

Pope Leo

I renew my invitation for everyone to join me for the **Prayer Vigil for Peace**, which we will celebrate in **St. Peter's Basilica** on **Saturday, April 11, at 6:00pm** Rome time (5:00pm British Summer Time).

<https://www.catholicactionforum.org/messages/prayer-vigil-with-pope-leoxiv-on-saturday-april-11/>

I urge everyone to accompany this moment of delicate diplomacy with prayer, in hopes that a willingness to dialogue may become the means to resolve other conflict situations in the world as well. Let us pray together for Peace.

Your Easter Offerings

Fr. Ramesh would like to thank you all for your generous Easter offerings. Your kindness and support are truly appreciated and I am grateful to all of you. I trust you had a joyful and blessed Easter.

The CaFOD Prayer Second Sunday of Easter

We praise you, Lord Jesus, for your glorious resurrection, which has opened the way for us to enter your Father's heavenly kingdom.

Congratulations upon Recent Baptisms



We offer our prayers and our congratulations to **Cameron, Gabrielle** and **Valery B** who were Baptised on **Sunday 5th April 2026**. We pray also for their parents Valery and Esther and godparents as they take on the responsibility of raising them in the practice of the Faith.

Piety Stall

We trust you all had a wonderful Easter. In addition to our usual stocks we now have a selection of **First Holy Communion** and **Confirmation cards** and **gifts**. Come along and see us.

Pope's Leo's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for April is:- **For Priests in Crisis** Let us pray for **priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation**, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayers.

<https://prayasyougo.org/pope-prayer/2026-04>

Recently Deceased

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of **Andrew Mather** Father of Katharine M, **Bernadette Macrae**, and **Joseph Christopher Russell** upon whose souls, Sweet Jesus have mercy.

Joseph's Requiem will be at 12:30 on Tuesday 21st April and **Bernadette's** Requiem will be at 2:00pm on Friday 24th April.

Sick in the Parish

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

Catherine Revill, Keith Hickson, Sheila Brayford, Geraldine Frith, 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.

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 meetings continue from **7:00 to 8:30pm** this **Tuesday 14th April**. **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 '**The Life of Prayer**'.

Parish Pastoral Meeting

The quarterly **Parish Pastoral Meeting** and **AGM** are re-scheduled for **7:30pm** this **Thursday 16th April**. The minutes and agenda of both meetings are now displayed in the church porch. **As always, all parishioners are welcome to these.**

Craft & Natter



We return as usual this **Tuesday 14th April**. Everyone is welcome only £1 per session for all drinks and any supplies needed.

For more information call me, **Christine** on **07900 604902**.

Whetstone Over 50's Group

The group will meet this **Monday 13th April** at **2pm**. We have a speaker who will talk of his experiences of being a Magistrate. Don't sit at home bored come along a warm welcome will greet you.

Easter House Blessing

During the Easter season, parishioners are warmly invited to have their homes blessed. This beautiful tradition is an opportunity to ask God's blessing upon your household, especially during this joyful time of Christ's Resurrection. If you would like to arrange a house blessing, sign-up sheets are available in church porch; kindly write your name, address and a convenient time. May the peace and joy of Easter fill your homes and remain with you throughout the year.

Marriage Support



From relationships that are 'Just in a Rut', needing some refreshment or more serious issues - If you are open to try again - Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage. To find out more:

www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443

Annual Diocesan Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage



An invitation is extended to married couples, those celebrating a milestone anniversary and those preparing to marry this year, to our **Diocesan Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage** at **St Chad's Cathedral** on **Saturday 2nd May 2026** at **12 Noon**. This will be followed by light refreshments. Use either the QR Code above or the hyperlink below to book your attendance. For more information, and to register your attendance, please visit:-

www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass

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.catholicdridge.co.uk/baptismal-enquiries.html>

Here you can complete a '**Baptism Enquiry Form**'. The next available dates for Baptism Preparation are:

7:00pm Tuesday 9th June 2026

7:00pm Tuesday 8th September 2026

PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 11TH – 12TH APRIL 2026

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	WELCOMERS:	Ann & John T
	READERS:	Gerry & Cathy
	E O Euch. Ministers	Tony & John
9:30AM SUNDAY SUNG MASS.	WELCOMERS:	Helen A & Elaine A
	MUSIC:	Choir
	READERS:	Florence & Will
	E O Euch. Ministers	Katharine & Sue ^{Musicians} Phil

Duties During the Week: 13TH – 18TH APRIL 2026

CLEANERS:	Team D
FLOWERS:	Sally

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 18TH – 19TH APRIL 2026

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	WELCOMERS:	Shelagh G & Anne H
	READERS:	Hugh & Pat
	E O Euch. Ministers	Emma & Chris
	WARDENS:	Tony M
9:30AM SUNG MASS.	WELCOMERS:	Rossella B & Helen C
	MUSIC:	Choir
	READERS:	Edith & Catherine
	E O Euch. Ministers	Katie & Janet ^{Musicians} Catherine
	WARDENS:	John O & Elaine A
COFFEE:	Beryl & Tony, Anna M	

Reflection: In today's Gospel, as we recall Jesus' appearance to the Apostles on that first Easter evening, we are vividly reminded of the Sacrament of Reconciliation - the power to forgive sins which Our Lord gave to His Apostles, saying, "*Whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain, they are retained*" (Jn 20:23). Today's Gospel also emphasises the importance of Faith in the all-pervading presence of the risen Lord of Mercy. To "*believe without having seen*" is every later Christian's experience. We are invited to receive liberation from doubts and hesitation by surrendering our lives to the risen Lord of Mercy. Let us ask God our Father to open our hearts so that we may receive His Mercy in the form of the Holy Spirit Who abides in us from the moment of our Baptism.

God Bless you all.