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DATE

Sunday 26th April 2026

SUNDAY

**Fourth Sunday of Easter
 Year A**

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 4

Live-stream: we regret that **Live Streaming is currently suspended, back as soon as we can sort the problem.**

Saturday 25 th April 2026 St. Mark Evangelist Feast (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	9:30am 10:00-10:30am 6:00pm	Gareth Evans RIP ^(CD) <i>Confessions & Benediction</i> Int. of Mick & Leonie 60th Wedding Anniversary ^(A&I)
Sunday 26 th April 2026 Fourth Sunday of Easter	8:55am 9:30am	<i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i> Sunday Rosary Devotion Group People of the Parish
Monday 27 th April 2026 Easter Feria		<i>No Services Today</i>
Tuesday 28 th April 2026 Easter Feria	9:15am	Janet Durkin RIP ^(HD)
Wednesday 29 th April 2026 St Catherine of Siena Virgin, Dr. of Feast the Church, Patron of Europe	9:15am 6:00pm	Sick in the Parish ^(SVP) Rosary Devotion Group in Meeting Room.
Thursday 30 th April 2026 Easter Feria	7:00pm	Private Intention
Friday 1 st May 2026 Easter Feria	9:15am	Int. of Yasmin & Brian ^(Wedding Anniversary.)
Saturday 2 nd May 2026 St. Athanasius Memorial Bishop, Dr. of the Church (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	9:30am 10:00-10:30am 6:00pm	Int. of Fr. Ramesh's Parents, ^(AT) <i>Confessions & Benediction</i> Thanksgiving Mass to the Holy Trinity on the Occasion of the 15 th Sacerdotal Ordination Anniversary of Fr Ramesh ^(S&B)
Sunday 3 rd May 2026 Fifth Sunday of Easter	8:55am 9:30am	Sunday Rosary Devotion Group People of the Parish

Next Church Social

The next parish event will be the **Beetle Drive chicken, fish or pie & chip supper** on Friday 15th May at 7:00pm. in the Meeting Room. Sign up list available next weekend.

Retiring Collection

There will be a retiring collection following both Masses this weekend **25th/26th April** in aid of the **Clergy Training Fund**

SVP

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

Pope Leo

Our problems do not disappear in the Lord's presence; they are illuminated. Just as every cross finds redemption in Jesus, so the story of our lives finds its meaning in the Gospel.

The CaFOD Prayer

CAFOD

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, set our sights firmly on the joys of your heavenly home, so that we, his humble flock, may follow the path our courageous shepherd took.

RCIA Growing the Faith

The **R.C.I.A** course of meetings are now ended until the Autumn when they will resume. Deacon Peter will be offering scripture studies based on the Gospel according to Matthew at the same time, **7:00 to 8:30pm** from **Tuesday 5th May, when all are welcome.**

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.

A Message from our Archbishop

"Dear friends,

This weekend we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, when the Church prays especially for vocations to the priesthood. I want to ask you to join me in praying today that all those whom Our Lord is calling will respond with courage and generosity to His invitation to serve their brothers and sisters as priests in our Archdiocese. If you feel that the Good Shepherd might indeed be calling you - and if you are 18 or over - I would ask you to write to me directly at archbishop@rcaob.org.uk.

I shall be happy to meet you, with our Vocations Director, Fr Craig Szmidt, and to hear your story as you try to discern what the Lord is asking of you today and in the years ahead. Please pray for me and for all our priests.

With my prayers and kindest wishes.

+Bernard Longley
Archbishop of Birmingham"

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.

Church Parking

When parking at church, please do not block other vehicles, and always allow for the access of emergency vehicles. Please, **NEVER EVER** block the priests garage door.

You do not know if he may need to leave urgently for the Sacrament of the Sick, maybe even during Mass times²

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.

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, signup 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.

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

Sunday Tea and Coffee

Can I please ask anyone who is included on the tea and coffee rota to please confirm that they are happy to continue?

Also, if you would like to join this rota, could you please let me know? You will only usually need to cover one Sunday in about every 4 months.

I would appreciate it if you could let me know by the end of May.

Anne: 07864 324523 or you can see me on the piety stall at the back of church on Sunday.

Thank you'

Congratulations upon Recent Baptisms



We offer our prayers and our congratulations to **Romilly Eve M**, and her parents Jack Stephen M and Hannah Frances M, who was Baptised on **Sunday 19th April 2026**. We pray also for her parents and godparents as they take on the responsibility of raising her in the practice of the faith.

15th Priestly Ordination Anniversary

With deep gratitude to God, I joyfully celebrate the 15th Anniversary of my priestly Ordination. These years of my ministry have been a profound blessing, filled with grace, learning and growth. I wholeheartedly thank God for the gift of priesthood and for the privilege of serving you all, His people. I am especially grateful to this parish community for your faith, encouragement and constant support. Your prayers have sustained me through both joyful and challenging moments. I remember with appreciation all those have guided, inspired and walked with me along this journey. I also recall in prayers my family, friends and brother priests who have been a source of strength. As I look back, I am humbled by God's faithfulness and mercy in my life. As I look ahead, I renew my commitment to serve with love, dedication and humility. I entrust my ministry to the Lord and seek His continued guidance. Kindly continue to hold me in your prayers, as you remain always in mine.

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 dates for Baptism Preparation are:

7:00pm Tuesday 9th June 2026

7:00pm Tuesday 8th September 2026

PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 25TH – 26TH APRIL 2026

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	WELCOMERS:	Mavie & Krystal B
	READERS:	John & Brian
	^{EOEuch.}Ministers	Anne C & Bernadette
9:30AM SUNDAY SUNG MASS.	WELCOMERS:	Katharine & Dave M
	MUSIC:	Choir
	READERS:	Sianna & Mark
	^{EOEuch.}Ministers	Katharine & Will ^{Musicians} Phil

Duties During the Week: 27TH APRIL – 2ND MAY 2026

CLEANERS:	Team B
FLOWERS:	Sally

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 2ND – 3RD MAY 2026

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	WELCOMERS:	Dawn M
	READERS:	Hugh & Gerry
	^{EOEuch.}Ministers	John & Ann T
	WARDENS:	Peter H
9:30AM SUNG MASS.	WELCOMERS:	Margaret L & Elena Sue
	MUSIC:	Folk Group
	READERS:	Martin & Christine
	^{EOEuch.}Ministers	Sue & Katie ^{Musicians} Catherine
	WARDENS:	John O & Elaine A
COFFEE:	Joanne & Sean M & Anna G	

Reflection: : Today is called *Good Shepherd Sunday*, and, appropriately, this day is also the *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. Today, the Church calls us to reflect on the meaning of God's call for each of us and to pray for generous respondents to God's personal call (vocation), to the priesthood, the diaconate, and the consecrated life, because the entire Christian community shares the responsibility for fostering religious vocations. Both the Old and New Testaments use the image of a Shepherd and His flock to describe the unique relationship of God with Israel and Christ with Christians. In today's Gospel, two brief parables or similies show us Jesus, first, as a selfless, caring "*good shepherd*" who provides for His sheep's protection, food and life itself, and then, as our unique gateway ("*sheep gate*"), to eternal salvation. That is, besides guiding His flock to Eternal Life as the Good Shepherd, Jesus is Himself the gateway to Eternal Life.

God Bless you all.