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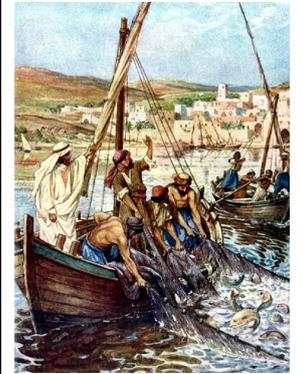
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DATE

**Sunday 6th February
2022**

SUNDAY

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C**

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 1

Live-streamed Masses: Sunday at 9.30am and all weekday Masses.
NB The Sunday Obligation remains suspended until further notice.

<u>Saturday 5th February</u> (1 st Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	Neil & Patrick Goodwin RIP (D&SG)
<u>Sunday 6th February</u> Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am	People of the Parish Int. of Dcn. John Higgins (SVP)
<u>Monday 7th Feb</u> Feria	9.15am	David Easthope RIP (MEW)
<u>Tuesday 8th Feb</u> Feria	9.15am	Intentions of Sheila Kerrigan (S&JW)
<u>Wednesday 9th Feb</u> Feria		No Services Today
<u>Thursday 10th Feb</u> St. Scholastica <small>Virgin</small> Memorial	4.30pm 7.30pm	Reception of Marguerite Baxendale Sick in the Parish (SVP)
<u>Friday 11th Feb</u> Our Lady of Lourdes Memorial	11.00am	Requiem: Marguerite Baxendale
<u>Saturday 12th February</u> Feria (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9.30am 10-11am 6:00pm	Margaret Jones RIP (T&MM) Exposition, Confession & Benediction People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 13th February</u> Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am	Chris Walton RIP (FH) Int. of Dcn. Peter Crosby (BB)

Pope Francis:

The saints are friends with whom we can grow in friendship. We all need friends who can help us deal with life. This is the trust which enlivens us when we turn to the saints in the decisive moments of our lives.

Data Protection – Live-streaming

Sunday 9.30am Mass, and all weekday Masses, will continue to be live-streamed for those who cannot attend Mass at this time. The camera is situated at the front of the church so that only the Sanctuary is visible.

Cursillos in Christianity:

Supporting the Diocesan Vision

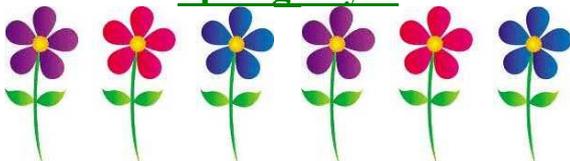
The next event takes place in the next few weeks:

A three day **Cursillo Weekend** from the evening of Thursday 24th to Sunday 27th March in the afternoon. This will be at Shallowford House, near Stafford. If you would like to be involved in either or both of these events and for further information please contact: Canon Michael Leadbeater: email canon.michael.leadbeater@rcaob.org.uk or 07734 681060

Second Collection

This weekend, **5th/6th February**, there will be a retiring collection for **Pro Life**. This collection goes to support the Pro Life movement in Walsall and the work that they do caring for mothers and babies.

Spring Fayre



The Spring Fayre is planned for the **26th of March**. It will include a plant stall. We would be most grateful if parishioners could please start plotting seedlings for us to sell.

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for the month of February is: **For religious sisters and consecrated women**. We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

Sick in the Parish

Please pray for all the sick in the parish, that God will bless and comfort them.

Please remember especially:

Louise Morgan, Stephen Brook, Margaret Davis, Mary Brough, Joe Bannister, Morris Moseley, Max Miotk, Leo Jones, Margaret Healy, Maura McGarry, Juliet Woodhall, Pat Hopley, Luke Smith, Catherine Shepherd, Keiron Sanders, Jim Smith, David Goodwin, Nancy Levell, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia (Dotty) Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Dcn. John Higgins, Joan Hart, Emma Jones, Anna Morgan ^{née} Meehan, Margaret Cooper, Holly Brady, Mike Mander, Jo Cooke, Anne Humphreys, Paul Mott, Theresa Chandler, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath & Paddy Breen, Max Lewis, David Piggott, Clare Cooksey & Áine McDonagh.

We pray also for all who are sick at this time and carry the burden of their illness privately. May the Lord grant them His healing and peace.

