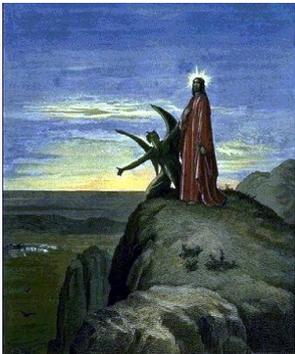


<p><b><u>PARISH CLERGY:</u></b>          PARISH PRIEST  <b>Fr. Craig Davies</b>          PARISH DEACONS  <b>Rev. John Higgins</b>  <b>Rev. Peter Crosby</b></p>	<p><b>ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS</b></p>  <p>39 Whetstone Lane          Aldridge          Walsall          WS9 0JD          Tel:01922 452316</p> 	<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 26<sup>th</sup> February**  
**2023**

SUNDAY  
**First Sunday of Lent**  
**Year A**

DIVINE OFFICE  
**Week 1**

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

<p><u>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb</u>          1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday</p>	<p>6:00pm</p>	<p>Int. of Kevin Doherty <sup>(CM)</sup></p>
<p><u>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February</u>  <b>First Sunday of Lent</b></p>	<p>9:30am          5:00pm</p>	<p>People of the Parish  <b><i>Stations of the Cross</i></b></p>
<p><u>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb</u>          Lent Feria</p>	<p>9:15am          5:00pm</p>	<p>Ivy Monica &amp; David Dabbs <sup>RIP (J&amp;YD)</sup>  <b><i>Reception &amp; Requiem: Keiron Sanders</i></b></p>
<p><u>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb</u>          Lent Feria</p>	<p>9:15am          12noon</p>	<p>Eliz &amp; Edmund McCabe <sup>RIP (MD)</sup>  <b><i>Funeral Service: Keiron Sanders</i></b></p>
<p><u>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March</u>          St. David <sup>Feast</sup> Bishop, Patron of Wales</p>		<p>No Services Today</p>
<p><u>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</u>          St. Chad <sup>Feast</sup> Bishop, Patron of the Archdiocese</p>	<p>6:30pm          7:00pm</p>	<p><i>Rosary for the unborn</i>          A Private Intention</p>
<p><u>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</u>          Lent Feria</p>	<p>9:15am          3:30pm</p>	<p>Int. of Phyllis &amp; Jimmy Malone <sup>(FS)</sup>  <b><i>Stations of the Cross</i></b></p>
<p><u>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March</u>          Lent Feria          (1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)</p>	<p>9:30am          10-11am          6:00pm</p>	<p>Int. of Tommy Kennelly <sup>(KW)</sup>  <i>Exposition, Confessions and Benediction</i>          People of the Parish</p>
<p><u>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March</u>  <b>Second Sunday of Lent</b></p>	<p>9:30am          5:00pm</p>	<p>Thanksgiving for Prayers &amp; Kind Wishes  <b><i>Stations of the Cross</i></b></p>

## Pope Francis:

The Spirit sheds light on the path of the Church. He is not only the light of hearts, He is the light that orients the Church: He brings clarity, helps to distinguish, to discern. This is why it is necessary to invoke Him often; let us do so today.

### **This Week's CaFOD Prayer (First Sunday of Lent)**

**God our Father, through your grace may those who suffer hunger know that they are not forgotten. Spur us to good works. Through our generosity may they find the support that will ease their poverty.**

#### **(Thank You)**

**CaFOD** asks us to pass on its deep appreciation for the outstanding generosity shown by the Catholic community in response to its appeal for the Turkey & Syria earthquake.

## Walsall Life

Walsall Life wish to thank all for last weeks generous collection, if anyone has one to spare, they are in great need of a cot.

### Retiring Collection

Next weekend, **4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> March**, there will be a retiring collection for the **Cathedral Maintenance**. This collection contributes toward the upkeep of St. Chad's Cathedral.

### 2023 Diocesan Directories

Copies of the 2023 Diocesan Directory are now available for £5 per copy. These can be purchased from either Fr. Craig or Dcn. Peter in the Sacristy before or after Mass at the weekend.

### Canon Michael's Silver Jubilee

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of September Canon Michael will be celebrating his 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of priestly ordination. He will celebrate a **Mass of Thanksgiving** at **12noon** on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September** at **St. Mary the Mount** followed by a reception. An open invitation is extended to us all. More information to follow shortly.

## Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for **March** is:- **For victims of abuse**. We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

### Family Fast Day – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

This Lent, your donations to CaFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria & Turkey. Give using the envelope or at [www.cafod.org.uk/give](http://www.cafod.org.uk/give) and please join us in praying for CaFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.

