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**DATE**

**Sunday 22nd September
2024**

SUNDAY

**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary
Time Year B**

**DIVINE OFFICE
Week 1**

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

Saturday 21st September 1 st Mass of Sunday	6:00pm	Florry O'Donoghue RIP ^(KB)
Sunday 22nd September Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary	9:30am	People of the Parish
Monday 23rd Sept. St. Pius of Pietrelcina ^{Memorial}	10:30am	<i>Requiem: Florence Angela Allen</i>
Tuesday 24th Sept. Our Lady of Walsingham ^{Feast}	9:15am	John White RIP ^(JH)
Wednesday 25th Sept. Feria	9:15am 6:00pm	Cara Meehan RIP ^(BM) <i>Rosary Devotion Group</i>
Thursday 26th Sept. Feria	7:00pm	Private Intention
Friday 27th Sept. Sts. Vincent de Paul ^{Priest Memorial}	9:15am	Rose O'Leary-Hall RIP ^(SVP)
Saturday 28th Sept. Feria (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9:30am 10-11am 6:00pm	Francis Patton RIP ^(P Family) <i>Exposition, Confessions & Benediction</i> People of the Parish
Sunday 29th September Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am	Jacob and Ida Almeida RIP ^(A7oa)

Pope Francis

Prayer opens a sliver of light in the densest darkness. "Lord, help me!" is a cry that opens that door.

The Cafod Prayer

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The wisdom that comes from above makes for peace. It is kindly and considerate. It is compassionate and shows itself by doing good." **Holy Spirit, come to us and fill us with this wisdom of yours.**

Adult Catechesis – RCIA Course

We are running another series of talks 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 on Friday evenings at 6:30 - 8pm in the parish meeting room, starting on 27th September.

Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of **Sheila Kerrigan, Florence Angela Allen** and **Mary Catherine Howell** on whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy. May they rest in peace.

Florence's Requiem will be at **10:30am** on **Monday 23rd September** followed by internment at North Walsall Cemetery at 11:45am. **Mary's** Requiem will be **1:30pm** on **Thursday 3rd October** followed by cremation at Streetly at 3:00pm.

Thank You from the Kerrigan Family

The **Kerrigan Family** would like to thank everyone for their messages of sympathy, love, support and the many Mass intentions received for Mom. Many thanks also to Canon Michael, Fr. Ramesh and all who attended the Requiem Mass and contributed to such a wonderful celebration of her life.

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for September is:- **For the cry of the Earth.** We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climatic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

Sick in the Parish

Pray for the sick in the parish, remembering especially:

Nuala & George Partridge, Hilary Fernandes, Eoghain Devine, John Bradley, Jean Watson, Tony Meehan, 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 ^(Doty) 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 & Aine McDonagh.

Please remember also in your prayers those who carry the burden of their illnesses privately and those who care for them.

S M A Situations Vacant

St Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School are recruiting staff and will be pleased to receive applications. See our school website for the job adverts and application forms.

www.st-maryangel.walsall.sch.uk

CaFOD Meal

Curry or Salad night **Saturday 12th October** at **7:15pm** after the Vigil Mass in the Meeting Room. We have a speaker and a film. Monies raised for **CaFOD** will go to support their work in Sudan. Raffle prized needed. Please place in the marked box in the porch.

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.

Appeal - First 'Aiders' Needed!

Do you hold a current **First Aid Certificate**, would you be willing to stand as a First 'Aider' at Church? Or would those without a certificate be willing to be trained as First Aiders? Please speak to Phil Probert or email Phil:-

hs.smota.aldridge@rcaob.org.uk

Thomas Project

For a number of years we have made donations of tinned food, packaged foods and toiletries to help those in hardship, need and distress in our Aldridge community. **Currently the Thomas Project is facing incredible demand .**

Can you please reflect and see if you are in a position to donate what you can? Donations can be left in our Church entrance in the container provided, or simply left in plastic bags alongside that container.

