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DATE

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

SUNDAY

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

DIVINE OFFICE  
**Week 3**

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

<u>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday	6:00pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September</u> Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am	Int. of Roy Allsopp <sup>(SVP)</sup>
<u>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept</u> Feria	9:15am	Patricia Anderson RIP <sup>(KH)</sup>
<u>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept</u> The Most Holy Name of Mary Memorial	9:15am	Anthony Borg RIP <sup>(YD)</sup>
<u>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept</u> St. John Chrysostom Memorial Bishop, Doctor of the Church		No Services Today
<u>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept</u> Exaltation of the Holy Cross <sup>Feast</sup>	7:00pm	Private Intention
<u>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept</u> Our Lady of Sorrows <sup>Memorial</sup>	9:15am	Emma Jones RIP <sup>(D&amp;SG)</sup>
<u>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Sept</u> Ss. Cornelius Pope & Cyprian <sup>Memorial</sup> Bishop, Martyrs (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	9:30am 10-11am 6:00pm	Gay Whelan RIP <sup>(BB)</sup> <i>Exposition, Confessions &amp; Benediction</i> Thomas Mitchell RIP <sup>(CM)</sup>
<u>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September</u> Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am	People of the Parish

### Pope Francis:

When we encounter difficulties in living and proclaiming the Gospel, we may be tempted to grow discouraged. But Jesus grants us the grace we need to continue on the path of Christian life with faithfulness and perseverance.

#### This Week's Prayer

# CAFOD

## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lord, you are the rock who saves us. We come before you to worship you. We, the people of your pasture, thank you.

A date for your diary - our CaFOD Meal will be on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October after Mass. We will be taking bookings soon. Help would be appreciated – call Ann 01922 451124.

### Whetstone Over 50's Group

The next meeting of the Whetstone Over 50's Group takes place this Monday, **11<sup>th</sup> September**, at **2pm** in the Meeting Room. Our speaker is from the Air Ambulance Organisation. All are welcome to come along. Air Ambulance run a Charity Shop and would be grateful for any clothes, books, bric-a-brac etc. Please bring them to church on the weekend of **9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Sept** and leave them in the porch, or bring them along to the Monday meeting.

### 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.

**September marks ten years since Craft and Natter started; a real milestone!**

### 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.

### SVP Meeting

Our Parish SVP Group meets this Thursday, **14<sup>th</sup> September**, in the Presbytery Meeting Room after the evening Mass. **All members of the Parish are welcome to come along, see what we do, and hopefully join us in our important work of supporting the housebound and the lonely.**

### 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.

### 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](mailto:sg.smota.aldridge@rcaob.org.uk) or the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted at [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) or on 0121 230 6240 if you have any concerns.

### Angel Drive

Our Angel Drive is on Friday, **22<sup>nd</sup> September**, at **7pm** in the Parish Meeting Room. The sign up sheet is now in the porch, and the cost is **£10** per person. Please sign up and give your meal choice.

**Remember to bring your own drinks!**

### Parish Meeting

Our next Parish Meeting takes place in the Meeting Room on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September** after the evening Mass. **All Parishioners are invited to attend this meeting.**

### 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.

### Second Collection

Next weekend, **16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> September**, there will be a retiring collection for: Catholic Evangelisation (formally Home Mission Sunday). This collection supports the work of the Bishops' Conference.



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.

### Missio Magazine

The new edition of the Missio Magazine is now available for collection. If you are a 'Red Box' holder, or if you would simply like to take a copy, please take a copy from the table in the porch!

### Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Joseph Hickson**, the grandfather of one of our parishioners, and **Annie McManus**, the aunt of others who passed away recently. Pray also for their families at this difficult time.

### Parish SVP Coffee Morning



Next weekend, **16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> September**, our Parish SVP Group will be hosting a Coffee Morning following the Sunday morning Mass. Please do come along and support them in this fundraising event which helps them in their important work.

### Walsall Life

For now, we have sufficient baby clothes but still **urgently** need **Moses Baskets**. If you one to spare, please contact **Ann T** on **451124**.

### 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 19<sup>th</sup> September**

**7pm Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

### Collections:

**Last Week's Offertory: £255.79**

**Weekly Standing Orders: £870.00**

### **PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 9<sup>TH</sup>/10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023**

<b>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>READERS:</b>	Pat H & Brian L
<b>9:30AM SUNG MASS</b>	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Folk Group
	<b>READERS:</b>	Will B & Catherine A

### **Duties During the Week: 11<sup>TH</sup> – 16<sup>TH</sup> September 2023**

**CLEANERS:** Team C

**FLOWERS:** Sally S & Shelagh G

### **PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 16<sup>TH</sup>/17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023**

<b>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Dawn M
	<b>WARDENS:</b>	Brain L
	<b>READERS:</b>	Cathy S & John H
<b>9:30AM SUNG MASS</b>	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Choir
	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Margaret L, Helen A & Elena S
	<b>WARDENS:</b>	Pat & Sally S
	<b>READERS:</b>	Helen C & Mark H
<b>COFFEE:</b>	Dorothy C, Bernadette D & Christine L	

**And finally:-** This weekend, as some of us return from our pilgrimage to Assisi, and the staff and pupils of our school complete their first week of the new term, we welcome Jithin back to our parish for his Extended Placement. Many of you will remember that Jithin, now beginning his fourth year of formation for the Priesthood, was with us in the January, and the summer, of 2021. Jithin will now be spending the next five months here at St. Mary of the Angels. I know that you will make him feel welcome, and I also hope and pray that you will support him in the work that he will do during his stay. As part of his placement I am going to ask Jithin to add into the liturgical life of the parish some time each week for Eucharistic Adoration - praying especially for vocations; some time for Lectio Divina (praying with the Scriptures); and to run a short course of training for the new servers. Jithin will also take on the responsibility of visiting some of the sick and housebound, as well as spending time in both the Primary and Secondary Schools.

*May God bless you all, Fr. Craig*