2

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

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| Saturday 10 th Feb 1 st Mass of Sunday | 6:00pm | People of the Parish |
| Sunday 11 th February Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9:30am 6:15pm | In Thanksgiving (Birthday) ^(EM) Holy Hour for Vocations |
| Monday 12 th Feb Feria | | No Services Today |
| Tuesday 13 th Feb Feria | | No Services Today |
| Wednesday 14 th Feb Ash Wednesday | 10:00am 7:00pm | Francis Patton ^{RIP (Patton Family)} Pat Hopley ^{RIP (BB)} |
| Thursday 15 th Feb Thursday after Ash Wednesday | | No Services Today |
| Friday 16 th Feb Friday after Ash Wednesday | 4:30pm 6:15pm | Stations of the Cross Lectio Divina |
| Saturday 17 th Feb Saturday after Ash Wednesday (1 st Mass of Sunday) | 6:00pm | No Morning Services Int. of Carmel Fekete ^(CF) |
| Sunday 18 th February First Sunday of Lent | 9:30am 5:00pm | In Thanksgiving (Birthday) ^(MC) Stations of the Cross for Vocations |

Pope Francis

Prayer gives us the strength to strive ahead, overcomes our fears, and glimpses the salvation that God prepares for us, even amid the darkness. Prayer always draws God's salvation near.

The CaFOD Prayer



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus, stretch out your hand to me, as you did to the leper. Right now I need your help; the going is hard.

Retiring Collection

This weekend, **10th/11th February**, there will be a retiring collection for Life.

This collection each year we donate to the **Walsall Life House** to assist them in the work that they do in supporting expectant and new mothers as they start the exciting journey of raising a newborn child.

Craft & Natter

Craft and Natter are having their usual half term break on the **Tuesday February 13th**. Back to normal on **20th February** at 11am to 3pm. Everyone is welcome, so come along and see what we are up to, lots of chat and laughs to be had, plus a little bit of crafting too! For more information please call Christine W on 07900604902.

Welcome

This week we welcome **Fr. Craig Szmidt** and **Fr. Rob Taylerson** who will be celebrating the Ash Wednesday Masses with us.

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 this 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.

Items for the Newsletter



During the next few weeks, whilst Fr. Craig is absent from the parish, all items for the Newsletter must be sent to the parish email address: (smota.aldridge@rcaob.org.uk), and not to Fr. Craig's own email address. These items must also have been sent before the Friday Morning of the week before you want the item to appear.

Lent 'Walk with Me'

This weekend, the Lent '**Walk with Me**' booklets will be in the porch. Please place your **£1** donations, in the pillar slot marked 'Newspapers'.

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.

Congratulations



We offer our prayers and our congratulations to **Harry Edward P** 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.

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.

Thank You from Jim Smith and Family

The family of **Peggy Smith** would like to thank everyone who knew her for their love, support and prayers over the last few months and particularly those who were able to join the services for the celebration of her life on the 1st/2nd February. It really was a very special occasion.

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: 10TH /11TH FEBRUARY 2024

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| 6:00PM VIGIL MASS | READERS: | John H & Pat H |
| 9:30AM SUNG MASS | MUSIC: | Choir |
| | READERS: | Helen C & Christine L |

Duties During the Week: 12TH – 17TH February 2024

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| CLEANERS: | Team D |
| FLOWERS: | Sally S & Shelagh – Remove flowers before 14 th for Lent |

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 17TH/18TH February 2024

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| 6:00PM VIGIL MASS | WELCOMERS: | Shelagh G & Anne H |
| | WARDENS: | Peter H |
| | READERS: | Brian L & Hugh D |
| 9:30AM SUNG MASS | MUSIC: | Folk Group |
| | WELCOMERS: | Rosella B & Helen H |
| | WARDENS: | Pat & Sally S |
| | READERS: | Alice G & Martin B |
| COFFEE: | Mary & Don H & Geraldine F | |

And finally:- On Wednesday of this week we celebrate Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the Holy Season of Lent. Traditionally, during this season, people give something up, or take something on, to unite themselves more closely with our Lord during His time of fasting and prayer in the desert. This Lent falls in a year which our Holy Father the Pope has asked to be a special year of prayer in preparation for the Holy Year in 2025. As part of this year of preparation Pope Francis has asked us to focus on the Lord's Prayer, the perfect prayer to the Father given to us by Our Lord Himself. Maybe this Lent, rather than giving something up, we can make a special effort to give a little more of our time to prayer. Perhaps consider attending the Stations of the Cross here in church each week, or coming to the weekly time of Lectio Divina, where we pray with the scriptures – allowing the Word of God to be the inspiration for our prayer.

May God bless you all, Fr. Craig