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DATE

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

SUNDAY

**Third Sunday of Advent  
Year A**

DIVINE OFFICE

**Week 3**

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

<u>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday	6:00pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December</u> Third Sunday of Advent Year A	9:30am	Bert Margetts RIP <sup>(EM)</sup>
<u>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec</u> Advent Feria		No Services Today
<u>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec</u> St. Lucy Virgin, Martyr <sup>Memorial</sup>	9:15am	Private Intention <sup>(EM)</sup>
<u>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec</u> St. John of the Cross Priest, Doctor of the Church <sup>Memorial</sup>	9:15am	Int. of Joan Hart <sup>(SVP)</sup>
<u>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec</u> Advent Feria	9:15am 7:30pm	A Private Intention Carol Service: Aldridge School
<u>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec</u> Advent Feria	9:15am 12noon	Bert Mercer RIP <sup>(LK)</sup> – in SMA School Requiem Mass: Amelia Gay Ivo Whelan
<u>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec</u> Advent Feria ( <i>O Sapientia</i> ) (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	9:30am 10-11am 6:00pm	Int. of Matthew Owen <sup>(S&amp;PS)</sup> Exposition, Confession & Benediction People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December</u> Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A ( <i>O Adonai</i> )	9:30am	For the health of Józef & Agnieszka <sup>(IR)</sup>

## Pope Francis:

With Baptism, we become God's beloved children forever. This is our original beauty, for which to be joyful! Mary, surprised by the grace that made her beautiful from the first instance of her life, leads us to marvel at our own beauty.

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

# CAFOD

(3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent)

Israel, your chosen people, prayed for the glory of Lebanon to be bestowed upon its land. At your nativity, Lord Jesus, gladness and joy shall blossom for us. Already we rejoice.

### Christmas Mass Times



Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Eve

**Family Mass – 5:00pm**

**Carol Service – 11:30pm**

**Midnight Mass – 12:00am**

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Day

**Solemn Mass – 9:30am**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December: Boxing Day

**St. Stephen's Day – 10:00am**

### Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of **John O'Neill** and **Amelia Gay Ivo Whelan**, 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

This weekend, **10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> December**, there will be a retiring collection for the: **Our Parish SVP Group**.

## 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.

### Carol Service



This Thursday, **15<sup>th</sup> December**, Aldridge School will be holding their Christmas Carol Service in our church at **7:30pm**. Please do come along to support them. **Mass Thursdays** will therefore be celebrated at **9:15am**.

### 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 collected presents for the children of St. Joseph's School. 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. The school has 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.

### Advent & Christmas Resources

Activities, resources, reflections, readings and prayers for the Advent & Christmas Seasons can be found by visiting:

[www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/advent](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/advent)

### Craft & Natter

We are now taking our Christmas break. We return to our normal weekly meetings on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023** from **11am to 3pm**. Thank you to all members, old and new, for the work done this term, and for the good 'natters' we have had. Happy Christmas to all. For more information call Christine W on 07900 604902.

### Praying for the Unborn



On Thursday we celebrated the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Like the Blessed Virgin Mary, God has lovingly and specially prepared a mission for each one of us. Let us pray that all unborn children would be welcomed and cherished so that they, too, may set out to fulfil the mission the Lord has planned for them. Amen.

### John & Pauline Carter

Would like to wish Fr. Craig, Deacons John & Peter and all their friends at SMA a Holy and Happy Christmas. God Bless.

### Whetstone Over 50's Group

Our Christmas Party takes place at **1pm** on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December** in the Parish Meeting Room. Please remember to bring your Secret Santa Gift and a plate of food.

### 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.

### Life – For Our Mother & Baby House

Please support our fundraiser which takes place on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December after the morning Mass. We need cakes to sell on the day, which is **THIS** weekend, and help to 'man' the stalls.

Again, our grateful thanks to you all.

### Sunday Coffee Mornings

Every Sunday after the 9:30am Mass in the Meeting Room. If you have not yet joined us for 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.catholicdridge.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:                   £231.85**

**Weekly Standing Orders:           £898.00**

**Poor Parishes Collection:       .....£445.69**

### PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 10<sup>TH</sup>/11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022

<b>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>READERS:</b>	John H & Cathy S
<b>9:30AM SUNG MASS</b>	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Folk Group
	<b>READERS:</b>	Helen C & Catherine A

#### Duties During the Week: 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – 16<sup>th</sup> Dec

**CLEANERS:** Team B

**FLOWERS:** No Flowers during Advent

### PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 16<sup>TH</sup>/17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022

<b>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Ann & John T
	<b>WARDENS:</b>	Brian L
	<b>READERS:</b>	Pat H & Brian L
<b>9:30AM SUNG MASS</b>	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Choir
	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Jonathan & Jenson G
	<b>WARDENS:</b>	John O'N & Bruce B
	<b>READERS:</b>	Alice G & Martin B
<b>COFFEE:</b>	Mary & Don H, Geraldine F	



**And finally:-** “Gaudete in Domino semper – Rejoice in the Lord always” (Phil 4:4). Holy Mass of the Third Sunday of Advent opens with these words of St. Paul and is therefore called “Gaudete “ Sunday. The Apostle urges Christians to rejoice because the Lord’s coming, that is, his glorious return, is certain and will not be delayed. The Church makes this invitation her own while she prepares to celebrate Christmas and her gaze is focused ever more intently on Bethlehem. Indeed, we wait with hope, certain of Christ’s second coming because we have experienced his first. (Benedict XVI)

*May God bless you all. Fr. Craig*