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**Registered
Charity
N^o:234216**

**DATE**

**Sunday 13th October
2024**

SUNDAY

**Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary
Time Year B**

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 4?

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

Saturday 12 th October 1 st Mass of Sunday	6:00pm	Neil Doherty RIP ^(G&NP)
Sunday 13 th October Twenty-eighth Sunday Ordinary time	9:30am	People of the Parish
Monday 14 th October Feria		<i>No service Today</i>
Tuesday 15 th October St. Teresa of Jesus Virgin, Doctor of the church Memorial	9:15am	Neil Doherty RIP ^(EW)
Wednesday 16 th October Feria	9:15am 6:00pm	Deceased family of Dawn & Tony Mercer ^(AR) Rosary Devotion Group
Thursday 17 th October St. Ignatius of Antioch Bishop, Martyr Memorial	10:00am Nota Bene	Private Intention
Friday 18 th October St. Luke Evangelist ^{Feast}	9:15am 6:30pm Followed by	(IN SCHOOL) Int. of Fr. Craig Mass of Thanksgiving for Fr. Craig's Ministry ^{in Aldridge} <i>Celebration Reception in SMA School</i>
Saturday 19 th October Feria (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9:30am 10-11am 6:00pm	Elisabeth Kiernan RIP ^(R&JC) <i>Exposition, Confessions & Benediction</i> Sick of the Parish ^(SVP)
Sunday 20 th October Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am	People of the Parish

Pope Francis

As the Season of Creation ends, let us pray for the guidance of St Francis. In his fidelity to Scripture, he invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God offers a glimpse of His infinite beauty and goodness.

Fr. Ramesh's Induction as Parish Priest

On **Friday 1st November** at **6:30pm** **Fr. Ramesh** will be inducted as our Parish Priest by **Bishop Timothy Menezes** by the celebration of Holy Mass. We cordially invite all parishioners to attend this celebration.

The Cafod Prayer

CAFOD

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

God our Father, we can look to you for abundant forgiveness. You make all things possible for us. You open your kingdom to us. We praise and glorify you for your mercy and love.

Adult Catechesis – RCIA Course

Our series of talks are now running, aimed at anyone considering becoming Catholic, or (Catholic or not) interested in knowing more about the faith and the Catholic Church's Teaching and Tradition. We meet every Friday evening at 6:30 - 8pm in the parish meeting room.

1st Holy Communion & Confirmation Preparation

Philomena M will be starting a new series of preparation sessions after half term for children in non-Catholic Primary Schools. Parents and children are invited on **Sunday 3rd November** straight after the morning Mass to this first brief introductory meeting. For queries please contact Philomena on xphilomenab@gmail.org.

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for October is:- **For a shared mission**. We pray that the Church continues to sustain in all ways the Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

Sick in the Parish

Pray for the sick in the parish, remembering especially:

Nuala & George Partridge, Hilary Fernandes, Eoghain Devine, John Bradley, Jean Watson, Marian Mathews, Marie Wilson, Ian Phipps, Oscar Wordsworth, Nichola Woodhall, Paul Corbett, Carmel Fekete, Lynn Stanley, John Green, 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 ^{née 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.

CAFOD



The **CAFOD** group here at St Mary of the Angels would like to thank everyone for the generous retiring collection donation last weekend of **£597.50**.

We also thank, in anticipation, all who will be attending the **CAFOD** Meal and presentation this Saturday evening and all who worked so hard to prepare the meals.

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.

Appeal - First 'Aiders' Needed!

Do you hold a current **First Aid Certificate**? Would you be willing to stand as a First 'Aider' at Church? Would those without a certificate be willing to be trained as First Aiders? Please speak to Phil Probert or email Phil on:-

hs.smota.aldridge@rcaob.org.uk

Whetstone Over 50's

The next meeting of the **Whetstone Over 50's** group is **Monday 14th October** at **2pm**.

The speaker is **John Butterfield** talking about driving a Land Rover across Europe to give to a Nepalese leprosy hospital. He will talk about the fun and drama over this 8500-mile trip

Thomas Project

For a number of years we have made donations of tinned food, packaged foods and toiletries to help those in hardship, need and distress in our Aldridge community.

Currently the Thomas Project is facing incredible demand.

Thank you for any donations you can make.

Any help given will be appreciated greatly in helping to tackle hardship, need and distress in our Aldridge community.

Craft & Natter

Craft and natter will **NOT** be having their meeting on **Tuesday 15th October**, we will return on the following week, the **22nd October**. Meetings will continue as usual until we stop for our Christmas break.

Fr. Craig's Mass & Presentation

Friday 18th October at **6:30pm** Fr. Craig will return to celebrate Mass here in Aldridge, **all are welcome to attend**. Following Mass a presentation will be made to Fr. Craig **in Church** in thanks for his unfailing service to our Parish.

After the presentation **all who added their names to our lists** are invited to **WALK** to **St Mary of the Angels School** in Weston Crescent where Pulled Pork Baps, Indian Savouries, **wine**, and **fruit juice** will be provided, For safety reasons **NO HOT DRINKS** will be available in the School).

As cars must be left in the church car park we advise **anyone NOT going to the reception**, to park so that they can still exit the car park after the Mass and presentation. **THERE IS NO PARKING IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.**

If anyone requires **Gluten Free Cobs** please phone **Sue W** on **01922 457247** to ensure that you are catered for. Anyone on the list finds they cannot attend the celebrations at School please contact **SUE W** by **14th October** to aid our catering arrangements.

St Francis of Assisi Catholic College



St Francis of Assisi Catholic College are pleased to share that in their recent **Catholic School Inspection** they were judged to be **'Outstanding'** in all areas of the Inspection. Not only the three judgements of **Catholic Life & Mission, Religious Education, and Collective Worship**, but also in the three sub-sections of each area meaning that the school is deemed to be **Outstanding in all 9 areas** and have an overall effectiveness of Outstanding.

Congratulations to students, families, staff, governors and parish for their inspiring vision and commitment to the school's mission. The full Inspection report can be found on the school website.

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.

Collections:

Last Weekend's Offertory:	£275.5
Weekly Standing Orders:	£920.00
CAFOD Family Fast Day:	£597.96

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 12th November

7pm Tuesday 14th January 2025

PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 12TH / 13TH OCTOBER 2024

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	READERS:	John H & Hugh D
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9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Folk Group
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READERS:	Will B & Christine L
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Duties During the Week: 14TH - 19TH OCTOBER 2024

CLEANERS:	Team B
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FLOWERS:	Ann T
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PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 19TH / 20TH OCTOBER 2024

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	WELCOMERS:	Ann & John T
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WARDENS:	Brian L
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READERS:	Brian L & Pat H
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MUSIC:	Choir
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9:30AM SUNG MASS	WELCOMERS:	Jonathan & Jensen G
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WARDENS:	John O'N & Elaine A
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READERS:	Helen C & Catherine A
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COFFEE:	Helen C, Karen & Brian L
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And Finally: The readings these Sunday focuses on Wealth, riches, money, in themselves, are not bad: they are necessary for us to live with dignity. The problem lies in one's attitude towards them: if they occupy the highest priority in a man's life over and above God and the others; and, if a person is overly attached to them such that his life is centred on possessing, amassing wealth for himself and forgetting others. This wrong attitude towards wealth constitutes a serious obstacle to entering the Kingdom of God. This is the reason why Our Lord taught us in the Beatitudes: "Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs (Mt 5: 3)". There are other things, which must occupy the top tier of our priorities: WISDOM, the WORD OF GOD that sets to our eyes God's will for us and FOLLOWING CHRIST.

May God bless you all.