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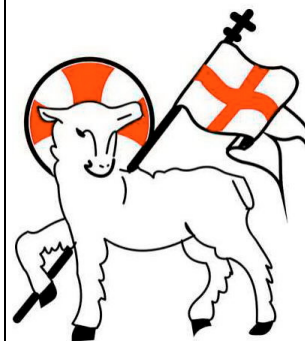
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DATE

Sunday 18th January 2026

SUNDAY

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 2

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

Saturday 17 th January 2026 St. Anthony Abbot ^{Memorial} (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6:00pm	<i>There will be No Morning Mass, Confession or Benediction this morning</i> Joan Hart RIP ^(PJ)
Sunday 18 th January 2026 2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:55am 9:30am	Octave of Christian Unity <i>Sunday Rosary Devotion Group</i> People of the Parish
Monday 19 th January 2026 St. Wulstan Bishop ^{Feast}		Octave of Christian Unity
Tuesday 20 th January 2026 Feria in Ordinary Time		Octave of Christian Unity
Wednesday 21 st January 2026 St. Agnes Virgin, Martyr ^{Memorial}	6:00pm	<i>Rosary Devotion Group in Meeting Room (UFN)</i>
Thursday 22 nd 4 January 2026 Feria in Ordinary Time		
Friday 23 rd January 2026 Feria in Ordinary Time		
Saturday 24 th January 2026 St. Francis de Sales ^{Feast} Bishop Doctor of the Church (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6:00pm	23 rd Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of <i>His Grace, Archbishop Bernard Longley</i> <i>There will be No Morning Mass, Confession or Benediction this morning</i> John Gallagher RIP ^(TG)
Sunday 25 th January 2026 3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time		<i>Sunday Rosary Devotion Group</i> Anthony (Tony) Andrews RIP ^(CA)

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

Our Holy Communion Classes and Confirmation **continue** straight after Sunday Mass. For further details, please contact our Parish Catechist: **Mrs Philomena Mullins.**
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Pope Leo

Jesus calls us to be His friends; let us not leave this invitation unheeded. Let us welcome and care for this relationship. We will discover that our friendship with God is our salvation.

The CaFOD Prayer 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Almighty God, Ruler of all things, be merciful, hear our pleading and bestow your peace in our time upon this suffering world of ours.

Recently Deceased

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Maria Spicer** upon whose soul, Sweet Jesus have mercy.

Maria Spicer's Requiem Mass will be at **1:00pm** on **Thursday 29th January** here in SMA church followed by her committal at **2:30pm** at **Streetly Cemetery**. **Fr. Ryan Service** will be the celebrant in church and the cemetery.

Maria sadly passed away following the funeral and committal of her daughter **Kim Partridge** that took place at our church recently. Of your charity, please also remember all of the **Spicer** and **Partridge** families who are mourning both of these tragic losses.

Oscott College Tours & Organ Recital



More tours of the college are available, these and the organ recital on **Sunday 8th** from **3:00** to **4:30pm** can be booked online at:

<https://www.oscott/org/events>.

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for January is:- **For prayer with the word of God**

Let us pray that praying with the word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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 Plimer, Ann Hornblower, Dennis Poyner, Freddie Evans, Nuala & George Partridge, Hilary Fernandes, Eoghain Devine, Jean Watson, 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.

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

Our weekly **R.C.I.A** course continues from 7:00 to 8:30pm this **Tuesday 20th January**. **All are welcome**, those already Catholics wanting to know more about the faith and those who want to become Catholics. This week's session is entitled **Confession & Anointing**.

HEALTH & SAFETY

All electrical appliances brought into church **must be PAT tested** (Portable Appliance Tested). If the electrical appliance brought in is brand new, then those brand new items will be tested this year in November.

Thank you, **Phil P.** (5- final)

Piety Stall



Thank you to all parishioners who have supported us during our first Christmas managing the Piety Stall. We hope you are pleased with your purchases. Please continue to visit us this year, remember the **Piety Stall is not just for Christmas**.

