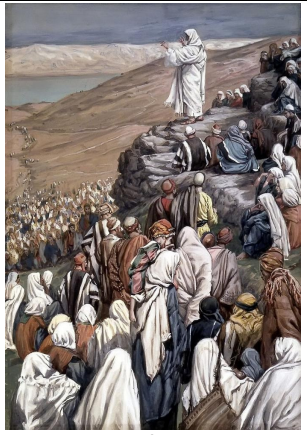


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DATE
Sunday 1st February 2026
SUNDAY
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
DIVINE OFFICE
Week 4

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

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| Saturday 31 st January 2026 St John Bosco Priest Memorial (Vigil Mass for Sunday) | 6:00pm | <i>There will be No Morning Mass, Confession or Benediction this morning</i> Int. of Breda O'Brien |
| Sunday 1 st February 2026 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8:55am 9:30am | <i>Racial Justice day</i> <i>Sunday Rosary Devotion Group</i> People of the Parish |
| Monday 2 nd February 2026 Presentation of the Lord Feast <i>Candlemas</i> | 10:00am | <i>World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life</i> Private Intention |
| Tuesday 3 rd February 2026 St. Werburg Abbess Memorial | | |
| Wednesday 4 th February 2026 Feria in Ordinary Time | 6:00pm | <i>Rosary Devotion Group in Meeting Room (UFN)</i> |
| Thursday 5 th February 2026 St. Agatha Virgin, Martyr Memorial | At Home | <i>Pray the Rosary for the Unborn -</i> |
| Friday 6 th February 2026 St. Paul Miki & Companions Martyrs Memorial | | |
| Saturday 7 th February 2026 St John Bosco Priest Memorial (Vigil Mass for Sunday) | 6:00pm | <i>There will be No Morning Mass, Confession or Benediction this morning</i> Int. of John Reeves |
| Sunday 8 th February 2026 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8:55am 9:30am | <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 further details, please contact our Parish Catechist: **Mrs Philomena Mullins.**
cat.smota.aldridge@rcaob.org.uk

Pope Leo

Sacred Scripture, which is the inspired Word of God, and Sacred Tradition, the living memory of the Church, are intimately bound together. They form the one Deposit of Faith, which helps us navigate the complexities of life to reach our eternal home in Heaven.

The CaFOD Prayer

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CAFOD

Teach me, Lord, your ways. Teach me to be patient and kind, to take no offence at others, to be ready to excuse and forgive. May your love be seen to prevail in me. Your ways, not my ways.

Recently Deceased

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

Congratulations on Baptism



We offer our prayers and our congratulations to **Lucas T**, and his parents **Grady** and **Abigail T** Lucas was Baptised on **Sunday 25th January 2026**. As well as his parents and siblings, we pray for his godparents as they take on the responsibility of raising him in the practice of the faith.

Lenten Talks on Thursdays

During the season of Lent our Lenten talks will help us to grow spiritually to prepare ourselves for the celebration of the Paschal Mysteries. These talks are led by **Rev Fr Michael Dolman (Rector of St. Mary's College Oscott Diocesan Seminary)**.¹

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for February is:- **For Children with incurable diseases**. Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

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, 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.²

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 3rd February. 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 **The Lord's Prayer 1**.

Rosary for the Unborn

This Thursday 5th February 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 women seeking healing after an abortion.**

New Young Adult SVP Group

The **St Vincent de Paul Society** are delighted to be launching a new **SVP1833** (Young Adult) Conference in the Archdiocese of Birmingham. This group is open to all young adults (18-35) who are interested in faith, friendship and practical service to others. We will have an initial interest meeting on **Sunday 8 February** at **St Chad's Cathedral**, from **12.15-1.30pm**, following the 11.30am Mass. **Lunch and drinks will be provided!**



If you are hoping to attend the **St Chad's** event or would like to find out more, please email KeziaH@svp.org.uk or text 07917 923605, this will help us know numbers for catering (lunch)².

