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Sunday 1st December 2024

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First Sunday of Advent Year C

DIVINE OFFICE
Week 1

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

Saturday 30 th November 1 st Mass of Sunday	6:00pm	Private Intention
Sunday 1 st December 1 st Sunday in Advent	9:30am	People of the Parish
Monday 2 nd December Advent Feria		<i>No Mass Today</i>
Tuesday 3 rd December St Francis Xavier Priest Memorial	9:15am	Agnes Bradbury RIP (J&DC)
Wednesday 4 th December Advent Feria	9:15am 6:00pm	Theresa Blake RIP (BG) <i>Rosary Devotion Group</i>
Thursday 5 th December St Birinus Bishop Feast	7:00pm	<i>No Mass Today</i>
Friday 6 th December Advent Feria	9:15am	Lila McHugh RIP (FM)
Saturday 7 th December St Ambrose Bishop, Memorial, Doctor of the Church (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9:30am 10:00-10:30am 6:00pm	Peggy Smith RIP (SVP) <i>Exposition, Confessions & Benediction</i> People of the Parish
Sunday 8 th December 2 nd Sunday in Advent	9:30am	Bert Margetts RIP (EM)

Pope Francis

The word 'Gospel' means glad tidings, and it cannot be communicated with a long face and sombre countenance. We must share the Gospel with the joy of those who have unearthed a hidden treasure and precious pearl.

The Cafod Prayer

CAFOD

First Sunday of Advent

Let us rejoice now, as we begin the four weeks of preparation for the nativity of Our Lord Jesus, when he took on our humanity and so enabled us to share in his divinity.

Recently Deceased

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of **John Hutchcocks**, **John Hurley** & **James Donnelly** on whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy. May they rest in peace. **James Donnelly's** funeral service will be at **10:45am** on **Thursday 5th December** here at St. Mary of the Angels with his cremation at 12:00 noon at Streetly Crematorium.

Details of **John Hutchcocks'** funeral at Streetly Crematorium will follow shortly.

Fr. Craig's Induction

The coach to Fr. Craig's Induction as Parish Priest in Bicester will leave St. Mary of the Angels at **4:00pm** this Thursday 5th December. We hope to arrive around **6:00pm** in Bicester in time for the Mass at 6:30pm. We will leave Bicester at **10:00pm** to get back to St. Mary's around **11:30pm**.

We regret that we can no longer accept cancellations and the outstanding booked seats must be paid for by this weekend.

John O'N and John N T will be collecting payments this weekend.

The coach has **53** seats and we still have some available. Please contact either of the 'Johns' if you would like to join us. JNT Editor

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for December is:- **For pilgrims of hope**. We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

Whetstone Over 50's Group

The Annual Christmas Party is on December 9th at 1pm. Don't forget your food for table and your 'Secret Santa' gift to the value of £5.

Sick in the Parish

Pray for the sick in the parish, remembering especially:

John Wilkinson, Freddie Evans, 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.

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.

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.

The Assisted Suicide Bill

The Assisted Suicide Bill was debated on Friday in parliament. At the time of going to press, the result of this debate was not known. If further action is required, please continue to contact your MPs. For Aldridge, email: wendy.morton.mp@parliament.uk

Craft and Natter

We will be having our usual Christmas break after our last meeting this year, we will return refreshed and ready for action on **Tuesday 7th January 2025 at 11am until 3pm**, as usual everyone is welcome, for more information call Christine on 07900604902

Eucharistic Ministers

We will be resuming the distribution of **Holy Communion under both kinds** from the Christmas Masses, and so we are looking for volunteers to administer the **Precious Blood** to the congregation. We will need **4 ministers per Mass**, on a rota basis. No experience is required and training will be provided. There is no age limit, and our youth are particularly encouraged to share in this ministry. If you are willing to volunteer, please see Deacon Peter after the Masses this weekend



Life Fundraiser



This **Sunday 1st December**, we will be holding our **Annual Life Fundraiser** after **Sunday Morning Mass**. As in previous years, offerings of **cakes** will be most welcome. Other **suitable raffle & tombola prizes etc.** again this weekend, we will be most gratefully received. This year it is for our local Help Station to support mothers and their new babies.

If anyone has a chest of drawers going spare, please call Ann T on 01922 451124 she would be most grateful.

Food Bank Christmas Gifts

As last year we are supporting the Food Bank in providing **Christmas Gifts** for **children and adults** in need. The Food Bank has asked that we don't wrap the gifts, so they are able to give the gifts appropriately. However if you wish you could put them in an open Christmas gift bag unsealed.

There will be a box on the **Sanctuary** from **December 1st** for all Christmas donations (not food offerings, which should be left in the usual place in the porch). The last date for bringing gifts is **15th December**. Thank you once again for your generous support.

Christmas Cards – Jesuit Refugee Service

The Jesuit Refugee Service encourages us to send a Christmas Card to a refugee this Christmas. Refugees can find Christmas a lonely time, receiving a Christmas Card can remind them that they are being thought of. If you would like to send a card, please see the box in the porch for further details.

Parish Census

If you are a new member/family of the parish please complete the census form in the church porch. Please return the form by posting it through the Presbytery door in an envelope marked Census.

Christmas Family Fun Afternoon

Sunday 8th December 2:00-5:00pm in the church meeting Room. Bring your own food, Christmas Jumpers and hats optional.

Missio Red Boxes

A total of **£519** has been banked for the second half of this year and the whole amount banked this year is **£983**. Thank you for your continuous support.

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:	£182.01
Weekly Standing Orders:	£710.93
Catholic Youth Service:	£389.16
Christmas Fayre:	£917.00

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 14th January 2025

Retiring Collection Next Weekend.

There will be a retiring collection at both of our Masses next weekend, in aid of the **Poor Parishes Fund.**

PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 30TH NOVEMBER/1ST DECEMBER 2024

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	READERS:	Pat H & Brian L
9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Folk Group
	READERS:	Edith B & Martin B

Duties During the Week: 2ND - 7TH DECEMBER 2024

CLEANERS:	Team A
FLOWERS:	No flowers until Christmas

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 7TH - 8TH DECEMBER 2024

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	WELCOMERS:	Dawn M
	WARDENS:	Brian L
	READERS:	Gerry W & Cathy S
9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Choir
	WELCOMERS:	Margaret L, Helen A & Elena S
	WARDENS:	Pat & Sally S
	READERS:	Christine L & Helen C
COFFEE:	Sarah B, Catherine C & Francesca A	

And Finally: - The season of Advent is time of preparation for Christmas and the Second Coming of Christ. Advent is also a time of waiting for Christ, allowing Jesus to be reborn in our lives. It is also a time for purifying our hearts by repentance and for renewing our lives by reflecting on and experiencing the several comings (advents) of Christ into our lives. Besides coming into our world through birth, Jesus comes into our lives through His Church and its members, through its Sacraments (especially the Holy Eucharist), the Word of God, the worshipping community, and finally, in His Second Coming.

May God bless you all.