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DATE

Sunday 28th April 2024

SUNDAY

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
Year B**

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 1

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

Saturday 27th April 1 st Mass of Sunday	6:00pm	John (Johnny) Clarke RIP ^(JT)
Sunday 28th April Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B	9:30am	Janet Durkin RIP ^(HD)
Monday 29th April St. Catherine of Siena, <small>Virgin, Feast</small> Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe	9:15am	Kathleen & Thomas Shaw RIP ^(AT)
Tuesday 30th April Easter Feria	9:15am	Get well wishes for P ^(CM)
Wednesday 1st May St. Joseph the Worker ^{Memorial}		No Services Today
Thursday 2nd May St. Athanasius <small>Bishop, Doctor of the Church</small> Memorial	6:30pm 7:00pm	<i>Rosary for the Unborn</i> Private Intention
Friday 3rd May <i>Ss. Philip & James</i> <small>Apostles</small> ^{Feast}	9:15am	Dcn. John Higgins RIP ^(FH)
Saturday 4th May <i>The English Martyrs</i> ^{Feast} (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9:30am 10-11am 6:00pm	Private Intention ^(AH) <i>Exposition, Confessions & Benediction</i> Maureen Hayes RIP ^(JH)
Sunday 5th May Sixth Sunday of Easter Year B	9:30am	People of the Parish

Pope Francis

Let us never lose sight of the Father's saving embrace. It is the paradigm of life, the heart of the Gospel, our model of radical love. May we allow Him to embrace us as children.

The CaFOD Prayer

CAFOD

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Holy creator God, open our eyes to recognise your hand in creation and to wonder at your marvellous works. Move us then to seek to repair and restore the damage our humankind has done.

Gift Aid – End of Tax Year 23/24

If you Gift Aid your offertory to the parish via Standing Order, and you have changed address in the past 12 months, please let Fr. Craig know.

Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of **Margaret Howes** on whose soul Sweet Jesus have mercy. May she rest in peace.

Date for Your Diary

Our **Spring Fayre** will be on **Saturday 11th May**. We would be most grateful for any **new** items and bottles suitable for the Tombola, and also seedlings that you've grown you are able to donate to the Fayre. We will be selling **Saints Names** at £1 for our lottery.

- **We will require help to set up on the day, to run the stalls and to tidy up afterwards.**

There is a list in the porch for volunteers; thank you in anticipation.

Sunday Coffee Mornings

After the 9:30am Mass on Sundays we have our weekly coffee morning in the Parish Meeting Room. We'd love to see you there.

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for May is:- **For the formation of religious and seminarians**. We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Sick in the Parish

Pray for the sick in the parish, remembering especially:

Martin Hoskisson, Jean Watson, Yvonne Turner, Tony Meehan, Marian Mathews, Marie Wilson, Ian Phipps, Sister Ann-Marie, Oscar Wordsworth, Nichola Woodhall, Paul Corbett, Carmel Fekete, Lynn Stanley, John Green, Roy Allsopp, Janet Chambers, Jo Hawker, Alison Welton, Louise Morgan, Margaret Davis, Joe Bannister, Margaret Healy, Juliet Woodhall, Luke Smith, Catherine Shepherd, Jim Smith, David Goodwin, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia ^(Dotty) Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Anna Morgan ^{nee Meehan}, Holly Brady, Jo Cooke, Anne Humphreys, Theresa Chandler, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath Breen, Max Lewis, David & Sheila Piggott, Clare Cooksey & Áine McDonagh.

Please remember also in your prayers those who carry the burden of their illnesses privately and those who care for them, that the Lord may grant them His healing and peace.

Craft & Natter

Tuesdays from 11am to 3pm in the Meeting Room. All are welcome to come and join in the crafting or simply for some company and a chat. 50p per session for materials & tea/coffee. Stay for the morning, the afternoon or the whole day, just remember to bring your lunch. For more information call Christine 07900 604902.

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.

Walsall Life

Walsall Life, thank you for donations. We still urgently need a baby cot. If you have one that you no longer require, please contact **01922 451124**. Also we need a person able to help lay a tile floor.

Journey in Faith

We meet on **Mondays** at **6:30pm** during Term-Time in the Parish Meeting Room. This course is open to all members of the parish interested in learning more about the faith, and the teachings of the Church. Coming along to these sessions not only helps us to grow in our faith, but it is also an opportunity to support those who are preparing to be received into the Church this Pentecost.

Rosary for the Unborn



This Thursday, **2nd May** at **6:30pm**, we pray the Holy Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament for the protection of all babies in the womb, and for their families. This month's intention is: **'For women and families struggling with infertility'**.

Craft & Natter Coffee Morning



There will be a **Coffee Morning** in aid of **Life**, hosted by the Craft and Natter group, on **Tuesday 30th April** from **11.30 until 1pm**, everyone is most welcome and all donations go to the Life group. Please come along and support this worthy cause.

50/50 Club Winners

The winners of the draw for March entrants drawn on 21st April:

1st Prize	FS	72	£150.00
2nd Prize	JS	84	£75.00
3rd Prize	PC	44	£35.00

Total prize money this month: £262.50

If you would be interested in joining our monthly draw (£5 per ticket) please speak to Sue W or Fr. Craig.

Meeting of the SVP

The next meeting of the SVP will be on Thursday 9th May after Mass. New members are warmly welcome.

Congratulations



We offer our prayers and our congratulations to **Abigail Rose R** who was Baptised here last weekend. We pray also for her parents and godparents as they take on the responsibility of raising her in the practice of the faith.

Whetstone Over 50s

Our next meeting will be at 2:00pm on Monday 13th May in the meeting room. This month will be a 'Fun Quiz'. Why not come along?

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 Weekend's Offertory:	£210.10
Weekly Standing Orders:	£920.00
Clergy Training Fund:	£394.53

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 is:

7pm Tuesday 4th June
7pm Tuesday 3rd September

PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 27TH/28TH April 2024

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	READERS:	Pat H & Hugh D
9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Choir
	READERS:	Mark H & Catherine A

Duties During the Week: 29TH APRIL- 4TH May 2024

CLEANERS:	Team B
FLOWERS:	Ann T

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 4TH /5TH May 2024

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	WELCOMERS:	Ann & John T
	WARDENS:	Brian L
	READERS:	John H & Brian L
9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Folk Group
	WELCOMERS:	Jonathan & Jenson G
	WARDENS:	John O'N & Elaine A
	READERS:	Alice G & Martin B
COFFEE:	Catherine C and the girls and Rosella B and the girls.	

And finally:- Last weekend, with the Gospel drawing our attention to Christ the Good Shepherd, our focus was on the need to listen to the voice of the shepherd and to follow where he leads. Today's Gospel, however, takes us a little further in our understanding of what it is to be a Christian disciple. Not only must we listen to His voice, we must in reality be completely united to Him as the branches that 'bear much fruit' are to the vine. This intimate union with Christ, made possible by the mystery of the Incarnation, is only achievable when we allow ourselves to be 'pruned' by the action of the Holy Spirit. When we allow ourselves to be cleansed of all that gets in the way of our following of the Lord from being perfect and complete – our sinfulness. Seeking this perfect union with Christ is never going to be easy, but we must desire it, if the seed of faith sown in our hearts at Baptism is going to flower and bear fruit in our lives and in our time.

May God bless you all, Fr. Craig