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DATE

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

SUNDAY

**Fifth Sunday of Lent  
Year B**

DIVINE OFFICE

**Week 1**

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

<u>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday	6:00pm	Doris Borg (RIP) <sup>(YD)</sup>
<u>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March</u> Fifth Sunday of Lent	9:30am 5:00pm	Joyce Lander <sub>(RIP)</sub> <sup>(HA)</sup> <i>Stations of the Cross for Vocations</i>
<u>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Mar</u> Lent Feria		No Services Today
<u>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Mar</u> Lent Feria	7:00pm	<b>Exploration of the Lord's Prayer</b> 'Temptation and evil: origins and remedies'.
<u>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Mar</u> St. Joseph <sup>Solemnity</sup>		No Services Today
<u>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Mar</u> Lent Feria		No Services Today
<u>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar</u> Lent Feria	4:30pm 6:15pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i> <i>Lectio Divina</i>
<u>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</u> Lent Feria (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	6:00pm	No Morning Services Margaret Weir <sup>(The Weir Family)</sup>
<u>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March</u> <b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b>	9:30am 5:00pm	Int. of Fr. Craig Davies <sup>(Patton Family)</sup> <i>Stations of the Cross for Vocations</i>

## Pope Francis

How many Christians have reached holiness through tears, discovering they could not overcome some of their weaknesses! They found that God completed their good work, which for them was only a rough draft.

### Reconciliation Service

As part of our Lenten preparation, **Fr. David Doran** from St Peter's, Bloxwich and other priests of the deanery have kindly agreed to lead a **service of reconciliation** in our church on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March** at **7.00pm**. Please take advantage of this valuable opportunity to avail of the Sacrament of Confession and Reconciliation.

### The CaFOD Prayer

# CAFOD

### Fifth Sunday of Lent

Through your grace, Lord, may those who suffer hunger and other deprivations know that they are not forgotten. The Society of St Vincent de Paul and CAFOD are there and do such work, when we facilitate them.

### Washing of the Feet on Maundy

#### Thursday

We have need of **12 volunteers** for the ceremony of the Washing of the Feet on **Maundy Thursday**. This is a very important and significant part of the ceremonies of Holy Week. **There is a sign up sheet in the porch.**

### 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.

### Welcome

This weekend, we welcome **Fr. Andrew Robinson** 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:

**Bill Baxendale, 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 <sup>(Dotty)</sup> Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Anna Morgan <sup>née Meehan</sup>, 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

Our thanks to all that contributed to the success of the craft sale last weekend, whether you made, sold, or bought. We made **£45.50** on Saturday and **£75.50** on Sunday making **£121** in total, well done everyone and thank you.

**Easter break** approaches, we close after our meeting on the **26<sup>th</sup> March**; no meeting on the **2<sup>nd</sup> April**. We return to normal on Tuesday **9<sup>th</sup> April** 11am till 3pm all welcome for more information call me on 07900 604902.

### 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.

### Items for the Newsletter

Please send any items for the Newsletter to the parish email ([smota.aldridge@rcaob.org.uk](mailto: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.

### Date for your Diary

**Friday April 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Thank You – Thomas Project & Friends of the Holy Land

We have letters from both of these charities, thanking us for our Christmas Donations, These letters are on the notice boards

### 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 8<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**Donate Now and Add to the Hope and Healing Fund**

### 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.

### The Lord's Prayer

As part of this years 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:

19<sup>th</sup> Mar: **Temptation and evil: origins and remedies**

26<sup>th</sup> Mar: Praying the prayer.

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

### Aldridge Social Club – St Patrick's Dance

**16<sup>th</sup> March**, Music by **John Doogan**

Admission **£6.00** - **9:00pm** until **Midnight**.

**Pay at the Door**

## 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:       £350.54**  
**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 26<sup>th</sup> March**  
**7pm Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

### **PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 16<sup>TH</sup>/17<sup>TH</sup> March 2024**

<b>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>READERS:</b>	Gerry W & Brian L
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<b>9:30AM SUNG MASS</b>	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Choir
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	<b>READERS:</b>	Alice G & Will B
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### **Duties During the Week: 18<sup>TH</sup> – 23<sup>RD</sup> March 2024**

<b>CLEANERS:</b>	Team A
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<b>FLOWERS:</b>	None required during Lent
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### **PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 23<sup>RD</sup>/24<sup>TH</sup> March 2024**

<b>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Mavie & Krystal B
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	<b>WARDENS:</b>	Brian L
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	<b>READERS:</b>	Gerry W & John H
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	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Folk Group
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<b>9:30AM SUNG MASS</b>	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Rod & Joan L
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	<b>WARDENS:</b>	John O and Elaine A
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	<b>READERS:</b>	Martin B & Catherine A
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<b>COFFEE:</b>	The Tony M, Les & Jacqui B
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**And finally:-** On Tuesday I went to the hospital to have the sutures removed from the wound left by the second surgical procedure. Whilst having 10 sutures removed was not the most comfortable of experiences, I was thrilled to hear my consultant say that the wound was healing 'very nicely'. I have now been out for several walks into the village, and I am finding day by day that walking is becoming easier and more comfortable - it's strange having not walked any distance for more than a year that my leg muscles need to re-adjust to walking again. Please God, everything at present seems to be going according to plan, and hopefully I will be able to return to the Parish as planned at the beginning of Holy Week. Over the next week, as we draw every closer to the celebration of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord, let us continue to pray for each other, that the Lord will strengthen us in His service, and in the service of His people.

*May God bless you all, Fr. Craig*