Donations are brought to the charity early each Wednesday morning. In 2023 alone 10,660 kg of food was given out to feed 778 adults and 610 children ,in need in the Aldridge area .

Thank you for any donations you can make .

Any help given will be appreciated greatly in helping to tackle hardship ,need and distress in our Aldridge community.

Craft & Natter

Craft and natter will **NOT** be having our meeting on the **Tuesday 8th October** or **Tuesday 15th October**, we will return on the week after the **22nd October** and we will have craft club then until we finish for the Christmas break.

Family Fun Day

We regret that due to threatened inclement weather this weekend, we have had to postpone our **Family Fun Day**. We plan to try again in the spring.

Help Urgently Needed

We are in urgent need for volunteers to help maintain the grounds of the church. If you can spare a few hours a month for this, please contact **Dawn M.**

SVP Coffee Morning This Sunday

The **SVP** are running this weekend's Coffee morning to aid with their recruitment.

Fr. Craig's Mass & Presentation

Friday 18th October at 6:30pm Fr. Craig will return to celebrate Mass here in Aldridge, **all are welcome to attend**. At the end of Mass a presentation will be made to Fr. Craig **in Church** in thanks for his unfailing service to our Parish.

Following the presentation **ONLY THOSE WHO'S NAMES WERE ADDED TO OUR LISTS** will be invited to **WALK** to **St Mary of the Angels School** in Weston Crescent where Pulled Pork Baps, Indian Savouries, wine, and fruit juice will be provided, **(PLEASE NOTE that for safety reasons NO HOT DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE** in the School).

AS WE ARE FULLY SUBSCRIBED, WE REGRET WE HAVE HAD TO CLOSE OUR REFRESHMENTS LIST.

As cars must be left in the church car park we advise **anyone NOT going to the reception**, to park so that they can still exit the car park after the Mass and presentation. **THERE IS NO PARKING IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.**

If anyone requires Gluten Free Cobs please phone **Sue W** on **01922 457247** to ensure that you are catered for.

Anyone on the list who cannot attend the celebrations at School should also contact **SUE W** by **4th October** to aid our catering arrangements.

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:	£248.09
Weekly Standing Orders:	£920.00
Catholic Evangelisation:	£278.20

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 12th November
7pm Tuesday 14th January 2025

Second Collections

Second Collection: There will be a **Retiring Collection this weekend** after both Masses in aid of **Fr. Hudson's Society**.

PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 21ST / 22ND SEPTEMBER

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	READERS:	Hugh D & John H
9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Choir
	READERS:	Will B & Helen C

Duties During the Week: 23RD – 28TH SEPTEMBER 2024

CLEANERS:	Team C
FLOWERS:	Helen

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 28TH / 29TH SEPTEMBER

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	WELCOMERS:	Shelagh G & Anne H
	WARDENS:	Brian L
	READERS:	Brian L & Pat H
9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Folk Group
	WELCOMERS:	Rossella & Helen C
	WARDENS:	Pat & Sally S
	READERS:	Catherine A & Martin B
COFFEE:	SVP - Sue & Anne	

And Finally: Today's readings invite us to become great in the sight of God by doing God's will as Jesus did, surrendering our lives to Him in the service of others.

We need to practice humility in thoughts, words, and actions: "*Learn from Me, for I am meek and humble of heart,*" Jesus invites us. St. Augustine asks, "*What is the essential thing in the religion and discipline of Jesus Christ?*" then responds, "*I shall reply: first humility, second humility, and third humility.*" We should not seek recognition and recompense for the services we do for Christ and the Church as parents, teachers, pastors, etc. Trusting Faith, both causes and results from, true humility, for these two synergize, deepening each other, and both are essential for all corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Since children reflect the innocence, purity, simplicity, and tenderness of our Lord, and since they are given the protection of a guardian angel, we are to love them, train them, and take care not to give scandal to them. We need to try to treat everyone with love and respect because, "*Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life*"