Whetstone Over 50's Group

The Whetstone Over 50's Group meets on the 2nd Monday of every month. Our next meeting is on **Monday 14th February at 2pm** in the meeting room, which will be a short AGM followed by a fun quiz. The annual membership is only £10 which helps to cover a varied programme of events. Come along and enjoy friendship and fun. You will be made very welcome

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Live Simply Prayer – Week 11

(Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Continue, Lord, to keep us, your family safe in your unfailing care, for we have no one else to rely upon.

Deacon Peter's Invitations

Our conversation groups have got off to a flying start with an exploration of our journeys in faith and our experiences of the Church. We've looked at the "Father's Love Letter" made up of Scripture passages and we're looking forward to diving deeper into some of those passages to see how God might speak through them to us today. These conversations are open to everyone and are guided by those who take part. We meet in the Parish Meeting Room on Mondays at 7pm and/or Saturdays at 2pm; refreshments provided.

Church Cleaners



We are still **very short** of church cleaners, with only **three** teams. With 3 or 4 more volunteers, we could add an extra team, so that the duty would only repeat every 4 weeks. If you can help please call Fr. Craig at the Presbytery, or email us at smota.aldridge@rcaob.org.uk.

This week's team Margaret, Michael & Marie. A new rota will be published once we know if an extra team can be added.

Parish Raffle

Thank you to everyone who supported the recent Parish Raffle, which raised **£271.25** for Parish Funds. The draw for the prizes took place last weekend after Mass and two prizes remain unclaimed.

Green 466 and prize winners can be found on the notice board.

New Parish Census

If you have not already received a new Parish Census Form please collect one from the table in the porch this weekend. Please complete as soon as possible and return to church, placing them in the basket in the sacristy corridor marked 'Census'.

Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of **Marguerite Baxendale, Betty Bailey & Bert Mercer**. On whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy, may they rest in peace. Marguerite's mortal remains will be received into church at **4.30pm on Thursday 10th February**, the Requiem Mass will be celebrated at **11.00am on Friday 11th February**.

Craft & Natter

We meet every **Tuesday** in the Parish Meeting Room from **11am to 3pm**.

50p per session for all the refreshments you can drink. Come for a morning, an afternoon, or for the whole session, just don't forget to bring your lunch. Just bring yourself and something 'crafty' to make! For more information call Christine on 07900604902

Wednesday Friends

The next meeting of the Wednesday Friends is on **Wednesday 16th February at 10.00am** in the meeting room. Everyone is most welcome.

Fairtrade Stall



This Sunday, **6th February**, our Fairtrade Stall will be in the Parish Meeting Room following the 9.30am Mass. Please do pop in after Mass to see what is on offer.

Praying for the Unborn



We pray for all women going through unexpected pregnancies, that they would experience peace and support in their situations, and enjoy the many blessings that motherhood brings. Amen.

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 26th April

7pm Tuesday 28th June

Christmas Crib Collection

This year our Crib Collection raised **£519.25** for Farther Hudson's Care. Thank you to everyone who supported this collection.

Foundation Governor Vacancy at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic College

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic College are looking to appoint to the role of Foundation Governor. This is a voluntary role and crucial in ensuring the vision, ethos and strategic direction of our wonderful school. If you would be interested in knowing more about the role please contact Mrs Katrina Siciliano on ksciliano@stfrancis.cc

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.

And finally:- This weekend, in the gospel, we hear our Lord asking His disciples to put their trust in Him. To 'put out into the deep' despite their being skilled fishermen who, having been out on the waters all night, had caught nothing. This trust, this faith in Him, led to their making a huge catch, perhaps the largest of their careers. Having performed this miracle for them He then calls on them to change their focus away from the sea to becoming 'Fishers of Men'. To become disciples who would go out into the world witnessing to their faith in order to bring others to Christ. For centuries one image used for the Church has been that of a boat, the Barque of Peter, in which we, each and every one of us, are called to become 'Fishers of Men'. Putting our faith into action, exercising the virtues of faith, hope and charity, we are called to 'put out into the deep'; called to travel the seas of life, stormy though they may be at times, believing that the Lord is with us in all that we do. Witnessing to our faith in the world is not an optional extra, it is a direct call and command from the Lord. The question is, however, are we ready to respond, ready to become 'Fishers of Men?'

May God bless and protect you all. Fr. Craig