



## Pope Leo

Through the Paschal Mystery, the Lord shows us that the power of love transforms even the most difficult and challenging circumstances. Though suffering cannot always be avoided or eliminated, it still holds a redemptive significance that restores lost dignity and opens the door to new life.

### Recently Deceased

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of **Andrew Mather** Father of Katharine M, **Bernadette Macrae**, **Joseph Christopher Russell**, and **Pat Mason** upon whose souls, Sweet Jesus have mercy. **Bernadette's** Requiem will be at 2:00pm on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April and **Joseph's** Requiem will be at 12:30 on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

### Congratulations upon Recent Baptisms



We offer our prayers and our congratulations to **Theodore James D**, and his parents James D and Jessica N, who was Baptised on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026**. We pray also for his parents and godparents as they take on the responsibility of raising them in the practice of the faith.

### The CaFOD Prayer Easter Sunday

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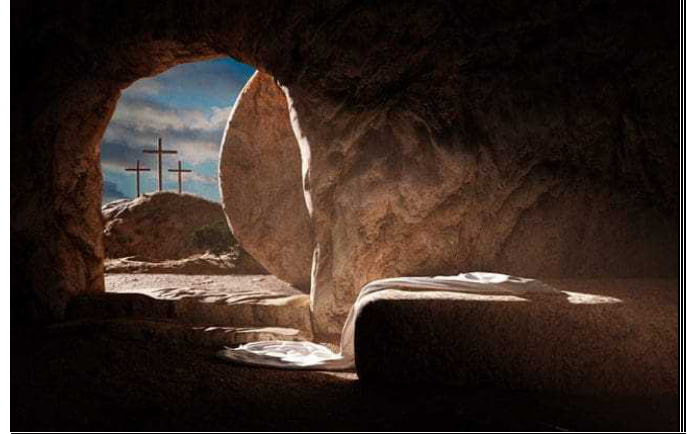
Thank you, Lord, for your great love for us, shown in your suffering and death on the cross. Help us to live with the hope your resurrection brings for us, your followers.

### Piety Stall

We have a good selection of Easter cards on the stall plus cards and gifts for those being received into the church at Easter and confirmation. In addition to our usual stocks we now have a selection of First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards and gifts.

## Pope'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.



### Rosary Devotion Group

There will be no Rosary group meetings until **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 <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.**

### 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** sessions over Easter. We resume from **7:00 to 8:30pm** on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April**. **All are welcome**, those already Catholics wanting to know more about the faith and those who want to become Catholics. This session will be entitled **'The Life of Prayer'**.

### Parish Pastoral Meeting

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

### 50/50 Club Winners

The winners of the draw February 2026 entrants drawn on **29<sup>th</sup> March 2026**:

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize</b>	<b>PH</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>£150.00</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize</b>	<b>MM</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>£60.00</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Prize</b>	<b>MB</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>£25.00</b>

**Total prize money this month: £235.00**

### Craft & Natter

We are having our Easter break as usual, so there will be no Craft & Natter on **7<sup>th</sup> April**. We are back to normal on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 next meeting of the group will be on the **13<sup>th</sup> April** at 2pm. We have a speaker talking about 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, 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.

### Lenten Soup donation to Mary's Meals

Over the last 6 Fridays between 26 and 40 Parishioners and their friends have joined us for **Lenten Soup**. Thank you so much for joining us and for your generous donations, which have resulted in us having an amazing **£720** to donate to **Mary's Meals**. This includes £100 from the Over 50s Club. In addition, several Parishioners have made donations directly to the charity.

We also must thank all the ladies who made the soup, brought the bread, served the soup, and did the washing up etc. It was a great team effort.

### Times of Services Easter Weekend

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April Holy Saturday**

Easter Vigil Mass **8.30 p.m.**

**Easter Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

Easter Day Mass (Family Mass) **9:30am**

### Marriage Support:

  
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[www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) +44 797 338 0443

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

### PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 4<sup>TH</sup> – 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026

8:30 EASTER VIGIL MASS	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Dawn M
	<b>MUSIC</b>	<b>Choir</b>
	<b>READERS:</b>	Mark, Gerry, Maura & Ann – New Testament - Cathy
	<b>E O Euch. Ministers</b>	<b>Anne C &amp; Katharine M</b> <small>Musicians</small> Ann T
9:30AM EASTER SUNDAY SUNG MASS.	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Margaret L & Elena S
	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Folk Group
	<b>READERS:</b>	John & Louis
	<b>E O Euch. Ministers</b>	Janet & Will <small>Musicians</small> Catherine

### Duties During the Week: 6<sup>TH</sup> – 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026

<b>CLEANERS:</b>	<b>Team C</b>
<b>FLOWERS:</b>	<b>Anne H</b>

### PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 11<sup>TH</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Ann & John T
	<b>READERS:</b>	Gerry & Cathy
	<b>E O Euch. Ministers</b>	Tony & John
	<b>WARDENS:</b>	Peter H
9:30AM SUNG MASS.	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Helen A & Elaine A
	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Choir
	<b>READERS:</b>	Florence & Will
	<b>E O Euch. Ministers</b>	Katharine & Sue <small>Musicians</small> Phil
	<b>WARDENS:</b>	Pat & Sally S
<b>COFFEE:</b>	Tony M, Bernadette D & Angela S	

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**God bless you all.**

**Reflection:** The Resurrection of Christ is the basis of our Christian Faith, for it proves that Jesus is God. That is why St. Paul writes: "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain; and your Faith is in vain... And if Christ has not been raised, then your Faith is a delusion, and you are still lost in your sins... But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep" (1 Cor 15:14, 17, 20). In the words of the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our Faith in Christ, a Faith believed and lived as the central truth by the first Christian community; handed on as fundamental by Tradition; established by the documents of the New Testament; and preached as an essential part of the Paschal mystery along with the cross. If Jesus Christ did not rise from the dead, then the Church is a fraud and Faith is a sham. But if Jesus really did rise from the dead, his message is true! Without the Resurrection, Jesus would have remained forever a good person who had met a tragic end. People would remember some of His teachings, and a handful of people might try to live according to them. All the basic doctrines of Christianity are founded on the truth of the Resurrection. "Jesus is Lord; He is risen!" (Rom 10:9) was the central theme of the *kerygma* (or "preaching"), of the apostles.