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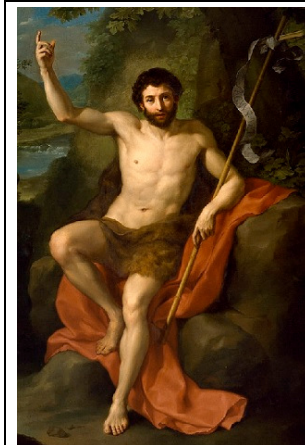
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DATE

Sunday 7th December 2025

SUNDAY

2nd Sunday of Advent- Year A

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 2

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

Saturday 6 th December	9:30am	People of the Parish
St Nicholas Bishop ^{Memorial} (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	10:00-10:30am	<i>Confessions & Benediction</i>
	6:00pm	Int. of John Reeves ^(SJ)
Sunday 7 th December	8:55am	<i>Sunday Rosary Devotion Group</i>
Second Sunday of Advent	9:30am	Michael Sparkes ^{RIP} (Choir)
Monday 8 th December		<u>No Services Today</u>
Immaculate Conception ^{Blessed Virgin Mary Solemnity}		
Tuesday 9 th December	9:15am	Johnny Devlin ^{RIP} ^(VD)
Advent Feria		
Wednesday 10 th December	9:15am	Funeral Mass for Baby Hudson McKeown
St Francis Xavier Priest ^{Memorial}	6:00pm	<i>Rosary Devotion Group in Meeting Room (UFN)</i>
Thursday 11 th December	6:30pm	<i>Rosary for the Unborn</i>
Advent Feria	7:00pm	Private Intention
Friday 12 th December	9:15am	Int. of Barbara McNulty ^(SB)
Advent Feria		
Saturday 13 th December	9:30am	Bert Margetts ^{RIP} ^(EM)
St Lucy ^{Virgin, martyr} ^{Memorial} (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	10:00-10:30am	<i>Confessions & Benediction</i>
	6:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 14 th December	8:55am	<i>Sunday Rosary Devotion Group</i>
Third Sunday of Advent	9:30am	Catherine Connolly ^{RIP} ^(MD)

Christmas Offering Envelopes Are Now Available in the Porch

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

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

If we wish to build peace we must anchor ourselves to heaven and, firmly set in that direction, let us love without being afraid of losing those things which pass away and let us give without measure.

The CaFOD Prayer 2nd Sunday of Advent

CAFOD

Lord Jesus, as we await your coming, excite in us a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in our homes and your peace in our hearts.

Bishop Timothy's Pastoral Visitation

This Weekend of 6th & 7th December, we welcome Bishop Timothy Menezes as he makes his Pastoral visit to SMA. After Mass on Saturday there will be a reception for Bishop Timothy (with a buffet served) for everyone who has given their intention to attend.

Whetstone over 50's

The next meeting of the over 50's group is **Monday 8th December at 1pm**. This is our Christmas party so don't forget your contribution for the table and your Secret Santa to the value of £5.

Recently Deceased

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of **Baby Hudson McKeown** and **Paul Wright** upon whose souls, Sweet Jesus have mercy.

Social Events

Do you have any suggestions for Social Events that could be held at St Mary of the Angels? If you do can you please write them down on the sheet at the back of Church by **Wednesday 10th December**. Your suggestions would be most welcome. Many thanks

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for December is - For Christians in areas of Conflict – Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

Christmas Nativity



Join us in church for our Christmas Carols and Nativity on Sunday 14th December at 5pm.

All your favourite carols, short readings and Nativity scenes created by children of the parish.

Please join us afterwards in the Meeting Room to share a glass of Christmas cheer and a festive pie!!

Sick in the Parish

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

Sheila Brayford, Geraldine Frith, John Hayes (Senior), 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.

Please remember also in your prayers those who carry the burden of their illnesses privately and those who care for them.

Second Collections

The next retiring collection will be this weekend, **6th/7th December** for the **Poor Parishes Fund**. There will be an SVP collection next weekend **13th/14th December 2025**.

Remember that you are now able to donate using the Dona card machine 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.

