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**Registered
Charity
N°:234216**



DATE
Sunday 7th April 2024

SUNDAY
**Second Sunday of Easter
(Divine Mercy Sunday)**

DIVINE OFFICE
Week 2

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

Saturday 6th April 1 st Mass of Sunday	6:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 7th April Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)	9:30am	Int. of John O'Neill (JO'N)
Monday 8th April The Annunciation of the Lord Solemnity	9:15am	Int. of Kate Maddox (Wellbeing) (YD)
Tuesday 9th April Easter Feria	9:15am	Private Intention (H)
Wednesday 10th April Easter Feria		No Services Today
Thursday 11th April St. Stanislaus Bishop, Martyr Memorial	7:00pm	Private Intention
Friday 12th April Easter Feria	9:15am	Dcn. John Higgins RIP (MJ)
Saturday 13th April Easter Feria (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9:30am 10-11am 6:00pm	Dec. of the Mitchell & Delaney Family (CM) <i>Exposition, Confessions & Benediction</i> Reg & Mary Benton RIP (AW)
Sunday 14th April Third Sunday of Easter	9:30am	People of the Parish

Pope Francis

Jesus was not raised only for Himself, but for all of us. He redeemed all the happiness which has remained unfulfilled in our lives. Faith casts out fear, and Christ's resurrection removes sadness, just as the stone was removed from the tomb.

The CaFOD Prayer

CAFOD

Divine Mercy Sunday

We pray that each of us, by the way we live our lives and through our words, may bear witness each day to the risen Christ for all those around us.

Divine Mercy Devotions

This Sunday, **7th April** at **3:00pm**, we gather in church for devotions to the Divine Mercy. During this service we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, bless and venerate the image, and have benediction. If you have never experienced this wonderful devotion why not come along.

Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Chrissie Everett-Hickson, Bill Baxendale, John Morris, Mary Brough** and **Catherine Baker** on whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy. May they rest in peace.

Bill will be received into church at **4:30pm** on **Wednesday 17th April**. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated at **11am** on **Thursday 18th April** prior to interment at Oscott Cemetery.

Date for Your Diary

Our **Spring Fayre** will be on **Saturday 11th May**. Its time to prepare any seedlings you have that you are able to donate to the Fayre.

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for April is:- **For the role of women**. We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

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, 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

We meet every Tuesday from 11am to 3pm in the Parish Meeting Room. All are welcome to come along to join in the crafting or simply for some company and a chat. 50p per session for materials & tea/coffee. Stay for the morning, the afternoon or for the whole day, just remember to bring your lunch. For more information call Christine on 07900 604902.

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.

Duty Rotas

Copies of latest duty rota for **Sunday Coffee mornings** are available to collect in the porch. This and the **Sunday Mornings Readers** are also posted on the "Parish Duties" page of our website.

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 Pentecost.

Easter Offerings

I would like to thank you all for the many cards and gifts that I have received over the past week or so. I am, once again, overwhelmed by your generosity in the Easter Collection. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Stella Maris Mass

On **Wednesday 10th April** His Grace the Archbishop will celebrate the Stella Maris Mass (Apostleship of the Sea) at St Chad's Cathedral at **12:15pm**. If you would like to attend please contact Roland H on 0207 901 193.

Missio – Red Boxes

Could those who have a Red Mission Box in their care please empty them and let Sue W have the monies. If you have a Red Box and it has not been emptied for a while please contact Sue W on 01922 457247. Thank you.

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 chip supper**.

There is a sign-up form in the porch where you can choose your meal. **Cost is £10**, 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?

Diocesan Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage

An invitation is extended to married couples celebrating a milestone anniversary, and to those preparing to marry this year, to our annual Mass for Marriage at St. Chad's Cathedral. This Mass will be celebrated by His Grace the Archbishop at 12noon on Saturday 4th May. If you intend to go to this Mass please register your attendance by visiting: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/join-the-diocesan-thanksgiving-mass-for-marriage-2024>

Childrens Liturgy

Children's Liturgy takes place every Sunday at the 9:30am Mass. At the start of Mass the children will be invited to go out to the Meeting Room for their liturgy. All children are welcome to come along.

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 is:

7pm Tuesday 4th June

PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 6TH/7TH April 2024

7:30PM VIGIL MASS	READERS:	Hugh D & Pat H
9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Choir
	READERS:	Martin B & Catherine A

Duties During the Week: 8TH – 13TH April 2024

CLEANERS:	Team C
FLOWERS:	Sally/Shelagh

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 13TH /14TH April 2024

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	WELCOMERS:	Shelagh G & Anne H
	WARDENS:	Brian L
	READERS:	John H & Brian L
9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Folk Group
	WELCOMERS:	Rossella B & Helen C
	WARDENS:	Pat & Sally S
	READERS:	Alice G & Christine L
COFFEE:	Fran & Margaret R and Sue W	

And finally:- The Octave day of the Easter Season has, since the Pontificate of Pope St. John Paul II, been known as 'Divine Mercy Sunday'. Today as we gather, bathed in the light of Easter glory, we rejoice in the wonderful gift of God's mercy revealed in Christ. The power of Christ's Resurrection, John Paul II wrote, "heals the wounds of the heart, pulls down the barriers that separate us from God and divide us from one another, and at the same time, restores the joy of the Father's love and of fraternal unity." The challenge for us, of course, is that we are called not only to receive the mercy that comes to us from God, but also to practice mercy towards others. Today, in so many parts of our world, and even in our own families, we see the devastating effects of hatred and division, places where mercy finds no home. Today let us pray that the power of the Cross, which brought healing and reconciliation into our broken world, may move the hearts and minds of all peoples to be merciful.

May God bless you all, Fr. Craig