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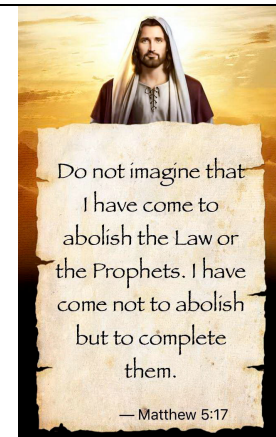
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**Registered Charity**  
**Nº:234216**



DATE  
**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

SUNDAY  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Year A**

DIVINE OFFICE  
**Week 2**

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

Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 <b>St Cyril Monk &amp; St Methodius</b> Feast Bishop. Patrons of Europe (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6:00pm	<b>Day of Prayer for Europe</b> <i>There will be No Morning Mass, Confession or Benediction this morning</i> Martin Goodwin RIP <sup>(ES)</sup>
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	8:55am 9:30am	<b>Day for the Unemployed</b> <i>Sunday Rosary Devotion Group</i> People of the Parish
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 <b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b>		
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 <b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b>	9:15am	Int. of Maureen Patton <sup>(DP)</sup>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 <b>Ash Wednesday</b>	9:15am 6:00pm <b>7:00pm</b>	Pat Byrne RIP <sup>(KW)</sup> <i>Rosary Devotion Group in Meeting Room (UFN)</i> Sick in the Parish
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 <b>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</b>	6:30pm 7:00pm	<b>Lenten Talk</b> Private Intention
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 <b>Friday after Ash Wednesday</b>	12 Noon	Ann Lacresnaye RIP <sup>(TM)</sup> <i>Soup will be served in the Meeting Room after Mass</i>
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2026 <b>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</b> (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	9:30am 10:00-10:30am 6:00pm	Michael Joyce RIP <sup>(FH)</sup> <i>Confessions &amp; Benediction</i> John Hayes Snr RIP <sup>(MG)</sup>
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2026 <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	8:55am 9:30am	<b>Day of Prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments</b> <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 details, please contact our Parish Catechist **Mrs Philomena Mullins:**

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## Pope Leo

We live surrounded by so many words, but how many of these are empty! At times we even listen to wise words, which do not however affect our ultimate destiny. On the contrary, the Word of God responds to our thirst for meaning, for the truth about our life. It is the only Word that is always new: revealing the mystery of God to us, it is inexhaustible, it never ceases to offer its riches.

## Lent 'Walk with Me' Booklet

The Lenten copy of **Walk with Me** is now available in the church porch. Our suggested donation of £1.50 would be most welcome.

## Recently Deceased

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of **Jean Watson** who died recently in Aston Court, and **Mary Gowans** upon whose souls, Sweet Jesus have mercy. **Mary's** Requiem will be at 11:00am on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March followed by interment at Streetly at 12:30pm.

## The CaFOD Prayer

### **6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Teach me, Lord my God, to be just and true, so I may become a place where you are pleased to dwell. Make my heart like the heart of your son, Jesus Christ.**

## Craft & Natter

Craft and Natter will be having their half term break on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February**, back to normal on **24<sup>th</sup> February**, as usual when everyone is welcome. Sessions cost **£1 each** and run from **11am until 3pm**, this includes all drinks and any supplies you might need. For more information call me, **Christine on 07900 604902**

## Piety Stall

We have restocked the Piety Stall. We have gifts and cards to celebrate St Patrick's Day, Confirmation, Mothering Sunday, Easter and those being received into the Church this Easter. Also, lots for new babies and children being baptised. If we don't have what you want on the stall, just ask to see the catalogue, we are happy to accommodate special orders.

## 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.

## Parish Pastoral Meeting

The proposed 26<sup>th</sup> February **AGM** and **Meeting** of the **Parish Pastoral Council** has had to be postponed. Details of the new date will be published shortly.

## 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, 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 <sup>(Dotty)</sup> Cutler, Keith Allford, Anna Morgan <sup>née Meehan</sup>, 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. <sup>4</sup>

## 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](mailto:sg.smota.aldridge@rcaob.org.uk) or the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted at [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) or on 0121 230 6240 if you have any concerns.

## RCIA Growing the Faith

There will be no **R.C.I.A** course meeting this week due to half term. **The Rite of Election** takes place at **3:00pm** on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** at St. Chad's Cathedral. The course continues from **7:00** to **8:30pm** on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February**. **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 **'Praying the Mass'**.

