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DATE

Sunday 10th March 2024

SUNDAY

**Fourth Sunday of Lent
Year B**

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 4

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

Saturday 9 th March 1 st Mass of Sunday	6:00pm	Pat Hopley (RIP) ^(SVP)
Sunday 10 th March Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday	9:30am 5:00pm	Dennis Haugh (RIP) ^(JL) <i>Stations of the Cross for Vocations</i>
Monday 11 th Mar Lent Feria		Dementia Prayer Week starts today No Services Today
Tuesday 12 th Mar Lent Feria	7:00pm	Exploration of the Lord's Prayer 'Forgiving: letting go, healing, restoration'.
Wednesday 13 th Mar Lent Feria		No Services Today
Thursday 14 th Mar Lent Feria		No Services Today
Friday 15 th Mar Lent Feria	4:30pm 6:15pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i> <i>Lectio Divina</i>
Saturday 16 th March Lent Feria (1 st Mass of Sunday)	6:00pm	No Morning Services Doris Borg (RIP) ^(YD)
Sunday 17 th March Fifth Sunday of Lent	9:30am 5:00pm	Joyce Lander (RIP) ^(HA) <i>Stations of the Cross for Vocations</i>

Pope Francis

Jesus does not allow the house of God to become a marketplace where sales tables take the place of the family table. We are invited on our Lenten journey to create a greater sense of home and less of a market within ourselves and around us.

The CaFOD Prayer

CAFOD

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Together may we, the members of your Church, be inspired by Jesus our Lord to transform the world out of love for him and for our fellow men.

Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Kath Parsons** and **Chrissie Everett-Hickson** on whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy. May they rest in peace. **Kath** from Cwmbran was with us on our Pilgrimage to Assisi last year. **Chrissie** was the 21 year old sister of a parishioner.

Lenten Alms

This Lent we will be donating our Lenten Alms to the **West Midlands Air Ambulance**. The collection box for offerings will be situated at the back of church throughout Lent.

Whetstone Over 50's Group

Monday March 11th at 2pm is the next meeting of the Whetstone Over 50's when the children from our primary school will be joining us to play a variety of board games. Come along and revisit your childhood.

Welcome

This weekend, we welcome **Fr Justin Karakadu** and **Canon Michael Dolman** who will be celebrating our weekend Masses.

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for March is:- **For the new martyrs**. We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Sick in the Parish

Pray for the sick in the parish, remembering especially:

Michael Smith, Marian Mathews, Marie Wilson, 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, Margaret Davis, Mary Brough, 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, Mike Mander, 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

There will be a craft sale at the back of church this **Saturday & Sunday 9th/ 10th March**. Lots of lovely gifts for St Patrick's, Mothering Sunday, and Easter, so come along and have a look what we have for you and your family. We look forward to seeing you at our stall thank you.

SVP

The next **SVP** meeting will be on **Thursday 14th March** at **7pm** in the Meeting Room.

New members would be welcome

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.

Items for the Newsletter

Please send any items for the Newsletter to the parish email (smota.aldridge@rcaob.org.uk). These must also be sent before the Friday Morning of the week prior to that in which they are to appear.

Aldridge Social Club – St Patrick’s Dance

16th March, Music by **John Doogan**
Admission **£6.00 - 9:00pm until Midnight.**
Pay at the Door

Date for your Diary

Friday April 12th at 7pm Beetle Drive.
More details to follow.

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 Easter.

Urgently Needed by Walsall Life



Boys clothes for **newborn** to **2 years**,
Moses baskets, **cots** and **sterilisers.**
Thank You.



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.

Friends of the Holy Land

Friday March 8th was declared by many dioceses as a day of prayer for the Holy Land.

His Beatitude Cardinal Pizzaballa invites us to share in his Lenten message from Jerusalem where, in these violent and fearful times, he asks us to keep the desire for reconciliation and forgiveness alive in our hearts.

Join us in prayer and send words of hope and healing to our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land today.

As the war rages on and talks aiming for a cease-fire continue, we are actively using our Hope & Healing Fund to help the Christian community face this emergency and build towards a more resilient future.

Thanks to your generous contributions, we are getting emergency aid to where it is most needed. More than this, we are also already empowering individuals, families and communities to create better ways forward.

Donate Now and Add to the Hope and Healing Fund

The Lord's Prayer

As part of this year's preparation, Pope Francis has asked us to focus on the Lord's Prayer, the perfect prayer to the Father given to us by Our Lord Himself'. Each Tuesday throughout Lent we will be exploring the depth and beauty of a different aspect of the Lord's Prayer:

12th Mar: Forgiving: letting go, healing, restoration.

19th Mar: Temptation and evil: origins and remedies

26th Mar: Praying the prayer.

All are welcome – bring a friend! We meet in the Parish Meeting room at 7:00pm for half an hour.

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:	£198.07
Weekly Standing Orders:	£920.00
Cathedral Maintenance:	£349.00

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 26th March

7pm Tuesday 4th June

PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 9TH/10TH March 2024

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	READERS:	Hugh D & Cathy S
9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	School – Mothering Sunday
	READERS:	Mark H & Martin B

Duties During the Week: 11TH – 16TH March 2024

CLEANERS:	Team A
FLOWERS:	None required during Lent

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 16TH/17TH March 2024

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	WELCOMERS:	Shelagh G & Anne H
	WARDENS:	Tony M
	READERS:	Gerry W & Brian L
9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Choir
	WELCOMERS:	Rossella G & Helen C
	WARDENS:	Pat & Sally S
	READERS:	Alice G & Will B

COFFEE: The A Family

And finally:- The past few weeks have been something of a bumpy road on my journey of recovery following the operation. Thanks be to God, however, this week has been much smoother! Over the past week, other than a few trips to the Nuffield Hospital for dressing changes, I have managed to have a quiet week with no upheavals. On Thursday I managed to go out for a walk into the village. At present I can feel that my left leg is still a little weaker than my right, but this comes as neither a surprise nor a concern to me or the consultant considering what I have been through. I am certain that this will begin to improve the more I manage to get out and about. Whilst the past few weeks have been stressful and tiring, I have to say that, compared to what I have suffered over the past year it has all been worth it. On Tuesday I return to the hospital to have the sutures removed. Please continue to pray for me as I do for you. I miss you all and look forward to being back in the Parish where I belong.

May God bless you all, Fr. Craig