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DATE
Sunday 5th May 2024

SUNDAY
**Sixth Sunday of Easter
Year B**

DIVINE OFFICE
Week 2

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

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| <p>Saturday 4th May 1st Mass of Sunday</p> | <p>6:00pm</p> | <p>Maureen Hayes RIP ^(JH)</p> |
| <p>Sunday 5th May Sixth Sunday of Easter Year B</p> | <p>9:30am</p> | <p>People of the Parish</p> |
| <p>Monday 6th May Easter Feria</p> | <p>9:15am</p> | <p>Alma Darby RIP ^(FH)</p> |
| <p>Tuesday 7th May Easter Feria</p> | <p>9:15am</p> | <p>Dcn. John Higgins RIP ^(SVP)</p> |
| <p>Wednesday 8th May Easter Feria</p> | | <p>No Services Today</p> |
| <p>Thursday 9th May Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Holyday of Obligation</p> | <p>9:15am 7:00pm</p> | <p>People of the Parish Francis Patton RIP ^(Patton Family)</p> |
| <p>Friday 10th May Easter Feria</p> | <p>9:15am</p> | <p>Private Intention</p> |
| <p>Saturday 11th May Easter Feria (1st Mass of Sunday)</p> | <p>9:30am 10-11am 6:00pm</p> | <p>Joan Hart RIP ^(BB) <i>Exposition, Confessions & Benediction</i> Francis Xavier & Olwen Borg RIP ^(YD)</p> |
| <p>Sunday 12th May Seventh Sunday of Easter Year B</p> | <p>9:30am 4:00pm</p> | <p>People of the Parish <i>Reception: Margaret Howes</i></p> |

Pope Francis

During this month of May, may we entrust to the Blessed Virgin Mary our personal and family matters, as well as the suffering of those who fall victim to war. Let us pray together for the Church, all nations, and for peace in Ukraine and the Middle East.

The CaFOD Prayer

CAFOD

Sixth Sunday of Easter

We pray for people here and in other countries who hunger and lack the essentials of life. Open our eyes to see what we can do to bring them relief, however small the way.

Sunday Coffee Mornings

After the 9:30am Mass on Sundays we have our weekly coffee morning in the Parish Meeting Room. We'd love to see you there.

Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of **Margaret Howes** on whose soul Sweet Jesus have mercy. May she rest in peace.

Margaret will be received into the church at **4pm** on **Sunday 12th May**. Her Requiem will be celebrated at **10am** on **Monday 13th May**.

Date for Your Diary

Our **Spring Fayre** will be next **Saturday 11th May**. We would be most grateful for any **new** items and bottles suitable for the Tombola, seedlings that you've grown and are able to donate, **good quality paperback books** and **cakes** (please list ingredients) for next Saturday.

We will require help to set up on the day, to run the stalls and to tidy up afterwards.

There is a list in the porch for volunteers; thank you in anticipation.

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for May is:- **For the formation of religious and seminarians**. We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Sick in the Parish

Pray for the sick in the parish, remembering especially:

Martin Hoskisson, Jean Watson, Yvonne Turner, Tony Meehan, Marian Mathews, Marie Wilson, Ian Phipps, Sister Ann-Marie, Oscar Wordsworth, Nichola Woodhall, Paul Corbett, Carmel Fekete, Lynn Stanley, John Green, Roy Allsopp, Janet Chambers, Jo Hawker, Alison Welton, Louise Morgan, Margaret Davis, Joe Bannister, Margaret Healy, Juliet Woodhall, Luke Smith, Catherine Shepherd, Jim Smith, David Goodwin, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia ^(Dotty) Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Anna Morgan ^{nee Meehan}, Holly Brady, Jo Cooke, Anne Humphreys, Theresa Chandler, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath Breen, Max Lewis, David & Sheila Piggott, Clare Cooksey & Áine McDonagh.

Please remember also in your prayers those who carry the burden of their illnesses privately and those who care for them, that the Lord may grant them His healing and peace.

Craft & Natter

Tuesdays from 11am to 3pm in the Meeting Room. All are welcome to come and join in the crafting or simply for some company and a chat. 50p per session for materials & tea/coffee. Stay for the morning, the afternoon or the whole day, just remember to bring your lunch. For more information call Christine 07900 604902.

