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THE YEAR OF THE WORD

DATE

**Sunday 23rd February
2020**

SUNDAY

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A**

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 3

<u>Saturday 22nd Feb.</u> (1 st Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	Gerald Thorpe RIP ^(JT)
<u>Sunday 23rd Feb.</u> Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am	Edward Service RIP ^(P&SS)
<u>Monday 24th Feb.</u> Feria	9.15am	Service of Word and Communion
<u>Tuesday 25th Feb.</u> Feria	9.15am	Int. of Carol May ^(JB)
<u>Wednesday 26th Feb.</u> Ash Wednesday	9.15am 7.30pm	People of the Parish Josephine Cotterill – In Thanksgiving ^(SH)
<u>Thursday 27th Feb.</u> Thursday after Ash Wednesday	9.15am 7:00pm	Int. of Claire Lee Mass of Confirmation
<u>Friday 28th Feb.</u> Friday after Ash Wednesday	9.15am	Ivy & David Dabbs RIP ^(J&YD)
<u>Saturday 29th Feb.</u> Saturday after Ash Wednesday	9.30am 10-11am 11.00am	Sick in the Parish ^(SVP) Confessions & Exposition Benediction
<u>(1st Mass of Sunday)</u>	6.00pm	Alan Payne RIP ^(SH)
<u>Sunday 1st March.</u> First Sunday of Lent	9.30am	People of the Parish

Pope Francis

To follow Jesus we must take three steps: draw close to Him to know Him better, confess – with the strength of the Holy Spirit – that He is the Son of God, and accept the path of humility and humiliation that He chose for the redemption of humanity.

Ash Wednesday Masses

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, and the start of the Holy Season of Lent. Mass with the distribution of ashes will be celebrated at 9.15am and 7.30pm.

Day of Prayer for Vocations

Following the morning Mass on Thursday we have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 10:00am until 5:00pm. Could people sign up for 30-minute slots on the sheet in the porch.

Annual Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage

This year the Diocese are hosting two Masses for those who are celebrating an Anniversary of Marriage, Saturday 9th & Saturday 16th of May at 12 noon. If you are interested in going please see the details on the poster in the porch.

St Francis of Assisi College

Our next Youth SVP retreat afternoon will be on Tuesday 25th March. The theme will be based on Lent. Closer to the time we will send out a signup sheet.

Lourdes Fundraising Concert

We are extremely grateful for all of the fundraising you have already been doing for our students at SFA. To finish our campaign we will run a concert on Wednesday 1st April. We would love you all to join us for a night of incredible musical talent and help us to raise money for our great cause. More details will be realised closer to the time.

St. Patrick's Dance



Aldridge Social Club
Saturday 14th March
Music by John Doogan
From 8:00pm to Midnight
Admission £4

Situation Vacant at Bishop Walsh

Bishop Walsh Catholic School in Sutton Coldfield (part of the St. John Paul II MAC) are seeking an inspirational, collaborative and outward looking Principal for September 2020. Full details can be found on the school website: www.bishopwalsh.net

HMP Hewell, Redditch

HMP Hewell seeks a RC Chaplain, which may be a lay person. Please go to: <https://justicejobs.tal.net/vx/lang-en-GB/mobile-o/appcentre-1/brand-15/candidate/so/pm/1/pl/3/opp/32278-Roman-Catholic-Ordained-Deacon-Religious-Brother-or-Sister-Lay-Person-GB> for more information.

Congratulation

Congratulation to Aoife Marie M^cM, who was baptised here last weekend, and to her parents and Godparents.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection **next weekend**, 29th February/1st March, for Cathedral Maintenance.

Fairtrade Fortnight Big Brew Breakfast

Next Sunday March 1st after Mass, Please join us for a breakfast served with Fairtrade jam, marmalade and honey.

Sick in the Parish

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

Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia ^(Dotty) Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Deacon John, Joan Hart, Emma Jones, Anna Morgan nee Meehan, Margaret Cooper, Holly Brady, Mike Mander, Jo Cooke, Anne Humphreys, Pat Gray, Paul Mott, Theresa Chandler, Evelyn Hawkey, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath & Paddy Breen, Max Lewis, Alma Darby, Marguerite Baxendale, Eliz McCabe, David Piggott, Mary Ellis, Clare Cooksey & Aine McDonagh.

