

<p><b><u>PARISH CLERGY:</u></b>          PARISH PRIEST  <b>Fr. Craig Davies</b>          PARISH DEACONS  <b>Rev. John Higgins</b>  <b>Rev. Peter Crosby</b></p>	<p><b>ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS</b></p>  <p>39 Whetstone Lane          Aldridge          Walsall          WS9 0JD          Tel:01922 452316</p> 	<p>This Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham.  <b>Registered Charity</b>  <b>Nº:234216</b></p>
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DATE  
**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January**  
**2023**

SUNDAY  
**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy**  
**Mother of God**

DIVINE OFFICE  
**Week 2**

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

<p><u>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> Dec</u>          1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday</p>	<p>6:00pm</p>	<p>Lily &amp; Alan Payne RIP <sup>(SH)</sup></p>
<p><u>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January</u>  <b>Mary, the Holy Mother of God</b></p>	<p>9:30am</p>	<p>People of the Parish</p>
<p><u>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan</u>          St. Basil the Great &amp; St. Gregory Nazianzen Bishops, Doctors of the Church Memorial</p>	<p>9:15am</p>	<p>Melina Satariano RIP <sup>(YD)</sup></p>
<p><u>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan</u>          The Most Holy Name of Jesus Memorial</p>	<p>9:15am</p>	<p>Int. of George Collins (for Healing) <sup>(JH)</sup></p>
<p><u>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan</u>          Christmas Feria</p>		<p>No Services Today</p>
<p><u>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan</u>          Christmas Feria</p>	<p>6:30pm          7:00pm</p>	<p><i>Rosary for the Unborn</i>          A Private Intention</p>
<p><u>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan</u>          Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</p>	<p>9:15am          7:00pm</p>	<p>People of the Parish          Bert Mercer RIP <sup>(D&amp;SG)</sup></p>
<p><u>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan</u>          Christmas Feria          (1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)</p>	<p>9:30am          10-11am          6:00pm</p>	<p>Int. of John Reeves  <i>Exposition, Confession &amp; Benediction</i>          Rosemary Bunce RIP <sup>(SVP)</sup></p>
<p><u>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January</u>          Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</p>	<p>9:30am</p>	<p>People of the Parish</p>

## Pope Francis:

Bethlehem shows us God's simplicity, who reveals Himself to those with pure and open hearts. Let's allow ourselves to be moved by God's love who became man for our salvation. Let's follow Jesus who stripped Himself of His glory so we could share in His fullness.

### This Week's CaFOD Prayer

# CAFOD

**(Mary, Holy Mother of God)**

As your Son by his birth to the Virgin Mary, put on our humanity, bring us, we pray, to put on his divinity in the life to come. For this we hope.

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

### Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of **John O'Neill** and **Dorothy Gomes**, on whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy. May they Rest in Peace.

### New Reader & Wardens Lists

The latest Mass Readers and Warden's lists are now available to collect from the porch area. A copy can also be found under the 'Our Parish: Parish Duty Rotas' tab on the parish website.

## 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.

### Thank you from Fr. Craig

Thank you for the Christmas Offering, cards, and the many gifts that I have received over the past few weeks. Each and every year I am humbled by your generosity!

### Christmas Cards

Please check to see if you have any remaining Christmas Cards to be collected from the stand in the porch.

### 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 <sup>née</sup> 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

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.

### Fairtrade Stall



**This 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.

### Thank you

Canon Michael & Christine thank all parishioners who sent them good wishes in cards, gifts and other messages. We continue to keep you all in our prayers and wish you every blessing for health and happiness throughout the New Year.

### Whetstone Over 50's Group

Our next meeting takes place in the Parish Meeting Room on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January** at **2pm**. This month's meeting will be an informal get together for a chat and a cup of tea/coffee.

### From Dcn. Peter & Anne

Thank you to everyone who sent us cards, gifts, and good wishes over the Christmas Period.

### Holyday of Obligation

On **Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> January**, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. This is a Holyday of Obligation – a day on which all Catholics are obliged to attend Mass. Here at St. Mary of the Angels Mass will be celebrated at 9:15am and 7:00pm.

### Praying for the Unborn



“Mary pondered all of these things in her heart”. Let us join Mary in reflection, especially on the precious gift of human life at all stages and how society might better support mothers. Amen.

### Adult Catechesis – RCIA Course

Our course of Adult Catechesis is now taking a break for Christmas. We return on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.



We still have one raffle prize left from our last fundraiser, Orange ticket No. 391 (CR)

### Rosary for the Unborn



This Thursday, **5<sup>th</sup> January** 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 families, that they are supported and remain open to the gift of life’**.

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

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

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

### Collections:

Last Week's Offertory: £N/A  
Weekly Standing Orders: £898.00

### PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2022 / 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2023

<b>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>READERS:</b>	Brian L & John H
<b>9:30AM SUNG MASS</b>	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Folk Group
	<b>READERS:</b>	Catherine A & Will B

### Duties During the Week: 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> January 2023

<b>CLEANERS:</b>	Team D
<b>FLOWERS:</b>	Anne H

### PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 7<sup>TH</sup> / 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023

<b>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Dawn M
	<b>WARDENS:</b>	Brian L
	<b>READERS:</b>	Gerry W & Hugh D
<b>9:30AM SUNG MASS</b>	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Choir
	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Elena S & Margaret L
	<b>WARDENS:</b>	Pat & Sally S
	<b>READERS:</b>	Alice G & Martin B
<b>COFFEE:</b>	Sarah B & Catherine & Francesca A	

And finally:- Today as we gather on the Octave Day of Christmas we enter a new calendar year. This is often marked by many with the making of New Years resolutions; decisions to make changes in our lives for the good – whether these are work, life style or health related. Sadly, however, if we are honest we know that these resolutions will be broken, or simply forgotten, within months of making them – due to there being, in reality, more important things going on in our lives and in our world. Today, being the Octave Day, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Most Holy Mother of God. Her humility, faith, and love of God, which enabled her to say 'YES' to the angel's message, brought about the greatest and most efficacious change in the history of the world – the coming of our God in the flesh. Perhaps this New Year our resolution could be to follow Mary's example of saying 'yes' to following God's plan for us – of allowing His will, rather than our own, to be done in all things.

*May God bless you all. Fr. Craig*