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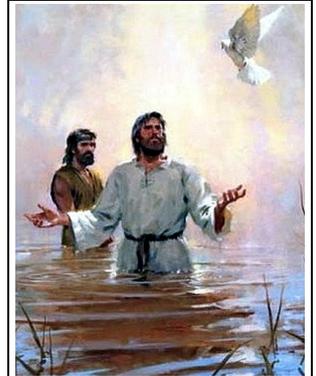
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DATE

**Sunday 8th January
2023**

SUNDAY

**Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
Year A**

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 1

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

<u>Saturday 7th Jan</u> 1 st Mass of Sunday	6:00pm	Rosemary Bunce RIP (SVP)
<u>Sunday 8th January</u> Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	9:30am	People of the Parish
<u>Monday 9th Jan</u> Feria		No Services Today
<u>Tuesday 10th Jan</u> Feria		No Services Today
<u>Wednesday 11th Jan</u> Feria		No Services Today
<u>Thursday 12th Jan</u> Feria		No Services Today
<u>Friday 13th Jan</u> St. Hilary Bishop, Doctor of the Church Memorial		No Services Today
<u>Saturday 14th Jan</u> Our Lady Saturday Memorial (1 st Mass of Sunday)	6:00pm	No Morning Services Victor Alonzo RIP (MB)
<u>Sunday 15th January</u> Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A	9:30am	Int. of Mr & Mrs Maguire, Mr & Mrs Dillon, Mr & Mrs Malone & Mr & Mrs M ^c Mahon (FS)

Pope Francis:

God does not love us in word but in deed; not from “on high”, from far away, but “up close”, from within our flesh, because in Mary, the Word was made flesh, because in Christ’s chest a heart of flesh continues to beat, it beats for each and every one of us.

This Week’s CaFOD Prayer

CAFOD

(Baptism of the Lord)

The heavens opened and the Father’s voice resounded: “This is my Son, the beloved, listen to him.” Make us attentive, Lord our God, to his words

Christmas Crib Collection



This year our Crib Collection will be used to support the work of Lepra. This charitable organisation works to bring help and relief to the many thousands of people across the world who suffer with Leprosy.

For more information about their work please see the notice board at the back of the church (near the Walsingham Chapel).

The donation box will be situated next to the Crib until 2nd February.

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of **John O’Neill** and **Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI**, on whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy. May they Rest in Peace.

2023 Diocesan Directories

The latest edition of the Diocesan Directory is now available for £5 per copy. If you would like a copy they are in the sacristy and can be purchased from either Fr. Craig or Dcn. Peter.

Pope’s Prayer Intention

The Pope’s prayer intention for **January** is:- **For educators**. We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

St. Joseph’s Nechells Collection

Over the past several weeks we have been holding our annual collection for the Children of St. Joseph’s Nechells. This year, as a parish, we raised **£685**. This money will be used by the school to directly benefit the children in their care. I would therefore like to thank all of you who contributed toward this collection for your kindness and generosity. Thank you!

Sick in the Parish

Please pray for all the sick in the parish, remember especially:

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, Keiron Sanders, 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 & Aine McDonagh.

Please pray also for all 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.

Funeral Arrangements for: John O'Neill

John's mortal remains will be received into St. Francis of Assisi, Shelfield, at **4:00pm**, on **Thursday 19th January**. The Requiem Mass will be celebrated on **Friday 20th January** at **11:00am**.

Wednesday Friends

Our next gathering takes place at **10:00am** on **Wednesday 18th January** in the Parish Meeting Room. Come along for a chat, a cup of tea/coffee, and a slice of hot buttered toast.

Whetstone Over 50's Group

Our next meeting takes place in the Parish Meeting Room this **Monday, 9th January**, at **2pm**. There will be no formal speaker at this month's meeting, therefore, our gathering will be an informal get together for a chat and a cup of tea/coffee.

Parish Social Event

Our next Parish Social takes place on **Saturday, 21st January**, after the 6pm evening Mass. At this event there will be Pulled Pork Baps, Dessert, and music provided by John D. The cost is **£7.50** per person. Come along for an enjoyable evening, and remember, **bring your own drinks**. There are limited places available so please book early using the sign-up sheet in the porch and remember to put the date in your diary!

Praying for the Unborn



As we begin this New Year, let us pray that the Holy Spirit would rest upon all mothers and fathers expecting a new baby, giving them the peace and serenity they need as the birth of their child draws near. Amen.

Adult Catechesis – RCIA Course

Having enjoyed our Christmas break our classes start again this Friday, **13th January**, at **6:30pm** in the Parish Meeting Room. If you would like to learn more about the faith you are warmly invited to come along.

Life – For Our Mother & Baby House

Again, we would like to thank everyone who assisted in raising funds in 2022 to support our Walsall Life House. It is much appreciated.



There is one raffle prize, in the meeting room, from our last fundraiser, Orange No. 391 (CR)

Craft and Natter

Having had our Christmas break we begin our weekly meetings again this **Tuesday, 10th January**, from **11am** to **3pm** in the Parish Meeting Room. Everyone is welcome to come along, even if you have never done crafting before. Come for the whole day or for part of the day; 50p per session for drinks and supplies. Remember to bring your lunch. For more information call Christine W on 07900 604902

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.

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

Collections:

Last Week's Offertory: £190.51

Weekly Standing Orders: £898.00

PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 7TH / 8TH JANUARY 2023

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	READERS:	Gerry W & Hugh D
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9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Choir
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READERS:	Alice G & Martin B
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Duties During the Week: 9th – 14th January 2023

CLEANERS: Team A

FLOWERS: Sally S & Shelagh G

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 14TH / 15TH JANUARY 2023

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	WELCOMERS:	Ann & John T
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WARDENS:	Peter H
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READERS:	Pat H & Brian L
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MUSIC:	Folk Group
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9:30AM SUNG MASS	WELCOMERS:	Jonathan & Jenson G
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WARDENS:	John O'N & Bruce B
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READERS:	Helen C & Cathy S
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COFFEE: Shelagh G, Kath W, Deidre & Mary McL

And finally:- The celebration of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which the Church celebrates this Sunday, offers us an opportunity to reflect upon, and give thanks to God for, the day of our own baptism. St. Matthew's account of Christ's baptism in the River Jordan relates how, immediately after He came up out of the waters, the heavens opened and a voice was heard to say "This is my Son, the Beloved, my favour rests on Him". On the day of our baptism maybe our parents and godparents didn't see the heavens open, nor would they have heard the voice of the Father speaking, however, the reality of that moment was identical. As the minister poured water over our heads, as the name of the Most Holy Trinity was invoked, as the Holy Spirit descended, in the silence of our soul's the Father spoke His Word 'You are my beloved son/daughter, my favour rests on you'. May the wonder of this knowledge, that we are the beloved of the Father, fill our hearts and minds each day joy!

May God bless you all. Fr. Craig