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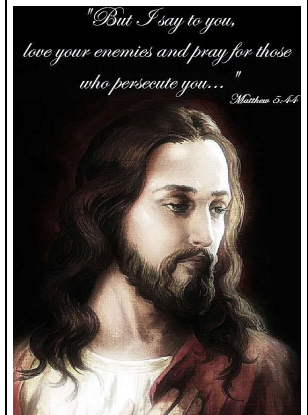
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DATE

Sunday 19th February
2023

SUNDAY

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 3

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

<u>Saturday 18th Feb</u> 1 st Mass of Sunday	6:00pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 19th February</u> Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am	For the Souls of the Fernandes Family ^(AA)
<u>Monday 20th Feb</u> Feria		No Services Today
<u>Tuesday 21st Feb</u> St. Peter Damian Bishop, Doctor of the Church Memorial	9:15am	Int. Mike Treadwell ^(SVP)
<u>Wednesday 22nd Feb</u> Ash Wednesday	9:15am 7:00pm	Nancy Levell RIP ^(A&IK) Paddy Breen RIP ^(ES)
<u>Thursday 23rd Feb</u> Thursday after Ash Wednesday	7:00pm	A Private Intention
<u>Friday 24th Feb</u> Friday after Ash Wednesday	9:15am 3:30pm	Int. of Mina Patel & Family ^(AR) <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
<u>Saturday 25th Feb</u> Saturday after Ash Wednesday (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9:30am 10-11am 6:00pm	Leo Jones RIP ^(AH) <i>Exposition, Confessions and Benediction</i> Int. of Kevin Doherty ^(CM)
<u>Sunday 26th February</u> First Sunday in Lent	9:30am 5:00pm	People of the Parish <i>Stations of the Cross</i>

Pope Francis:

The Word of God, which is addressed to all, calls us to conversion. When we are filled with the Word, it transforms our hearts and minds; it changes us and helps us direct our lives to the Lord.

This Week's CaFOD Prayer

CAFOD

(Seventh Sunday of the Year)

Lord, remember the innocent and defenceless Christians who continue to be persecuted because of their faith in you. Equip us also with courage in our service to you.

Thank You From Níamh

Níamh would like to thank everyone who donated towards the expenses of the SFA pilgrimage to Lourdes following her recent appeal. The total amount raised now stands at **£715.68**.

Retiring Collection

This weekend, **18th/19th February**, there will be a retiring collection for **Life**. This collection will support the work of the Life House in Walsall.

2023 Diocesan Directories

Copies of the 2023 Diocesan Directory are now available for £5 per copy. These can be purchased from either Fr. Craig or Dcn. Peter in the Sacristy before or after Mass at the weekend.

Canon Michael's Silver Jubilee

On the 5th of September Canon Michael will be celebrating his 25th anniversary of priestly ordination. He will celebrate a **Mass of Thanksgiving at 12noon** on **Saturday 9th September** at **St. Mary the Mount** followed by a reception. An open invitation is extended to us all. More information to follow shortly.

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for **February** is:- **For Parishes**. We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

Parish Pilgrimage to Assisi – Sept 2023

Together with the Parish of Our Lady of the Angels Cwmbran we are running a pilgrimage to Assisi from 4th – 8th September. **We have now reached full capacity for this pilgrimage.** Could all those who have now received their booking forms please return them to Fr. Craig ASAP.

Sick in the Parish

Pray for the sick in the parish, remember especially:

Paul Corbett, Carmel Fekete, Geoff Hopkinson, Tony & 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, Pat Hopley, Luke Smith, Catherine Shepherd, Jim Smith, David Goodwin, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia (Dotty) Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Dcn. John Higgins, Joan Hart, Anna Morgan ^{née Meehan}, Margaret Cooper, 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.

Remember also to pray for those who carry the burden of their illnesses privately, and for all those who care for the sick.

Children's Liturgy

Our 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.

Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Keiron Sanders, Alison Beardwood & Canon Garry Byrne**, on whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy, may they rest in peace.

Exams Invigilators

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic College are urgently looking to recruit Invigilators to supervise their students taking their examinations. Full details can be found on the 'Jobs' noticeboard in the church porch. You can also visit: www.stfrancis.cc

A Gap Year Opportunity - CaFOD

Are you 18-30, or do you know someone who is? Do you want to develop a wide range of skills including leadership while learning about global justice and inspiring others to use their faith in action? CaFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, believes in equipping and inspiring young adults to contribute to a more just and peaceful world. Step into the Gap is a fully funded year of volunteering, with food, accommodation, stipend and training within a UK placement plus a Rome and Assisi pilgrimage. Visit the CaFOD website for more information: www.cafod.org.uk/gapyear

Sunday Coffee Mornings

Every Sunday after the 9:30am Mass in the Meeting Room. If you have not yet joined us in this important parish social time why not pop in for a tea/coffee and a biscuit?

We would love to see you there!

Praying for the Unborn



As we approach Ash Wednesday and the season of prayer, penance and alms-giving, let us pray for those who need special Heavenly protection, like the unemployed, the aged and infirm, widows and orphans, and mothers expecting babies. Amen.

Lenten Alms-giving

Following the recent earthquake which has brought suffering and hardship to thousands in Turkey and Northern Syria this years Lenten Alms Charity will be the CAFOD Emergence Aid Appeal. The Lenten Alms-giving box will be situated at the back of church throughout the season of Lent.

Piety Stall



We now have a large selection of Birthday Cards, Easter Cards & few St. Patrick's Day Cards for sale on the Piety Stall. Please do take a look and the money for any purchases made can be placed in the slot in the pillar marked 'Piety Stall'.

Craft and Natter

We are now having our half term break. We return to our normal Tuesday meetings from **Tuesday 28th February at 11am** when everyone will be welcome to join us for either the whole day or part of the day.

For more information call Christine on 01922 860981.

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 Week's Offertory: £308.65
Weekly Standing Orders: £882.00

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 March

7pm Tuesday 9th May

7pm Tuesday 11th July

PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 18TH/19TH FEBRUARY 2023

<u>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</u>	READERS:	Hugh D & John H
<u>9:30AM SUNG MASS</u>	MUSIC:	Folk Group
	READERS:	Jacqui B & Will B

Duties During the Week: 20th – 25th February 2023

CLEANERS:	Team C
FLOWERS:	Ann T (Clear flowers for Lent)

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 25TH/26TH FEBRUARY 2023

<u>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</u>	WELCOMERS:	Mavie & Krystal B
	WARDENS:	Peter H
	READERS:	Gerry W & Pat H
<u>9:30AM SUNG MASS</u>	MUSIC:	Choir
	WELCOMERS:	Rod & Joan L
	WARDENS:	John O & Bruce B
	READERS:	Helen C & Cathy S
COFFEE:	Fran & Margaret R & Sue W	

And finally:- On Wednesday we enter the holy season of Lent and the beginning of our 'campaign of Christian service'. Through prayer, fasting and alms-giving, we 'take up battle against [the] spiritual evils' which, through human frailty, separate us from God. This year as Lent begins our world faces more tragedy with the catastrophic earthquake in Turkey and Northern Syria and the ongoing Russian invasion of Ukraine. During this season of prayer I invite, and urge all of you, to join with Christians around the world in praying for those who are suffering at this time. Here in Aldridge each Sunday we will offer the Stations of the Cross for the people of Turkey, Northern Syria & Ukraine. Let us pray that God will bless and protect all those affected by the current disasters and ongoing war, and that He will guide the actions of World Leaders that they may work together to bring aid to the survivors of the earthquakes and establish peace in our time.

May God bless you all. Fr. Craig