

<p><u>PARISH CLERGY:</u></p> <p>PARISH PRIEST Fr. Craig Davies</p> <p>PARISH DEACON Rev. Peter Crosby</p>	<p align="center">ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>39 Whetstone Lane Aldridge Walsall WS9 0JD Tel:01922 452316</p> </div>  </div>	<p>This Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham.</p> <p align="center">Registered Charity Nº:234216</p>
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DATE
Sunday 24th September 2023
SUNDAY
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
DIVINE OFFICE
Week 1

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

<u>Saturday 23rd Sept</u> 1 st Mass of Sunday	6:00pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 24th September</u> Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am 6:15pm	John O'Neill RIP ^(BB) <i>Holy Hour for Vocations</i>
<u>Monday 25th Sept</u> Feria	9:15am	Cara Meehan RIP (Anniversary) ^(B&TM)
<u>Tuesday 26th Sept</u> Ss. Cosmos & Damian ^{Martyrs Memorial}	9:15am	Margaret Cooper RIP (Birthday Anniversary) ^(FM)
<u>Wednesday 27th Sept</u> St. Vincent de Paul ^{Priest Memorial}		No Services Today
<u>Thursday 28th Sept</u> Feria		No Services Today
<u>Friday 29th Sept</u> Ss. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael ^{Archangels Feast}	6:15pm	<i>Lectio Divina</i>
<u>Saturday 30th Sept</u> St. Jerome ^{Priest, Doctor of the Church Memorial} (1 st Mass of Sunday)	6:00pm	No Morning Services Tom Mitchell RIP (Anniversary) ^(CM)
<u>Sunday 1st October</u> Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am 6:15pm	Dorothy Gnomes RIP ^(JH) <i>Holy Hour for Vocations</i>

Pope Francis:

The Lord Jesus has entrusted the Gospel to us so that we might bear His light into the world's darkness. Please, do not extinguish this light in you, but share it, so that fraternity might shine forth.

This Week's Prayer

CAFOD

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Almighty God, I bless you day by day, I praise your name. You are great, great beyond measure.

Our annual **CaFOD Meal** is on **Saturday 14th October** after the Vigil Mass.

The booking list is in the porch from today. Add your *name(s)*, *contact number*, and any dietary restrictions you might have. Help on and for the night would be much appreciated – Please call Ann **01922 451124**.

Parish SVP Coffee Morning



The members of the Parish SVP Group would like to thank everyone who supported the coffee morning last Sunday. **A total of £160 was raised.** God Bless you all.

Craft & Natter

We meet every **Tuesday** from **11am** to **3pm** in the Meeting Room. All are welcome, members old & new. Come for an hour, a morning, an afternoon or the whole session; just remember to bring your lunch. 50p will cover refreshments and supplies. For more information call Christine W on 07900604902 for more information.

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for **September** is:- **For people living on the margins**. We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

Sick in the Parish

Pray for the sick in the parish, remembering especially:

Ian Phipps, Sister Ann-Marie, Carol Facer, Oscar Wordsworth, Nichola Woodhall, Paul Corbett, Carmel Fekete, Lynn Stanley, John Green, Roy Allsopp, Janet Chambers, Jo Hawker, Alison Welton, Louise Morgan, Stephen Brook, Margaret Davis, Mary Brough, Joe Bannister, Morris Moseley, Margaret Healy, Juliet Woodhall, Luke Smith, Catherine Shepherd, Jim Smith, David Goodwin, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia (Dotty) Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Anna Morgan ^{née} Meehan, 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 remember also in your prayers those who carry the burden of their illnesses privately and those who care for them.

Second Collection

This weekend, **23rd/24th September**, there will be a retiring collection to support the work of: **Father Hudson's Society**.

Missio (Red Boxes)

Collectors, please arrange to empty the Red Boxes in your charge. If anyone has a Red Box that needs emptying, please contact Sue W on 01922 457247.

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.

Holy Hour for Vocations

On Sundays, commencing this weekend, Jithin, our placement student, will be leading a time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for Vocations. Please do come along to church at **6:15pm** to join him in praying for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood.

Lectio Divina

At **6:15pm** on **Fridays**, beginning this week, Jithin will be leading Lectio Divina in the Parish Meeting Room. This ancient form of prayer, practised by the Church for centuries, is a wonderful way of entering into the depths, and the riches, of Scripture – allowing the Holy Spirit to inspire us in our prayer through the Word of God. Please do come along to support Jithin, and to discover this wonderful form of prayer.

Sacramental Preparation

As we approach the beginning of another academic year we must begin planning for the Sacramental preparation of children beginning Y3 & Y6, who do not attend Catholic Schools, and adults who would like to be received into full communion with the Church at Easter 2024. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, or if you have a child in need of Sacramental preparation, please speak to Fr. Craig.



Children's Liturgy takes place 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.

Church Cleaners Needed!

As several of our cleaning volunteers have resigned due to ill health, we desperately require 'new blood'. On a four-week cycle, the work is not onerous. If you can spare an hour or two once a month it would be much appreciated. Please contact **Catherine C** or Fr Craig.

Prayer & Life Workshops

Starting Saturday, 23rd September, 10am-12pm at St. Anne's, Streetly for 15 weeks. This lay led course aims to give a methodological approach to prayer & a practical approach to living the Christian life. See leaflets in the porch for more information.

Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Rose O'Leary-Hall** (aged 4yrs), **Robert Bowen**, and **Fr. Paul Chavasse**. On whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy, may they rest in peace.

Congratulations



We offer our prayers and our congratulations to **Elsie Anne D** 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.

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.

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 21st November

Collections:

Last Week's Offertory: £250.17
Weekly Standing Orders: £870.00
Home Mission Sunday: £292.00

PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 23RD/24TH SEPTEMBER 2023

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	READERS:	Hugh D & Brian L
9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Folk Group
	READERS:	Catherine A & Christine L

Duties During the Week: 25TH – 30TH September 2023

CLEANERS: Team A
FLOWERS: Sally S & Shelagh G

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 30TH SEPTEMBER / 1ST OCTOBER 2023

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	WELCOMERS:	Shelagh G & Anne H
	WARDENS:	Tony M
	READERS:	Gerry W & Pat H
9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Choir
	WELCOMERS:	Rosella B & Helen C
	WARDENS:	Pat & Sally S
	READERS:	Will B & Alice G
COFFEE:	Mary & Don H & Geraldine F	

And finally:- This weekend the prophet Isaiah opens the Scriptures with a stark reminder to us all, a reminder that life, and time, are finite. With this in mind he urges us to "Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near". In the gospel of today we are then given words of great comfort, words that remind us that it is never too late to respond to the Lord's call. In the gospel we see how the Lord, in His love and mercy, treats all as equals, those who entered His vineyard at daybreak, and those who arrived only at the eleventh hour all received the same wage, the same reward. This, however, is not an excuse to live with the mindset of Oscar Wilde who famously said "I could never live as a Catholic, but I must die as one". He was lucky, a priest came to his bedside only moments before his death and received him into the church. Like Solomon, who asked God to give him a discerning heart, that he might know the ways of the Lord, we too must pray daily to know God's will, and the grace to respond always to His invitation to follow where He leads.

May God bless you all, Fr. Craig