## Lenten Friday Mass

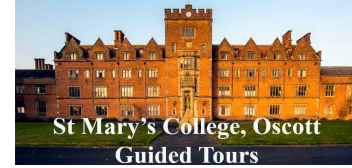
During Lent, starting this **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026**, the **Mass on Friday** will be at **12 Noon**. This will be followed by soup with a bread roll in the Meeting Room. All donations will be gratefully received; it's a great opportunity to help with your Lenten Friday fast.<sup>1</sup>



## *Lenten Talks on Thursdays*

Our Lenten talks begin this week at **6:30pm** before the evening Mass at **7:00pm**. These will help us to grow **spiritually** to prepare ourselves for the celebration of the Paschal Mysteries. These talks will be led by **Rev Fr Michael Dolman (Rector of St. Mary's College Oscott Diocesan Seminary)**.<sup>2</sup>

## Oscott Seminary College Tours



**Tours of the college are available.**

**St. Mary's Oscott Tour Dates for 2026:**

This coming Wednesday **18<sup>th</sup> February, 4<sup>th</sup> March, 11<sup>th</sup> March, 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 29<sup>th</sup> April, 6<sup>th</sup> May & 20<sup>th</sup> May**

**The Tours can all be booked online at:**

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

## Tea & Coffee Rota

The new rota for **Sunday Morning Tea and Coffee** is now available for collection from the back of church.<sup>2</sup>

## Mass Welcomers Rota

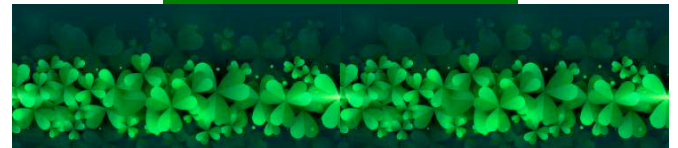
The latest rota for **Mass welcomers** is now available on the church website. If anyone would prefer to have a printed version, please contact John T.

## Congratulations upon Recent Baptisms



We offer our prayers and our congratulations to **Emilia May B** and her parents Rhys B and Nicole W. **Emilia** was Baptised on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026**. We pray also for her parents and godparents as they take on the responsibility of raising her in the practice

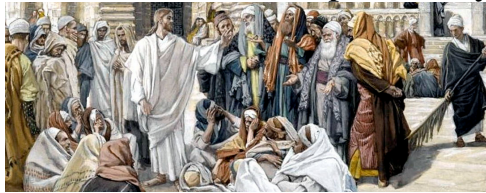
## Date for Your Diary



The room at the Conservative Club is booked for our **St. Patrick's Day** celebration evening at **7:00pm** on **Friday 13th March**. The musicians and singers have confirmed their attendance; there is a sign up form in the church porch for anyone intending to come to our celebration to add their names.<sup>2</sup>

## 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 date for Baptism Preparation is:

**7:00pm Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**7:00pm Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**7:00pm Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

### PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 14<sup>TH</sup> – 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026

<b>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Ann & John T
	<b>READERS:</b>	Pat H & Hugh D
	<b>E O Each. Ministers</b>	Chris & John T
<b>9:30AM SUNG MASS</b>	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Helen A & Elaine A
	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Folk Group
	<b>READERS:</b>	Martin B & Catherine A
	<b>E O Each. Ministers</b>	Will & Sue <sup>Musicians</sup> Catherine C

### Duties During the Week: 16<sup>TH</sup> – 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2026

<b>CLEANERS:</b>	Team A
<b>FLOWERS:</b>	Sally & Shelagh to clear flowers for Lent

### PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 21<sup>ST</sup> – 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2026

<b>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Shelagh G & Anne H
	<b>READERS:</b>	John H & Brian L
	<b>E O Each. Ministers</b>	Anne C & Bernadette
<b>9:30AM SUNG MASS.</b>	<b>WARDENS:</b>	Brian L
	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Rossella B & Helen C
	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Choir
	<b>READERS:</b>	Sianna & Louis
	<b>E O Each. Ministers</b>	Katie & Katharine <sup>Musicians</sup> Phil
	<b>WARDENS:</b>	John O & Elaine A
<b>COFFEE:</b>	Anne H, Helen A & Elaine A	

**Reflection:** On this Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus continues the Sermon on the Mount and challenges us to go deeper. He says something that might surprise us: "I have come not to abolish the law, but to fulfil it." Jesus is not lowering the standards of faith - He is raising them. He moves us from simply obeying rules to transforming the heart. The examples Jesus gives are very concrete. He speaks about anger, reconciliation, honesty, and fidelity. He reminds his listeners that it is possible to follow the law outwardly while remaining far from God inwardly. What matters to Jesus is not just what we do, but who we are becoming. For example, Jesus says that anger and resentment can be as damaging as harmful actions. He is not saying that emotions themselves are sinful, but that when anger is allowed to grow unchecked, it destroys relationships. That is why Jesus places such importance on reconciliation. He knows that broken relationships block our relationship with God. Jesus also speaks about truthfulness: "Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.'" In a world where words are often bent for convenience, Jesus calls His followers to be people of integrity - reliable, honest, and trustworthy. Faith is not just about what we believe, but about whether others can trust us. This Gospel can feel demanding, even uncomfortable. But Jesus is not trying to burden us. He is inviting us to freedom - the freedom that comes from living with a clear conscience and a sincere heart. The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time reminds us that discipleship is not about doing the bare minimum to avoid wrongdoing. It is about allowing God's grace to shape our desires, our choices, and our relationships. None of us lives this perfectly. That is why Jesus speaks these words with patience, not condemnation. Amen

**God bless you all.**