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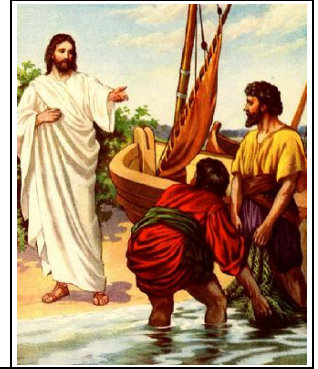
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DATE

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January  
2023

SUNDAY

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Year A**

DIVINE OFFICE

**Week 3**

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

<u>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Jan</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday	6:00pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</u> <b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9:30am	Tony Andrews RIP <sup>(CA)</sup>
<u>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan</u> <b>Feria</b>	9:15am	Bert Mercer RIP <sup>(SVP)</sup>
<u>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Jan</u> St. Francis de Sales Bishop, Doctor of the Church Memorial	9:15am	Paddy Breen RIP <sup>(D&amp;SG)</sup>
<u>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan</u> Conversion of St. Paul Apostle Feast		No Services Today
<u>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Jan</u> Ss. Timothy & Titus Bishops Memorial	7:00pm	Int. of the Bowker Family <sup>(CB)</sup>
<u>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan</u> <b>Feria</b>	9:15am	Marion Levell RIP <sup>(JL)</sup>
<u>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan</u> St. Thomas Aquinas Priest, Doctor of the Church Memorial (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	9:30am 10-11am 6:00pm	Margaret Hayde RIP <sup>(AW)</sup> <i>Exposition, Confessions and Benediction</i> People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</u> <b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9:30am	A Private Intention

## Pope Francis:

Through prayer, the Word of God comes to abide in us and we abide in it. The Word inspires good intentions, sustains action. It gives us strength and serenity. When we are confused, it grounds the heart in confidence and in a love that protects it from the attack of the evil one.

### **This Week's CaFOD Prayer**



**(Third Sunday of the Year)**

**Teach us, Lord our God, to share our bread with the hungry and shelter the homeless. Then will our light shine in this dark world.**

### Christmas Crib Collection



This year our Crib Collection will be used to support the work of Lepra. This charitable organisation works to bring help and relief to the many thousands of people across the world who suffer with Leprosy.

For more information about their work please see the notice board at the back of the church (near the Walsingham Chapel). The donation box will be situated next to the Crib until 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

### Sunday Coffee Rotas

The new Sunday Coffee Rota is now available for collection from the table in the porch. Please remember to collect them after Mass if you are part of a team.

### 2023 Diocesan Directories

The latest edition of the Diocesan Directory is now available for £5 per copy. If you would like a copy they are in the sacristy and can be purchased from either Fr. Craig or Dcn. Peter.

## Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for **January** is:- **For educators.** We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

### Volunteer for CaFOD

We are looking for School Volunteers across Lichfield and Walsall where you'll deliver assemblies and workshops about the world of CaFOD. No experience is necessary. You will be fully supported, given the resources required, and there will be regular training. To know more, please get in touch with Joanne O'Meara at: [www.birmingham@cafod.org.uk](mailto:www.birmingham@cafod.org.uk)

### Sick in the Parish

Please pray for all the sick in the parish, remember especially:

**Geoff Hopkinson, Tony & Lynn Stanley, John Green, Roy Allsopp, Christine Leadbeater, Frances Hutchcocks, Janet Chambers, Jo Hawker, Paul Atkinson, Alison Welton, Louise Morgan, Stephen Brook, Margaret Davis, Mary Brough, Joe Bannister, Morris Moseley, Margaret Healy, Juliet Woodhall, Pat Hopley, Luke Smith, Catherine Shepherd, Jim Smith, David Goodwin, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia (Dotty) Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Dcn. John Higgins, Joan Hart, Anna Morgan <sup>née Meehan</sup>, Margaret Cooper, Holly Brady, Mike Mander, Jo Cooke, Anne Humphreys, Paul Mott, Theresa Chandler, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath Breen, Max Lewis, David & Sheila Piggott, Clare Cooksey & Áine McDonagh.**

Please pray also for all those who carry the burden of their illnesses privately, and for all those who care for the sick.