Baptisms in 2025



It is with joy that during the calendar year of 2025, we were able to welcome into the Church, eighteen new members on the occasions of their Baptism. Our congratulations and prayers go with them, their parents, and Godparents. They are:-

- 19/01/2025 **James F** (Christopher & Bethan F)
- 26/01/2025 **Renny M** (Michael T & Colette M)
- 09/02/2025 **Freddy E** (David & Renu E)
- 18/05/2025 **Marco S** (James & Katrina S)
- 25/05/2025 **Carter N** (Owen N & Olivia B)
- 08/06/2025 **John M** (Samuel & Marialuigia M)
- 29/06/2025 **Albie J** (Adam & Emellie J)
- 06/07/2025 **Aria H** (James H & Paige R)
- 13/07/2025 **Cree D** (Luke D & Natalie C)
- 03/08/2025 **Isabella** (Mark & Nicola)
- 24/08/2025 **Ronnie C** (Joseph & Molly C)
- 07/09/2025 **Eden & Vinnie D** (Matthew D & Amy N)
- 28/09/2025 **Maeve S** (Tommy S & Samantha C)
- 19/10/2025 **Ariana & Evelina F** (Andrew & Nikita F)
- 02/11/2025 **Alara K** (Alexander K & Hayley R)
- 13/12/2025 **Cormac T** (Adam T & Seosaimhin K)

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: 17TH – 18TH JANUARY 2026

<u>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</u>	WELCOMERS:	Ann & John T
	READERS:	John H & Hugh D
	^{EO}Euch. Ministers	Chris & John T
<u>9:30AM SUNG MASS</u>	WELCOMERS:	Katharine & Dave ^(Shift Swap)
	MUSIC:	Folk Group
	READERS:	Florence N & Martin
	^{EO}Euch. Ministers	Sue & Katharine ^{Musicians} Catherine C

Duties During the Week: 19TH – 24TH JANUARY 2026

CLEANERS:	Team A
FLOWERS:	Sally & Shelagh

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 24TH – 25TH JANUARY 2026

<u>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</u>	WELCOMERS:	Shelagh G & Anne H
	READERS:	Cathy S & Pat H
	^{EO}Euch. Ministers	Anne C & Bernadette
<u>9:30AM SUNG MASS.</u>	WARDENS:	Tony M
	WELCOMERS:	Rossella B & Helen C
	MUSIC:	Choir
	READERS:	Sianna & Will B
	^{EO}Euch. Ministers	Janet & Will ^{Musicians} Phil P
	WARDENS:	John O & Elaine A
COFFEE:	Dave & Katharine M & Claire B	

Reflection: Today, on the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Church invites us to slow down and look closely at Jesus - not through miracles or dramatic events, but through a simple, powerful witness. John the Baptist sees Jesus coming toward him and says: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." This is the first thing John tells us about Jesus, not a teacher, not a miracle worker, not a political leader, **Lamb of God**. For the people listening, this title meant sacrifice, humility, and deliverance. It reminded them of the Passover lamb, whose blood brought freedom and life. John is telling them - and us - that Jesus has come not with force or power, but with self-giving love. Like John the Baptist, we are called to be witnesses. Not by preaching loudly, but by how we live: • choosing honesty when it would be easier to lie, • showing kindness when others are ignored, • forgiving instead of holding onto anger, • standing up for what is right, even when it costs us. Each time we come to Mass, we hear the same words John spoke: "Behold the Lamb of God." They are not just words before Communion. They are an invitation - to recognise Jesus again, to trust Him, and to follow Him more deeply. As we continue this season, let us ask for the grace to see Christ clearly and to point others toward Him - not by drawing attention to ourselves, but by lives shaped by humility, faith, and love. May we be people, who can honestly say, through our actions: This is the Lamb of God. Amen.

God bless you all.