Safeguarding Notice

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Mr. Gerry Wintrip. Gerry can be contacted at: sg.smota.aldridge@rcaob.org.uk or the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk or on 0121 230 6240 if you have any concerns.

Meeting of the SVP

The next meeting of the SVP will be this Thursday **9th May** after the evening Mass.

New members are warmly welcome.

Journey in Faith

We meet on **Mondays** at **6:30pm** during Term-Time in the Parish Meeting Room. This course is open to all members of the parish interested in learning more about the faith, and the teachings of the Church. Coming along to these sessions not only helps us to grow in our faith, but it is also an opportunity to support those who are preparing to be received into the Church this Pentecost.

Retiring Collection

His Grace the Archbishop has requested that all parishes in the Archdiocese hold, on behalf of CaFOD, an emergency collection to aid them in their response to the worsening situation in Sudan. The situation in Sudan is deteriorating rapidly and with 25 million people needing immediate humanitarian assistance. CaFOD has released £150,000 from their funds to support their local partners, including Caritas Sudan. Please give as generously as you can to this collection.



Children's Liturgy takes place every Sunday at the 9:30am Mass. At the start of Mass the children will be invited to go out to the Meeting Room for their liturgy. All children are welcome to come along.

Holy Day of Obligation

This Thursday we celebrate **the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**. This is a Holy Day of Obligation! Masses will be celebrated in Church at **9:15am** and **7:00pm**. There will also be a Mass in the Primary School at **2:15pm**

Walsall Life

Walsall Life, wish to give an **enormous thank you** to the **Craft** group for the **Life** fundraiser which raised a magnificent **£225**. **Life are still in need a person able to help lay a tile floor.**

Cursillo Encounter Events



Cursillo, a Catholic Movement whose charism and mission it is to support and promote Adult Faith Development, is hosting an Encounter day. This will take place on **Sunday 12th May** at the Coolock Pastoral Centre, Stubbs Gate, London Road, Newcastle under Lyme ST5 1LH, from **2-5 p.m.** (refreshments provided). To book your place please visit: www.cursillo.org or email Paul Northam at paul.northan@rcaob.org.uk

Whetstone Over 50s

Our next meeting will be at **2:00pm** on **Monday 13th May** in the meeting room. This month will be a 'Fun Quiz'. Why not come along?

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 is:

7pm Tuesday 4th June
7pm Tuesday 3rd September

Collections:

Last Weekend's Offertory: £227.70
Weekly Standing Orders: £920.00

PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 4TH /5TH May 2024

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| John H & Brian L | READERS: | Pat H & Hugh D |
| Folk Group | MUSIC: | Choir |
| Alice G & Martin B | READERS: | Mark H & Catherine A |

Duties During the Week: 6TH - 11TH May 2024

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| CLEANERS: | Team C |
| FLOWERS: | Sally S & Shelagh W |

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 11TH /12TH May 2024

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| 6:00PM VIGIL MASS | WELCOMERS: | Shelagh W & Anne H |
| | WARDENS: | Peter H |
| | READERS: | Gerry W & Cathy S |
| 9:30AM SUNG MASS | MUSIC: | Folk Group |
| | WELCOMERS: | Rosella B & Helen C |
| | WARDENS: | Pat & Sally S |
| | READERS: | Will B & Christine L |
| COFFEE: | Wintrip Family | |

And finally:- Over the past two weekends the gospel has focused our attention on our relationship with the Lord; on the need to listen to His voice and to be grafted onto Him as a branch to the vine. This weekend the gospel brings us to an understanding of what the consequence of this relationship is. Knowing fully, as we do, the "business of the master" we are called to put this faith into action. Today Christ tells us that the fruit we have to bear is love. A genuine love for our neighbour that manifests the very love that Christ has for us. As St. Paul reminds us, in his 1st Letter to the Corinthians, loving as the Lord loves is not going to be easy; he tells us that love is "always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish...". This self-sacrificial, selfless love, which draws the Cross of Christ through time into the present day, is the love that we must have for each other, the fruit that will last to eternity.

May God bless you all, Fr. Craig