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DATE

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November  
2022**

SUNDAY

**First Sunday of Advent  
Year A**

DIVINE OFFICE

**Week 1**

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

<u>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday	6:00pm	Margaret McDonagh <sup>née Halton</sup> RIP (MMCD)
<u>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November</u> First Sunday of Advent Year A	9:30am	Patricia McMahon RIP (KF)
<u>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov</u> Advent Feria	9:15am	Bert Mercer RIP (FH)
<u>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov</u> Advent Feria	9:15am	Peter Byrne RIP (CM)
<u>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov</u> St. Andrew <sup>Apostle</sup> Feast		No Services Today
<u>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec</u> St. Edmund <sup>Campion</sup> Priest, Martyr Feast	6:30pm 7:00pm	Rosary for the Unborn A Private Intention
<u>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec</u> Advent Feria	9:15am	Maria Michalizyk RIP (ME)
<u>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec</u> St. Francis Xavier <sup>Priest</sup> Memorial (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	9:30am 10-11am 6:00pm	Sick in the Parish (SVP) Exposition, Confession & Benediction Lance Dryden RIP (JH)
<u>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December</u> Second Sunday of Advent Year A	9:30am	People of the Parish

## Pope Francis:

Jesus, naked on the cross, removes every veil from God and destroys every false image of kingship. Let us look upon Him to find the courage to make ourselves servants, so as to reign with Him.

### **This Week's CaFOD Prayer**

# CAFOD

**(1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent)**

**We ask you, Lord, to bless and support all mothers and mothers-to-be. Guide them in their care for their children, so that our Christian families may be a sign of your love in the world.**

### Rosary for the Unborn



**This Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> December, we gather in church at 6.30pm, to pray the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament for the protection of all babies in the womb, and for their families. This month our intention is: 'For those facing a crisis pregnancy at this time'.**

### Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of **John O'Neill, Amelia Gay Ivo Whelan** and **Winnie Doherty**, on whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy. May they Rest in Peace.

**Gay's** Requiem Mass will be celebrated at **12noon** on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** prior to cremation at Sutton Coldfield Crematorium.

### Retiring Collection

Next weekend, **3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> December**, there will be a retiring collection for the: **'Poor Parishes Fund' of the Archdiocese of Birmingham.**

## Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for **December** is:- **For volunteer not-for-profit organisations.** We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international co-operation.

### Sick in the Parish

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

**Tony Stanley, John Green, Roy Allsopp, Christine, 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, Den. 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 & Áine McDonagh.**

Please pray also for all those who carry the burden of their illnesses privately, and for all those who care for the sick.

### With Thanks

Last Sunday, following the morning Mass, we held our Christmas Fayre. This, along with other fundraising events, are very important. The funds that they raise enable us to put on 'Parish Socials' free of charge. We must therefore say a huge thanks to every one involved with the planning, setting up, and tidying away. On Sunday we raised a grand total of **£996.57.**

### Children's Liturgy

This takes place 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.

### St. Joseph's Nechells Collection

Each year as a parish we have, in the past, collected presents for the children of St. Joseph's School in Nechells. During the COVID-19 pandemic, with all of the restrictions that were in place, it became necessary to change the way in which we supported these children. Over the past two years we have sent the money we have raised, instead of buying presents, directly to the school to benefit the children, and the school have asked if we could continue this practice each year. If you would like to make a contribution toward this collection please place your donation in an envelope marked 'St. Joseph's Nechells' and pop it through the Presbytery Letter Box. As in previous years the monies raised will provide each child with a Christmas Meal, and also purchase for them items necessary for their schoolwork which many of the parents cannot afford to buy.

### Sunday Coffee Mornings

Every Sunday after the 9:30am Mass in the Meeting Room. Pop in for a tea/coffee and a biscuit. We would love to see you there!

### Craft & Natter

We meet every **Tuesday** from **11am to 3pm** in the Parish Meeting Room. Everyone is welcome, 50p per session for drinks and supplies. Come for the whole day or part of the day; just remember to bring your lunch. For more information call Christine W on 07900 604902.

### Praying for the Unborn



As we ponder the hope found in the Second Coming of our Saviour, we pray for all those in need of hope. We pray especially for those contemplating having an abortion, that they would be reminded of the hope God brings and His fundamental desire for our good. We pray also that, as a society, we would become channels of God's hope, providing support to all pregnant women. Amen.

### Thomas Project Foodbank

We continue to collect items for donation to the Foodbank run by the Thomas Project. All items for donation can be placed in the collection box in the porch.

### Adult Catechesis – RCIA Course

Our course of Adult Catechesis is now running on a **Friday evening at 6:30pm** in the Parish Meeting Room. If you would like to learn more about the faith, have a refresher course, or simply want to support those preparing to become Catholics, you are warmly invited to come along.

### Urgent Request from Walsall Life

Walsall Life **urgently** needs sterilizers. If you have any that you no longer require please contact Ann on 01922 451124.

**Many thanks** for the pushchair, baby clothes and other items recently donated

### 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.

### 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 10<sup>th</sup> January

7pm Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March

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

### Collections:

Last Week's Offertory: £264.45

Weekly Standing Orders: £898.00

Catholic Youth Services: £283.86

### **PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 26<sup>TH</sup>/27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022**

<b>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>READERS:</b>	Cathy S & Pat H
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<b>9:30AM SUNG MASS</b>	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Folk Group
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	<b>READERS:</b>	Jacqui B & Maura L
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### **Duties During the Week: 28<sup>th</sup> Nov – 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec**

**CLEANERS:** Team D

**FLOWERS:** No Flowers during Advent

### **PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 3<sup>RD</sup>/4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022**

<b>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Mavie & Krystal B
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	<b>WARDENS:</b>	Peter H
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	<b>READERS:</b>	Hugh D & Gerry W
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	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Choir
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<b>9:30AM SUNG MASS</b>	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Rod & Joan L
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	<b>WARDENS:</b>	John O'N & Bruce Bennett
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	<b>READERS:</b>	Will B & David W
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**COFFEE:** Dorothy C, Bernadette D & Christine L

**And finally:-** With the first Sunday of Advent a new liturgical year begins: the People of God begin again on the way to living the mystery of Christ in history. Christ is the same yesterday, today and for ever; history, instead, changes and requires constant evangelisation; it needs to be renewed from within and the only true novelty is Christ: he is the fulfilment, the luminous future of humanity and the world. Risen from the dead, Jesus is the Lord to whom God subjects all enemies, including death itself. Advent is therefore the propitious time to awaken in our hearts the expectation of he "who is and who was and who is to come" (Rev 1:8). (Benedict XVI)

*May God bless you all. Fr. Craig*