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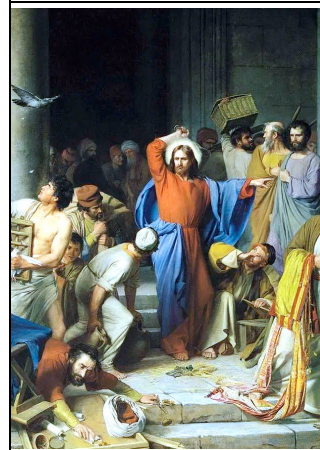
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DATE

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024**

SUNDAY

**Third Sunday of Lent  
Year B**

DIVINE OFFICE

**Week 3**

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

<u>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday	6:00pm	Ivy Monica & David Dabbs <sup>(RIP)</sup> (J & YD)
<u>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</u> Third Sunday of Lent	9:30am 5:00pm	Sick in the Parish <sup>(SVP)</sup> <i>Stations of the Cross for Vocations</i>
<u>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Mar</u> Lent Feria		No Services Today
<u>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Mar</u> Lent Feria	7:00pm	<b>Exploration of the Lord's Prayer</b> 'Our Daily Bread: God's providence and our part in it.'
<u>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Mar</u> Lent Feria		No Services Today
<u>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Mar</u> Lent Feria	7:00pm	Mass of Confirmation.
<u>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Mar</u> Lent Feria	4:30pm 6:15pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i> <i>Lectio Divina</i>
<u>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March</u> Lent Feria (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)		No Morning Services
<u>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March</u> Third Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday	6:00pm 9:30am 5:00pm	Pat Hopley <sup>(SVP)</sup> <sup>(RIP)</sup> Dennis <sup>(JL)</sup> <sup>(RIP)</sup> <i>Stations of the Cross for Vocations</i>

## Pope Francis

In this time of Lent, let us strive not to put ourselves at the centre; rather, let us try to step aside to make room for others, to promote them, and to rejoice in their qualities and successes.

### The CaFOD Prayer Third Sunday of Lent

During this time of Lent, you call on us to prepare for Easter by prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We pray, Lord, that your Church throughout the world may be a sign of your love for all people and a beacon of hope for those in need – whether of the body or of the spirit.

### Retiring Collection

This weekend **2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> March** there will be a retiring collection for **Cathedral Maintenance**.

### Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Kath Parsons** and **Chrissie Everett-Hickson** on whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy. May they rest in peace. **Kath** from Cwmbran was with us on our Pilgrimage to Assisi last year. **Chrissie** was the 21 year old sister of a parishioner

### Lenten Alms

This Lent we will be donating our Lenten Alms to the **West Midlands Air Ambulance**. The collection box for offerings will be situated at the back of church throughout Lent.

### Whetstone Over 50's Group

**Monday March 11<sup>th</sup>** at **2pm** is the next meeting of the Whetstone Over 50's.

### Welcome

This weekend, we welcome **Fr Andrew Robinson** who will be celebrating our weekend Masses

This **Thursday evening**, please pray for the **Children of our Parish** who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation when **Canon Paul McNally** celebrates the Mass for them at 7:00pm.

## Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for March is:- **For the new martyrs**. We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

### 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.

### Craft & Natter

There will be a craft sale at the back of church on **Saturday & Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>/ 10<sup>th</sup> March**. Lots of lovely gifts for St Patrick's, Mothering Sunday, and Easter, so come along and have a look what we have for you and your family. We look forward to seeing you at our stall thank you

### SVP

The next **SVP** meeting will be on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March** at **7pm** in the Meeting Room.

**New members would be welcome**

### 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.

### Items for the Newsletter

Please continue for the time being, to send any items for the Newsletter to the parish email ([smota.aldridge@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:smota.aldridge@rcaob.org.uk)). These must also be sent before the Friday Morning of the week prior to that in which they are to appear.

### Aldridge Social Club – St Patrick’s Dance

16<sup>th</sup> March, Music by **John Doogan**  
Admission **£6.00 - 9:00pm** until **Midnight**.  
Pay at the Door

### 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 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.

### 50/50 Club Winners

The winners of the draw for January entrants drawn on 25<sup>th</sup> February:

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize</b>	<b>AH</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>£150.00</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize</b>	<b>MM</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>£75.00</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Prize</b>	<b>MQ</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>£37.50</b>

**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.

### Urgently Needed by Walsall Life

Boys clothes for newborn to 2 years, Moses baskets, cots and sterilisers. **Thank You**

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.

### 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 are interested in joining this group as a leader or as a helper please speak to Will B.

### Rosary for the Unborn

This Thursday, **7<sup>th</sup> March**, we pray the Holy Rosary **in our own homes** for the protection of all babies in the womb, and for their families. This month’s intention is: **‘For medical staff, that they uphold the principles of care at every stage of life’**.

### The Lord’s Prayer

As part of this years 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’. Each Tuesday throughout Lent we will be exploring the depth and beauty of a different aspect of the Lord’s Prayer:

**5th Mar: Our Daily Bread: God’s providence and our part in it.**

12th Mar: Forgiving: letting go, healing, restoration.

19th Mar: Temptation and evil: origins and remedies

26th Mar: Praying the prayer.

All are welcome – bring a friend! We meet in the Parish Meeting room at 7:00pm for half an hour.

### Congratulations

We offer our prayers and our congratulations to **Xavier Michael E** 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.

### Thank You from Jithin

It was a lovely surprise to receive a donation from Fr. Craig, which I know is from all the people. It means a lot to me and I also really appreciate your prayers and continuing support too. **Hope to see you soon. God Bless.**

## 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: 2<sup>ND</sup> /3<sup>RD</sup> March 2024

<b>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>READERS:</b>	John H & Pat H
<b>9:30AM SUNG MASS</b>	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Folk Group
	<b>READERS:</b>	Mark H & Martin B

### Duties During the Week: 4<sup>TH</sup> – 9<sup>TH</sup> March 2024

<b>CLEANERS:</b>	Team C
<b>FLOWERS:</b>	None required during Lent

### PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 9<sup>TH</sup>/10<sup>TH</sup> March 2024

<b>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	John & Ann T
	<b>WARDENS:</b>	Peter H
	<b>READERS:</b>	Hugh D & Cathy S
<b>9:30AM SUNG MASS</b>	<b>MUSIC:</b>	School – Mothering Sunday
	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Jonathan & Jenson G
	<b>WARDENS:</b>	John O'N & Elaine A
	<b>READERS:</b>	Helen C & Christine L
<b>COFFEE:</b>	Shelagh G, Cath W, Deirdre & Mary McC	

**And finally:-** A few weekends ago I wrote in the Newsletter to give you an update on my health and wellbeing. Sadly, since that update, things have not gone well. In the afternoon of Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> I began to feel unwell and, following the advice of my consultant, I was taken into A&E at the Royal Stoke University Hospital. Having spent 10hrs in the Emergency Department, I was taken into the care of the hospital and booked to return to theatre the following day. On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> I underwent a second surgical procedure which discovered a clot in my back and an infection. I then spent the next 5 days in hospital receiving very high doses of IV antibiotics before being sent back to my parents' late Tuesday afternoon. Please do not worry, I am well and my recovery is now back on track - if this kind of thing only happens to 1 in 100 people you can guarantee it would happen to me.

*May God bless you all, Fr. Craig*