Oscott College Tours & Organ Recital



More tours of the college are available, these and the organ recital on **Sunday 8th February** from **3:00 to 4:30pm**.

St.Mary's Oscott Tour Dates for 2026:

11th February, 18th February, 4th March, 11th March, 22nd April, 29th April, 6th May 20th May

The Organ Recital and Tours can all be booked online at:

<https://www.oscott.org/events.2>

Date for Your Diary



We have booked the room at the Conservative Club for our **St. Patrick's Day** celebration evening. It will be at **7:00pm** on **Friday 13th March**.

The musicians and singers have confirmed their attendance; there is a sign up form at the back of church for anyone intending to come to our celebration to add their names².

50/50 Club Winners

The winners of the draw December 2025 entrants drawn on **25th January 2026**:

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| 1st Prize | EA | 91 | £150.00 |
| 2nd Prize | EG | 29 | £65.00 |
| 3rd Prize | JS | 12 | £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.

Whetstone Over 50's Group

The next meeting of the group will be on **Monday 9th February** at **2pm** in the meeting room. We have the **Year 6** children coming over to play board games with us and also to talk about their Confirmation which is in March.

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: **31ST JANUARY – 1ST FEBRUARY 2026**

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| 6:00PM VIGIL MASS | WELCOMERS: | Mavie & Krystal |
| | READERS: | Brian L & Gerry W |
| | EO Euch. Ministers | Jonathan & Ann T |
| 9:30AM SUNG MASS | WELCOMERS: | Katharine & Dave |
| | MUSIC: | Folk Group |
| | READERS: | Louis A & Christine L |
| | EO Euch. Ministers | Janet & Sue ^{Musicians} Catherine C |

Duties During the Week: **2ND – 7TH FEBRUARY 2026**

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| CLEANERS: | Team C |
| FLOWERS: | Ann T |

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: **7TH – 8TH FEBRUARY 2026**

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| 6:00PM VIGIL MASS | WELCOMERS: | Dawn M |
| | READERS: | Cathy S & John H |
| | EO Euch. Ministers | Emma & Tony |
| 9:30AM SUNG MASS. | WARDENS: | Peter H |
| | WELCOMERS: | Margaret L, Helen A & Elena S |
| | MUSIC: | Choir |
| | READERS: | Helen C & Mark H |
| | EO Euch. Ministers | Katie & Katharine ^{Musicians} Phil P |
| | WARDENS: | John O & Elaine A |
| COFFEE: | The W Family | |

Reflection: On this Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus sits on a hillside and speaks words that still surprise us: "Blessed are the poor in spirit... the meek... the merciful... the peacemakers." These are not the values our world usually celebrates. Society often tells us that the blessed are the successful, the powerful, the confident, and the self-sufficient. But Jesus turns that thinking upside down. He describes a different kind of happiness - one that does not depend on wealth, status, or strength. The Beatitudes are not rules or commands, but a portrait of Jesus himself. Jesus is poor in spirit - totally dependent on the Father. He is gentle and merciful. He hungers for righteousness and makes peace through self-giving love. In the Beatitudes, Jesus is not just telling us how to live; He is showing us who He is. The Beatitudes are demanding because they invite us to live differently: • to choose gentleness over aggression, • mercy over revenge, • integrity over popularity, • peace over winning arguments. This is not easy. That is why Jesus begins by sitting down. He teaches patiently, inviting us into a way of life that grows slowly, one choice at a time. The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time reminds us that true happiness is not something we chase - it is something we receive when we trust God and live according to his ways. As we continue this season, let us ask ourselves: Which Beatitude speaks most clearly to my life right now? Where is Jesus inviting me to trust Him more deeply? May we have the courage to believe that God's promises are real, and that the path Jesus offers - though challenging - is the path that leads to life. **Amen.** **God bless you all.**