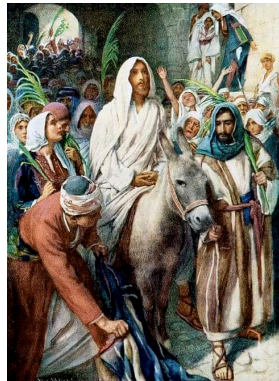


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SUNDAY

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Year B

DIVINE OFFICE
Week 2

DATE
Sunday 24th March 2024

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

<p>Saturday 23rd March 1st Mass of Sunday</p>	<p>6:00pm</p>	<p>Margaret Weir ^(The Weir Family)</p>
<p>Sunday 24th March Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</p>	<p>9:30am 5:00pm</p>	<p>Int. of Fr. Craig Davies ^(Patton Fam.) - People of the Parish <i>Stations of the Cross for Vocations</i></p>
<p>Monday 25th Mar Monday of Holy Week</p>	<p>7:00pm</p>	<p>Service of Reconciliation</p>
<p>Tuesday 26th Mar Tuesday of Holy Week</p>	<p>7:00pm</p>	<p>Exploration of the Lord's Prayer 'Praying the Prayer'.</p>
<p>Wednesday 27th Mar Wednesday of Holy Week</p>		<p>No Services Today</p>
<p>Thursday 28th Mar Thursday of Holy Week Maundy Thursday</p>	<p>9:00am 7:30pm 11:50pm</p>	<p><i>Morning Prayer</i> People of the Parish ^(Patton Family) <i>Night Prayer</i></p>
<p>Friday 29th March Good Friday</p>	<p>10:00am 3:00pm 7:00pm</p>	<p><i>Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> Solemn Liturgy of the Passion <i>Stations of the Cross</i></p>
<p>Saturday 30th March Lent Feria (1st Mass of Sunday)</p>	<p>10:00am 7:30pm</p>	<p><i>Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> Pat Hopley ^{RIP (J&SW)} + Rosemary Bunce ^{RIP (B Family.)}</p>
<p>Sunday 31st March Solemnity of the Resurrection</p>	<p>9:30am</p>	<p>Francis Patton ^{RIP (P. Family)} People of the Parish</p>

Pope Francis

Let us ask the Lord to help us grow in the virtue of prudence so that, amid the storms and winds that buffet our lives, we may remain anchored to Christ, our cornerstone.

Welcome

This weekend, we welcome **Fr Craig Szmidd** who will be celebrating our weekend Masses & the Sacred Triduum.

Reconciliation Service

As part of our Lenten preparation, **Fr. David Doran** from St Peter's, Bloxwich and other priests of the deanery have kindly agreed to lead a **service of reconciliation** in our church **this coming Monday 25th March at 7.00pm**. Please take advantage of this valuable opportunity to avail yourself of the Sacrament of Confession and Reconciliation.

The CaFOD Prayer **CAFOD** Palm Sunday

May we, the branches of you, the Vine, work humbly to transform the world in whatever way we can – however small – out of love for you, Lord Jesus.

Washing of the Feet on Maundy Thursday

We have need of **12 volunteers** for the ceremony of the Washing of the Feet on **Maundy Thursday**. This is a very important and significant part of the ceremonies of Holy Week. [There is a sign up sheet in the porch.](#)

Duty Rota

Copies of latest duty rota for **Sunday Coffee mornings** are available to collect in the porch. This has also been posted on our website

Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Chrissie Everett-Hickson** and **Bill Baxendale** (sadly Bill died on Tuesday) on whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy. May they rest in peace.

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

Easter break approaches, and we close after our meeting on the **26th March**; no meeting on the **2nd April**. We return to normal on Tuesday **9th April** 11am to 3pm when all are welcome. For more information call me on 07900 604902.

Retiring Collection

There will be a retiring collection on Good Friday for the Holy Places.

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.

Items for the Newsletter

Please send any items for the Newsletter to the parish email (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.

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.

Easter Offering

There are envelopes available in the porch for your **Easter Offering**, your gift to your Parish Priest this Easter. You can use the Envelope or simply place your offering in the collection basket at the **Easter Vigil** or on **Easter Sunday**. It goes to Fr. Craig.

Thank you from Walsall Life

Walsall Life would like to thank everyone who contributed the items requested over the last few weekends. Your generosity is, as always, very much appreciated.

Thank You all.

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.

British Summer Time Begins



Remember the clocks go **forward one hour** on Easter Sunday morning.

Beetle Drive



Why not join us at our **Beetle Drive** on **Friday 12th April at 7:00pm**? It will be preceded by a **Fish, Chicken or Pie** and **chips supper**. There is a sign-up form in the porch where you can choose your meal. **Cost is £10** please, do please come and join us, it's great fun

Whetstone Over50's Group

Our next meeting is on **Monday 8th April at 2pm**. This month we have a speaker **Terry Church** who will be talking about **Radio and TV in the 50-60's**. Why not come along?

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:

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 **Emilia Ivy C** who was Baptised here last weekend. We pray also for her parents and Godparents as they take on the responsibility of raising her in the practice of the faith.

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: 23RD/24TH March 2024

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	READERS:	Gerry W & Brian L
9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Folk Group
	READERS:	Martin B & Catherine A

Duties During the Week: 25TH – 30TH March 2024

CLEANERS:	All Cleaners	
MAUNDY THURSDAY:	Welcomers	John & Ann T
	Readers	Brian L & Cathy S
GOOD FRIDAY 3:00PM:	Readers	John H, Catherine A & Will B
FLOWERS:	Sally S - Alter of Repose – All arrangers for Easter Weekend	

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 30TH /31ST March 2024

7:30PM VIGIL MASS	WELCOMERS:	John & Ann T <small>(for Dawn M)</small>
	WARDENS:	John O'N <small>(for Peter H)</small>
	READERS:	Anne C, Gerry W, Maura L, Cathy S & Will B
9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Folk Group
	WELCOMERS:	Margaret L, Helen A & Elena S
	WARDENS:	Pat & Sally S
	READERS:	Mark H & Helen C
COFFEE:	The M Family	

And finally:- This weekend we enter into Holy Week as we celebrate the Lord's triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem. During the course of this week we, through our reading of the Word of God and in sacramental signs, will accompany our Lord as He endures His Passion and Death, culminating in the celebration of His glorious Resurrection. The events of this week mark the central mystery of our faith. In them we enter into the drama which achieved our redemption. Through them we share in Christ's victory over sin and death. With thanksgiving in our hearts for the depths of God's love for us, which these days recall, may we draw close to Christ with renewed faith, and experience in our time the power of His Cross and the joy of the empty tomb.

May God bless you all, Fr. Craig