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DATE

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January  
2023

SUNDAY

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year A**

DIVINE OFFICE

**Week 4**

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

<u>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday	6:00pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January</u> <b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9:30am	A Private Intention
<u>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan</u> Feria	9:15am	Michael Hardiman RIP (SVP)
<u>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan</u> St. John Bosco Priest Memorial	9:15am	A Private Intention
<u>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb</u> Feria		No Services Today
<u>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb</u> Presentation of the Lord Feast	7:00pm	Int. of Maureen Patton (Birthday) (Patton Family)
<u>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb</u> St. Blaise Bishop, Martyr Memorial	9:15am	Ted & Nancy Levell RIP (JL)
<u>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb</u> Our Lady Saturday Memorial (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	9:30am 10-11am 6:00pm	Dec. Relatives of Dawn & Tony Mercer (DM) <i>Exposition, Confessions and Benediction</i> Emma Jones RIP (AH & Jones Family)
<u>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February</u> <b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9:30am	People of the Parish

## Pope Francis:

The Word of God, which is addressed to everyone and calls us to conversion, makes us heralds. It draws us into the “net” of the Father’s love and makes us apostles, moved by an unquenchable desire to bring everyone we meet into the barque of the Kingdom.

### **This Week’s CaFOD Prayer**

# CAFOD

**(Fourth Sunday of the Year)**

**You are my stronghold, Lord, the rock on which to found my life. Be my guide and lead me, Lord.**

### Christmas Crib Collection



This weekend is the final opportunity to contribute toward our Crib Collection, which will be used to support the work of Lepra.

### Retiring Collection

Next weekend, **4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> February**, there will be a retiring collection to support a young person from our parish going to Lourdes.

### 2023 Diocesan Directories

Copies of the 2023 Diocesan Directory are now available for £5 per copy. Copies can be purchased from either Fr. Craig or Dcn. Peter.

### Canon Michael’s Silver Jubilee

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

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> September. For more information please see the ‘Pilgrimage’ noticeboard in the church porch; alternatively the information is available on the homepage of the Parish Website. Please let Fr. Craig know ASAP if you wish to come.

### 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, Christine Leadbeater, Frances Hutchcocks, Janet Chambers, Jo Hawker, Paul Atkinson, 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 <sup>née Meehan</sup>, 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 those who carry the burden of their illnesses privately, and for all those who care for the sick.

### Children's Liturgy

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, Pauline Peters & Alison Beardwood**, 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](http://www.stfrancis.cc)

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### Fairtrade Stall



**Next Sunday**, after the 9.30am Mass, our Fairtrade Stall will again be in the Parish Meeting Room. Please do come in after Mass and support this important initiative.

### Praying for the Unborn



We pray for all who work in maternity units with expectant mothers, that they may recognise that God is truly with us in each unborn child. Amen.

### Adult Catechesis – RCIA Course

The course takes place every **Friday** at **6:30pm** in the Meeting Room. Everyone is welcome to join us for these sessions.

### Parish SVP Group

The next meeting of the SVP takes place after the 7pm Mass this **Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February**, in the Presbytery. If you would like to learn about the activities in which they are involved why not come along. Everyone is welcome to join us.

### Rosary for the Unborn

This Thursday, **2<sup>nd</sup> February** at **6:30pm**, we will pray the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament for the protection of all babies in the womb, and for their families. This month's intention is: '**For women seeking healing after an abortion**'.

### Congratulations



We offer our prayers and congratulations to **Clark J** who was baptised here last weekend. We pray also for his parents and Godparents as they take on the responsibility of raising him in the practice of the faith.

### 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!**

### 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: £239.30**  
**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 14<sup>th</sup> March**

**7pm Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

**7pm Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

### **PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 28<sup>TH</sup> / 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023**

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

### **Duties During the Week: 30<sup>th</sup> January – 4<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**CLEANERS:** Team D

**FLOWERS:** Helen A

### **PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 4<sup>TH</sup> / 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023**

<b>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Dawn M
	<b>WARDENS:</b>	Peter H
	<b>READERS:</b>	Gerry W & John H
<b>9:30AM SUNG MASS</b>	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Choir
	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Elena S & Margaret L
	<b>WARDENS:</b>	Sally & Pat S
	<b>READERS:</b>	Cathy S & Maura L
<b>COFFEE:</b>	The Muthuparakunnel Family	

**And finally:-** During the course of this week the Christmas Nativity Scene, the crib, will be removed from the front of the church. Its removal, however, does not mark the end of our meditation on the mystery of the Lord's love revealed in the Incarnation of the Word. Here at St. Mary of the Angels we are blessed with having a perpetual reminder of the Christmas story. Across the front of the pulpit, lectern, and the altar are inscribed words taken from the Gospel according to John "The Word made flesh and dwelt amongst us". With these words we are reminded that through the reading of the Word of God, whether at home or in church, and in a substantial way in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar, Christ continues to be incarnate in the world of today. This, however, is only part of the story. The reality is that Christ continues to be present in you and in me; in every act of faith, in every act of charity, in every moment of prayer "The Word is made flesh and dwells amongst us".

*May God bless you all. Fr. Craig*