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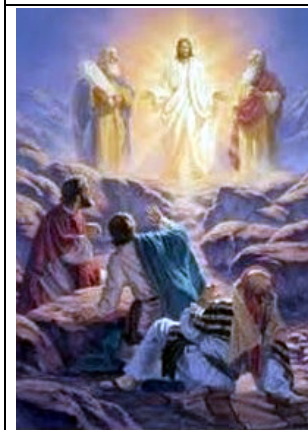
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**DATE**

Sunday 1st March 2026

SUNDAY

2nd Sunday of Lent 2026
Year A

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 2

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

Saturday 28 th February 2026 Lent Feria (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	9:30am 10:00-10:30am 6:00pm	Mary O'Connell RIP ^(FH) <i>Confessions & Benediction</i> Lily & Allen Payne RIP ^(SW)
Sunday 1 st March 2026 2nd Sunday of Lent	8:55am 9:30am	<i>Day of Prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments</i> <i>Sunday Rosary Devotion Group</i> People of the Parish - SMA School Family Mass & Commitment Mass
Monday 2 nd March 2026 St Chad Bishop, Patron of the Diocese ^{Feast}		<i>No Services Today</i>
Tuesday 3 rd March 2026 Lent Feria	9:15am	Michael McDonagh ^(JH) <i>Get well soon</i>
Wednesday 4 th March 2026 Lent Feria	9:15am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Melina Simpson RIP ^(YD) <i>Stations of the Cross</i> <i>Rosary Devotion Group in Meeting Room (UFN)</i>
Thursday 5 th March 2026 Lent Feria	11:00am At Home 6:30pm 7:00pm	Requiem Mass for Mary Gowans <i>Pray the Rosary for the Unborn</i> Lenten Talk Private Intention
Friday 6 th March 2026 Lent Feria	12 Noon 4:00pm	<i>Lent Fast Day – Women's World Day of Prayer</i> Int. of the Howard Family <i>Soup will be served in the Meeting Room after Mass</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday 7 th March 2026 Lent Feria (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	9:30am 10:00-10:30am 6:00pm	John Doogan RIP ^(J&RL) <i>Confessions & Benediction</i> Liz Boring RIP ^(DM)
Sunday 8 th March 2026 3rd Sunday of Lent	8:55am 9:30am	<i>Day of Prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments</i> <i>Sunday Rosary Devotion Group</i> People of the Parish

The Holy Communion and Confirmation Classes for Children not at Catholic Schools:

Our Holy Communion Classes and Confirmation **continue** straight after Sunday Mass. For details, please contact our Parish Catechist **Mrs Philomena Mullins:** cat.smota.aldridge@rcaob.org.uk

Pope Leo

I invite everyone to pray for the war-torn people of Ukraine and for all those who suffer due to this war and every conflict in the world, so that the long-awaited gift of peace may shine in our days.

Lent 'Walk with Me' Booklet

A few Lenten copies of **Walk with Me** remain in the church porch. Our suggested donation of £1.50 would be most welcome.

Recently Deceased

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of and **Mary Gowans** upon whose soul, Sweet Jesus have mercy. **Mary's** Requiem will be at **11:00am** on **Thursday 5th March** followed by interment at **Streetly** at **12:30pm**.

The CaFOD Prayer 2nd Sunday in Lent Time

CAFOD

Help us, Lord our God, to treat the earth gently. We must protect and care for the whole of your creation. This is the home you have given us and the home for all who come after us.

Family Fun Afternoon



Family Fun Afternoon, Sunday 29th March at 2-5pm. **Games, Craft Table etc.** - Bring your own food/snacks. Limited spaces.

Please use the signup sheet in the porch.

Piety Stall

Please visit our restocked the Piety Stall. We have Gifts and cards to celebrate St Patrick's Day, Confirmations, and Mothering Sunday, Easter and those being received into the Church this Easter. Lots for new babies and children being baptised. If we don't have what you want on the stall, just ask to see the catalogue, we are happy to accommodate special orders.

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for March is:- **For disarmament and peace** Let us pray that nations move towards effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Parish Pastoral Meeting

The **AGM** and **Meeting** of the **Parish Pastoral Council** proposed for 26th February has had to be postponed. Details of the new date will be published shortly.

Sick in the Parish

Please pray for the sick in the parish, remembering especially:

Sheila Brayford, Geraldine Frith, Andrew Mather, Ann Watson, Anne Mitchell, Maureen Patton, Maureen Carr, Shaun Smith, Kathleen 'Frankie' Smith, Sheila Plimmer, Ann Hornblower, Dennis Poyner, Freddie Evans, Nuala & George Partridge, Hilary Fernandes, Eoghain Devine, Marian Mathews, Marie Wilson, Ian Phipps, Oscar Wordsworth, Nichola Woodhall, Paul Corbett, Carmel Fekete, Lynn Stanley, Janet Chambers, Jo Hawker, Alison Welton, Louise Morgan, Margaret Davis, Joe Bannister, Margaret Healy, Juliet Woodhall, Luke Smith, Catherine Shepherd, David Goodwin, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia (Dotty) Cutler, Keith Allford, Anna Morgan ^{née} Meehan, Holly Brady, Jo Cooke, Anne Humphreys, Theresa Chandler, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath Breen, Max Lewis, David & Sheila Piggott, Clare Cooksey & Áine McDonagh.

