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DATE
Sunday 8th September 2024

SUNDAY
**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary
Time Year B**

DIVINE OFFICE
Week 3

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

<u>Saturday 7th September</u> 1 st Mass of Sunday	6:00pm	Private Family Intention ^(FS)
<u>Sunday 8th September</u> Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B	9:30am	People of the Parish
<u>Monday 9th Sept.</u> Feria		
<u>Tuesday 10th Sept.</u> Feria	9:15am	Theresa Blake ^{RIP (FM)}
<u>Wednesday 11th Sept.</u> Feria	9:15am 6:00pm	Joan McManamon ^{RIP (SH)} Rosary Devotion Group
<u>Thursday 12th Sept.</u> Feria	7:00pm	Private Intention
<u>Friday 13th Sept.</u> St. John Chrysostom ^{Bishop, Memorial} Doctor of the Church	9:15am	Joan McManamon ^{RIP (KB)}
<u>Saturday 14th Sept.</u> Exaltation of the Holy Cross ^{Feast} (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9:30am 10-11am 6:00pm	Joan Hart ^{RIP (MP)} Exposition, Confessions & Benediction Tom Mitchell ^{RIP Anniversary (CM)}
<u>Sunday 15th September</u> Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B	9:30am	People of the Parish

Pope Francis

Harmony is achieved when we are committed not only to our own interests and visions, but to the good of all.

The Cafod Prayer

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Give praise to the Lord our God; for he is the one who keeps faith for ever. He is the one who is just to the oppressed, the one who gives bread to the hungry and sets prisoners free.

Adult Catechesis – RCIA Course

We are running another series of talks 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 on Friday evenings at **6:30 - 8pm** in the parish meeting room, starting on **27th September**.

Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Yvonne Turner** and **Sheila Kerrigan** (who died on **Wednesday 28th August**) on whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy. May they rest in peace. Details of **Sheila's** requiem will be published as soon as they become available.

Dates for your Diary

7pm Friday 20th Sept – Angel Drive
Sunday 29th Sept – SVP Coffee Morning
2pm Sunday 22nd Sept – Family Fun Day
7pm Saturday 12th Oct – CaFOD Meal
6:30pm Friday 18th Oct – Fr. Craig's Mass
Sunday 24th Nov – Parish Christmas Fayre
Sunday 1st Dec – Life Fund Raiser
Sunday 15th Dec – Parish SVP Collection

Angel Drive

In addition to the list for Fr. Craig's final Mass, there is also one to sign for the **Angel Drive** on the **20th September**. The charge for this evening is **£10**, which includes a fish, pie, or chicken and chips supper.

Please bring your own drinks

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for September is:- **For the cry of the Earth**. We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climatic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

Sick in the Parish

Pray for the sick in the parish, remembering especially:

Eoghain Devine, John Bradley, Jean Watson, Tony Meehan, 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.

Fr. Craig's Final Mass

There is a list in the porch for names to be added for those wishing to attend on Friday 18th October at 6:30pm when Fr. Craig will return to celebrate Mass here in Aldridge. Mass will be followed by a presentation and reception. Collection envelopes for Fr. Craig should be returned by **Sunday 22nd September** at the latest, for contributions you may wish to make towards the parish's gift to Fr. Craig.

Whetstone Over 50's Group

Our next meeting is on **Monday 16th September** at **2pm**. We have a speaker from the **Royal National Lifeboat Institute**. I'm sure it will be an interesting talk, come along and join us

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy takes place every Sunday at the 9:30am Mass. At the start of Mass the children will be invited to go out to the Meeting Room for their liturgy. **All children are welcome to come along.**

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.

Family Fun Day

Our first Family Fun Day, which we are hoping will become an annual parish event will take place on **Sunday 22nd September** from **2pm onwards**. **Bring your own Picnic and Chair!** There will be Egg and Spoon Race, 3 Legged Race, Penalty Shoot out and lots of other fun and games. Teams of 6 people are required and at least 1 person must be under 10 and 1 person over 40, teams must also be mixed! For more info please speak to Jill or Phil Probert.

Help Needed

We are in urgent need for volunteers to help maintain the grounds of the church. If you can spare a few hours a month for this, please contact **Dawn M.**

Weekend after Mass Coffee

We are now having Coffee/Tea after **both of our weekend Masses**, Saturday evening after the Vigil Mass and Sunday morning after the 9:30am. Both will take place in the Parish Meeting Room. We'd love to see you there.

50/50 Club Winners

The winners of the draw for July entrants drawn on ??August:

1st Prize	MQ	£150.00
2nd Prize	CI	£70.00
3rd Prize	FH	£37.50

Total prize money this month: £257.50

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

Diocesan Situation Vacant

Job title: Senior Surveyor Location: Birmingham/Coleshill/Hybrid remote working Terms: Permanent/Full-Time Salary: £50,000 p.a. to £55,000 p.a.

See notice board for further details

Craft and Natter

The group has restarted their meetings each Tuesday in term time, 11am to 3pm. Come for an hour, morning, afternoon or the whole session. Remember to bring your lunch. It's 50p per session for all drinks and supplies (if you need them). For more information call Christine on 07900 604902.

Altar Servers

If you are Y4 or above and would like to become an Altar Server here in the parish, please speak to Katie & Níamh C-C. Training will begin in September. Parents, ask your child(ren) if they are interested.

Parish Pastoral Meeting

The next Parish Pastoral Meeting will be on **Thursday 19th September** in the parish meeting room immediately following the evening Mass.

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: £208.87
Weekly Standing Orders: £920.00

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 12th November
7pm Tuesday 14th January 2025

PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 7TH/8TH SEPTEMBER

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	READERS:	Pat H & Brian L
9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Choir
	READERS:	Martin B & Catherine A

Duties During the Week: 9TH - 14TH SEPTEMBER 2024

CLEANERS:	Team A
FLOWERS:	Ann H

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 14TH/15TH SEPTEMBER

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	WELCOMERS:	Dawn M
	WARDENS:	Peter H
	READERS:	Cath S & Gerry W
9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Folk Group
	WELCOMERS:	Margaret L, Helen A & Elena S
	WARDENS:	Pat & Sally S
	READERS:	Christine L & Mark G
COFFEE:	The Family R	

And Finally: Dear Sisters and Brothers, the readings this Sunday gives us two challenges:

- 1) Ask God's help to open our spiritually blind eyes, deaf ears and free our mute tongues.
 - 2) Share in Jesus' healing ministry by lending to him our eyes, ears, tongues, and hearts.
- We need to pray daily for healing from our spiritual blindness, so that we really see God's presence in others, and act on what we see. From our spiritual deafness so that we will attentively listen to the word of God, hear the cry and needs of others, and meet them as far as we can. End our spiritual muteness, so that we may be able to praise and worship God loudly and vibrantly during our family prayers at home and our liturgical prayers and hymns during the Holy Mass. We need to recognise our share in Jesus' healing ministry by lending him our eyes, ears, tongues, hands, feet, our hearts, and all our talents and blessings so that he may use them for granting all sorts of healing to people around us in our homes, parishes, institutions, and society.

May God bless you.