### Children's Liturgy

Every Sunday at the 9:30am Mass. At the start of the Mass the children will be invited to go out to the Meeting Room for their Liturgy. All children are welcome to come along.

### Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Keiron Sanders, Evelyn Treadwell, Pauline Peters, 'May' Serl & Alison Beardwood**, on whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy, may they rest in peace.

### Rethink Abortion Training Day

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb, 10am–5pm. An interactive event equipping you to talk about abortion in a meaningful and productive way in your everyday life is being held at Oscott College. The cost is £25 per person including lunch. To book and for more info see:

[www.marchforlife.co.uk/re-think-abortion-day/](http://www.marchforlife.co.uk/re-think-abortion-day/)

### Universe Catholic Weekly

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### Praying for the Unborn



Let us pray for women who are now experiencing a difficult pregnancy, that, with the help of family, friends and the Church community, they may, in time, rejoice at the birth of their new baby. Amen.

### Adult Catechesis – RCIA Course

The course takes place every **Friday** at **6:30pm** in the Meeting Room. If you would like to learn more about the faith, or you simply wish to support those preparing to be received into the Church at Easter, you are warmly invited to join us for these sessions.

### Parish SVP Group

The next meeting of the SVP takes place after the 7pm Mass on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** in the Presbytery. If you would like to learn about the activities in which they are involved why not come along. Everyone is welcome to join us.

### Many Happy Returns of the Day

We wish Fr. Craig a ‘Happy Birthday’ for the coming Saturday.

### Craft and Natter

We meet each **Tuesday** from **11am** to **3pm** in Meeting Room. Everyone is welcome to come along, even if you have never done crafting before. 50p per session for drinks and supplies. Come for the whole day or for part of the day; just remember to bring your lunch. For more information call Christine W on 07900 604902

### Sunday Coffee Mornings

Every Sunday after the 9:30am Mass in the Meeting Room. If you have not yet joined us in this important parish social time why not pop in for a tea/coffee and a biscuit?

**We would love to see you there!**

### Sacrament of the Sick

Please remember to inform Fr. Craig 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.

### Collections:

**Last Week's Offertory: £206.25**  
**Weekly Standing Orders: £882.00**

### 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:

**7pm Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

**7pm Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

**7pm Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

### **PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 21<sup>ST</sup> / 22<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY 2023**

<b>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>READERS:</b>	John H & Gerry W
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<b>9:30AM SUNG MASS</b>	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Choir
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<b>READERS:</b>	David W & Cathy S
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### **Duties During the Week: 23<sup>rd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

<b>CLEANERS:</b>	Team C
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<b>FLOWERS:</b>	Sally S
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### **PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 28<sup>TH</sup> / 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023**

<b>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Mavie & Krystal B
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<b>WARDENS:</b>	Brian L
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<b>READERS:</b>	Hugh D & Pat H
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<b>MUSIC:</b>	Folk Group
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<b>9:30AM SUNG MASS</b>	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Rod & Joan L
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<b>WARDENS:</b>	John O'N & Bruce B
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<b>READERS:</b>	Will B & Jacqui B
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<b>COFFEE:</b>	Tony M, Les & Jacqui B
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**And finally:-** During Ordinary Time the weekdays, and on occasion some of the Sundays, are littered with the celebrations of the lives of the saints. These holy men and women, who in some way lived extraordinary lives, and did extraordinary things, are set before to inspire us in our own lives of faith. There is, however, one thing about them that can so easily be forgotten – and that is that they were 'ordinary people', men and women no different to you and me. It is only by responding to God's call, being open to the unique vocation given by God to each one of us, which enables us, as it did the saints of old, to do extraordinary things, to live extraordinary lives today. In the gospel today we hear how Jesus called the first of His disciples from the ordinariness of their daily activities to become His followers, His witnesses in the world. Today is no different! The Lord continues to call people into His service, to become His witnesses. The question is are we ready, and willing, to respond?

*May God bless you all. Fr. Craig*