Nursery places at St Mary of the Angels

Primary

Places for the **September 2026** intake at our primary school are now available, see the notice board in the porch. Please contact school on **01922 743411** or email:

postbox@st-maryangel.walsall.sch.uk

For more information, or see the notice board in the porch. ⁶

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.

RCIA Growing the Faith

The R.C.I.A course meeting continues from **7:00 to 8:30pm** this **Tuesday 3rd March**. **All are welcome**, those already Catholics wanting to know more about the faith and those who want to become Catholics. That session will be entitled '**Virtues & Vices**'.

Lenten Friday Mass



During Lent, the **Mass on Friday** will be at **12 Noon**. This will be followed by soup with a bread roll in the Meeting Room. All donations will be gratefully received for **Mary's Meals**; it's a great opportunity to help with your Lenten Friday fast.¹ Our Lenten Alms will be for the aid of **Fr. Hudson's Caritas**.

Lenten Talks on Thursday Evenings

Our Lenten talks, on Thursdays, continue at **6:30pm** before the evening Mass. These will help us to grow **spiritually** to prepare ourselves for the celebration of the Paschal Mysteries. These talks are led by various guest members of the clergy throughout the period of Lent. This week's speaker is **Fr. Jobin** from St. Mary's the Mount; his subject will be 'Forgiveness and its results'.³

Craft & Natter

Craft and Natter will be having a stall at the back of church this weekend, **28th February/1st March**, after the Masses. We will have St Patrick's, Mothering Sunday, and Easter gifts for sale so save your pennies and come and look at what we have to offer. All monies raised go towards church funds, thanking you all in advance for your generosity. Christine

SVP Meeting

The next meeting of the **SVP** will be this **Thursday 5th March** in the meeting room, around **7:30pm** following the **7pm Mass**. If you would be interested in joining us, please do pop along.

Whetstone Over-50s

Over 50's Group

The next meeting of the **Over 50's** will be on **Monday 9th March** at **2pm** in the meeting room.

We have an excellent speaker Mary Bodfish coming along to talk to us about **Edward and Mrs Simpson**. Come along and enjoy the talk; new members are always welcome.

Rosary for the Unborn

This **Thursday 5th March** we pray the Rosary at home 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**.

Date for Your Diary



Our **St. Patrick's Day** celebration evening at **7:00pm** on **Friday 13th March** in the Conservative Club. Tickets are available next weekend **28^{Feb}/01^{Mar}** after Masses. You may take refreshments to the club, e.g. sandwiches etc. but **crisps** and **drinks** **MUST** be purchased from the club⁵.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please remember to inform **Fr. Ramesh 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 date for Baptism Preparation is:

7:00pm Tuesday 10th March 2026

7:00pm Tuesday 9th June 2026

7:00pm Tuesday 8th September 2026

PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 28TH FEBRUARY – 1ST MARCH 2026

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	WELCOMERS:	Mavie & Krystal B
	READERS:	Hugh D & Cathy S
	EO Euch. Ministers	Jonathan G & Ann T
9:30AM SUNG MASS	WELCOMERS:	Katharine & Dave
	MUSIC:	School
	READERS:	Florence N & Christine L
	EO Euch. Ministers	Janet & Will

Duties During the Week: 2ND – 6TH MARCH 2026

CLEANERS:	Team C
FLOWERS:	No flowers for the remainder of Lent

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 7TH – 8TH MARCH 2026

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	WELCOMERS:	Dawn M
	READERS:	Pat H & Gerry W
	EO Euch. Ministers	Emma H & Tony M
9:30AM SUNG MASS.	WARDENS:	Tony M
	WELCOMERS:	Margaret L & Elena S
	MUSIC:	Choir
	READERS:	Edith B & Will B
	EO Euch. Ministers	Katharine M & Sue ^{Musicians} Catherine C
	WARDENS:	John O & Elaine A
COFFEE:	Catherine C & Girls, Rossella B & Girls	

Reflection: In the Transfiguration story in today's Gospel, Jesus is revealed as a glorious figure, superior to Moses and Elijah. The primary purpose of Jesus' Transfiguration was to allow Jesus to consult his Heavenly Father in order to ascertain His plan for His Son's suffering, death, and Resurrection. The secondary aim was to make His chosen disciples aware of Jesus' Divine glory, so that they might discard their worldly ambitions and their dreams of Him as a conquering political Messiah, and that they might be strengthened in their time of trial. On the mountain, Jesus is identified out of the Cloud by the Heavenly Voice (God the Father), as "*My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased!*" On Jesus, the Holy Spirit would also descend as a dove, confirming for John (Jesus' Precursor and Baptiser), the identity of his cousin Jesus of Nazareth, as the Promised Messiah, as John publicly proclaimed. Thus, the Transfiguration narrative is a Christophany, that is, a manifestation or revelation of who Jesus really is. Describing Jesus' Transfiguration, the Gospel gives us a glimpse of the Heavenly glory awaiting those who do God's will by putting their trusting Faith in Him, as the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 33), for today, encourages us to do.

God bless you all.