### Sick in the Parish

Pray for the sick in the parish, remember especially:

**Paul Corbett, Carmel Fekete, Geoff Hopkinson, Tony & Lynn Stanley, John Green, Roy Allsopp, Janet Chambers, Jo Hawker, Alison Welton, Louise Morgan, Stephen Brook, Margaret Davis, Mary Brough, Joe Bannister, Morris Moseley, Margaret Healy, Juliet Woodhall, Luke Smith, Catherine Shepherd, Jim Smith, David Goodwin, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia (Dotty) Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Dcn. John Higgins, Joan Hart, Anna Morgan <sup>née Meehan</sup>, 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.**

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

### Children's Liturgy

Our Children's Liturgy 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.

### Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Keiron Sanders & Pat Hopley**, on whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy, may they rest in peace.

### Fairtrade Stall



FAIRTRADE  
FOUNDATION

Next Sunday, **5<sup>th</sup> March**, after the 9:30am Mass our Fairtrade Stall will again be in the Parish Meeting Room.

### World Day of Prayer

On Friday, **3<sup>rd</sup> March** at **7:00pm**, we are hosting this year's World Day of Prayer for the Aldridge Churches. Please come along, when we will be praying for Taiwan.

### Rosary for the Unborn



This Thursday, **2<sup>nd</sup> March** 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 medical staff, that they uphold the principles of care at every stage 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!**

### Praying for the Unborn



As we enter the Season of Lent, let us pray for the grace to respond generously if the Lord places on our hearts the desire to help the most at-risk and vulnerable, including the poor, the lonely, the aged, the sick and the unborn. Amen.

### Lenten Alms-giving

Following the recent earthquake that has brought suffering and hardship to thousands in Turkey and Northern Syria this year's Lenten Alms Charity will be the CAFOD Emergence Aid Appeal. The Lenten Alms-giving box will be situated at the back of church throughout the season of Lent.

### Piety Stall



We now have a large selection of Birthday Cards, Easter Cards & few St. Patrick's Day Cards for sale on the Piety Stall. Please do take a look and the money for any purchases made can be placed in the slot in the pillar marked 'Piety Stall'.

### Craft and Natter

This Tuesday, **28<sup>th</sup> February**, we return to our weekly meetings in the Parish Meeting Room from **11am** to **3pm**. Everyone is welcome to come along, even if you have never done crafting before. 50p per session for drinks and supplies. Come for the whole day or for part of the day; just remember to bring your lunch. For more information call Christine on 01922 860981.

### 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.

### Collections:

**Last Week's Offertory:** £170.35  
**Weekly Standing Orders:** £882.00  
**Walsall Life Collection:** £509.61

### 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 9<sup>th</sup> May

7pm Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July

### PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 25<sup>TH</sup>/26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023

<b>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>READERS:</b>	Gerry W & Pat H
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<b>9:30AM SUNG MASS</b>	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Choir
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<b>READERS:</b>	Helen C & Cathy S
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### Duties During the Week: 27<sup>th</sup> February – 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023

<b>CLEANERS:</b>	Team D
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<b>FLOWERS:</b>	No Flowers during Lent
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### PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 4<sup>TH</sup>/5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

<b>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Dawn M
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<b>WARDENS:</b>	Tony M
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<b>READERS:</b>	Brian L & Hugh D
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<b>MUSIC:</b>	Folk Group
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<b>9:30AM SUNG MASS</b>	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Margaret L, Helen A & Elena S
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<b>WARDENS:</b>	Pat & Sally S
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<b>READERS:</b>	David W & Martin B
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<b>COFFEE:</b>	The Reynolds Family
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**And finally:-** As the Season of Lent begins our three candidates for reception into full communion with the Church enter a period of 'intense preparation for the Sacraments'. Today, together with Deacon Peter and myself, they will journey to the Cathedral to have their names recorded in the 'Register of the Elect'. This symbolic action reminds us of the image in the Book of Revelation when, at the end of time, the 'Book of Life will be opened', and all whose names are inscribed there will enter into the joys of the Kingdom of Heaven. At our Baptism our names were inscribed in the Book of Life, and we were given the pledge of life eternal in the mansions of the saints. However during our lives, on an almost daily basis, our thoughts, words, and actions hinder us in our progress towards God. Lent is that wonderful time when we, journeying with the Lord in the power of the Holy Spirit, seek to strip away the things that hamper us, so that we can journey onwards free and unhindered by sin.

*May God bless you all. Fr. Craig*