Sunday Life Fundraiser



This Sunday 7th December we will be having our fundraiser for **Walsall Life** in the Meeting Room after Mass. **Please support us with bottles, cakes, biscuits, chocolates sweets and gifts for the Tombola. A Big Thank** you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you after Mass on Sunday

SMA Choir

If you enjoy singing the hymns at Mass on Sunday morning, **have you thought about joining the Choir?** If you want more information please come upstairs to the Choir loft for a chat before or after Sunday's 9.30 am Mass, **(when the Choir is singing).**

Maureen D



Could you be a Lourdes Healthcare Volunteer?

Are you a **doctor, nurse or carer?** Would you consider donating your time and expertise on next years Lourdes Pilgrimage? Every year sick pilgrims are able to make the journey to Lourdes thanks to the support of a dedicated Healthcare Team. Without their expertise many pilgrims would not be able to go. If you're a Healthcare professional and would like to try something new, please consider joining us. You will make a real difference. For more information, and to access the Volunteer Pilgrim Pack and an application form, please visit:-

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage>

Piety Stall

Our Christmas stock is here and we can order any specific items you would like e.g. **Nativity sets, Christmas books and bibles for children** etc. Please come and look at our catalogue with us **after the 9.30 Mass on Sundays.**

RCIA Growing the Faith

Our weekly **R.C.I.A** course continues from 7:00 to 8:30pm this **Tuesday 9th December. 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 **Moral Action.**

Missio(Red Box)

A **Total of £435** has been banked for the period September to December. For the whole of **2025** a total of **£670** has been banked. Thank you to all who continue to support this worthy cause. God bless

The Thomas Project

Once again we are supporting the Thomas Project with Christmas gifts. They have asked if we can give new gifts for either children or adults this year. The gifts will be required by the **14th December.**

Please do not wrap them. Thank you.

Craft and Natter

We are back to normal this coming Tuesday the **9th and 16th December**, after which we close for Christmas. Back after the festivities on **January 13th, 11am 'till 3pm**, when the **subs will now be £1 per week.** For more information please call me, **Christine on 07900 604902**

Carol Services

Our **SFA College** would like to invite you to their Carol Service here at St Mary of the Angels on **Monday 8th December** at **7 o'clock** for an evening of **Carols and Readings** telling the **Christmas Story. All are welcome.**



Aldridge School will have their Carol Service in our church on **Monday 15th December** at **7:30pm**

50/50 Club Winners

The winners of the draw October entrants drawn on **30th November 2025:**

1st Prize	KW	95	£150.00
2nd Prize	AT	97	£65.00
3rd Prize	MC	77	£30.00

Total prize money this month: £245.00

If you are interested in joining our monthly draw (£5 per ticket) please speak to Sue W or Fr. Ramesh.

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: 6TH – 7TH DECEMBER 2025

<u>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</u>	WELCOMERS:	Ann & John T
	READERS:	Pat & Hugh
	^{EO}Euch. Ministers	Anne C & Bernadette D
<u>9:30AM SUNG MASS</u>	WELCOMERS:	Volunteers Requested
	MUSIC:	Folk Group
	READERS:	Sianna & Catherine
	^{EO}Euch. Ministers	Katie C-C & Sue W ^{Musicians} Phil P

Duties During the Week: 8TH – 13TH DECEMBER

CLEANERS:	Team D.
FLOWERS:	No Flowers Until Christmas - when It's All Arrangers!

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 13TH – 14TH DECEMBER 2025

<u>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</u>	WELCOMERS:	Mavie & Krystal B
	READERS:	Gerry & Brian
	^{EO}Euch. Ministers	Tony M & Ann T
<u>9:30AM SUNG MASS.</u>	WARDENS:	Tony M
	WELCOMERS:	Helen A & Elaine A ^{for Katharine & Dave}
	MUSIC:	Choir
	READERS:	Maura & Christine
	^{EO}Euch. Ministers	Janet W & Sue W ^{Musicians} Catherine C
	WARDENS:	John O & Elaine A
	COFFEE:	Helen C, Karen & Brian L

Reflection: On the second Sunday of the Advent John the Baptist urges the Pharisees and Sadducees to give evidence that they mean to reform their lives so as to recognise and be ready to meet and accept the promised Messiah. He challenges them to repentance, conversion, and renewal. He tells the common people, who expect the Messiah to come soon, to act with justice and charity, letting their lives reflect the transformation that will occur when the Messiah enters their lives. In the same way, that we prepare to welcome Christ at Christmas, John advises us to “*prepare the way of the Lord.*”

God bless you all.