CAFOD

Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Live Simply Prayer – Week 13

God of Peace, teach us to follow the ways of justice and peace.

Our gold box will remain in situ for any donations of stamps, coins and broken jewellery.

Whetstone Over 50s Group

March 9th meeting: Speaker will be Gerry Wintrip on 'Doorstep Crimes and Scams' at 2:00pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Entry is £1 for all.

March 3rd 3.15pm Committee Meeting in Parish Meeting Room.

Lent Walk With Me

Copies of the Lent 'Walk With Me' booklets are available in the porch. If you would like to make a donation, please put the money in newspaper slot in the pillar.

Quiz Night for Lourdes Fundraising

QUIZ!

On Friday 6th March there will be a Quiz Night in the Parish Meeting Room to help Amy Hayes in her fundraising for those who are going to Lourdes with SFA.

The doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. There will be 10 rounds with a fish and chip supper (Chicken or Pie options available) half way through.

Please bring your own drinks and glasses. There will be a raffle and Heads or Tales game, with the night hosted by an experienced quiz-master. Tickets cost £8 per person including supper. **Teams of 6 people.** Please put your names on the sign-up sheet in the sacristy corridor, and give your money to Emma/John Hayes.

Craft and Natter

We are back to normal from **this Tuesday**, meeting every Tuesday in term time from 10:00am to 3:00pm. For more information call Christine on 01922 860981

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020

Praying with Zimbabwe



FRIDAY 6TH MARCH



This year, **Aldridge Methodist Church** in Anchor Road will host the annual **World day of Prayer**. It commences at 7:00pm.

Year of the Word

This year, The Bishop's Conference of England and Wales has dedicated as being The Year of the Word. It is therefore my intention, starting in Lent, to run a programme of study and prayer using the scriptures on Friday evenings. Watch this space for further details in the coming weeks.

Baptism Enquiries: If you would like to have your child Baptised here at St. Mary of the Angels please contact Fr. Craig, either at the end of Mass or by telephone, in order to book an appointment with him. The dates of the Baptismal Classes can be found in the porch.

Sacrament of the Sick: Please remember to inform Fr. Craig **directly** in case of sickness, especially if it requires hospital treatment or prolonged absence from Mass. If you cannot inform the clergy then your family should take on this responsibility.

PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 22ND/23RD FEBRUARY 2020 AND THE FOLLOWING WEEK

<u>6.00PM VIGIL MASS</u>	READERS:	Keith & Cathy
	E. MINS:	Keith Christine H, Nathalie & Bernadette
<u>9.30AM SUNG MASS</u>	MUSIC:	Folk Group
	READERS:	Peter & Brian
	E. MINS:	David W, Margaret, Jacqui & Peter
FLOWERS:		Sally to clear flowers before Lent
CLEANERS:		Maureen, Ann T, Pat H & Philomena

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 29TH FEBRUARY / 1ST MARCH 2020

<u>6.00PM VIGIL MASS</u>	WELCOMERS:	Ann & John
	WARDENS:	Peter H
	READERS:	Keith & Cathy
	E. MINS:	Emma, David G, John C & Ann T
<u>9.30AM SUNG MASS</u>	MUSIC:	Choir
	WELCOMERS:	Jonathan & Ann F
	WARDENS:	Pat & Sally
	READERS:	Christine L & Jacqui
	E. MINS:	Maura, Catherine, Rosella & Dorothy
CASHIERS:	Team F	
COFFEE:	Fair Trade Fundraiser – Catherine & Margaret L	

And finally: On Wednesday we begin the holy Season of Lent. Those forty days, set aside in the life of the Church, when we are called to join our Lord in the wilderness. During this time, as Christ was tempted by the Devil; yet without sin, we too are called to acknowledge those ways in which, during the day to day living, we might have given way to temptation and fallen away from Christ. Lent then affords us the opportunity, through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, to seek out the love and mercy of God, whose only will it is that we might be reconciled to Him. May this Lenten Season be for each one of us a time to grow in our faith as we strive to follow the Lord more closely, and to serve Him in our daily living.

May God bless you all. Fr. Craig