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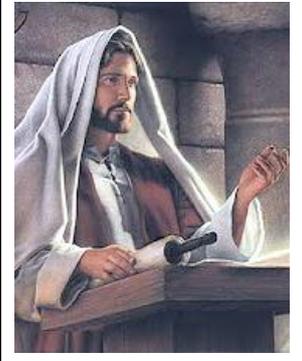
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DATE

Sunday 23rd January
2022

SUNDAY

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 3

Live-streamed Masses: Sunday at 9.30am and all weekday Masses.
NB The Sunday Obligation remains suspended until further notice.

<u>Saturday 22nd January</u> (1 st Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	Adrian Wilkins RIP ^(SA)
<u>Sunday 23rd January</u> Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am	Tony Andrews RIP ^(CA) People of the Parish
<u>Monday 24th Jan</u> St. Francis de Sales Bishop, Doctor ^{Memorial}	9.15am	Int. of Sheila Kerrigan ^(J&DC)
<u>Tuesday 25th Jan</u> Conversion of St Paul ^{Apostle} ^{Feast}	9.15am	Margaret Jones RIP ^(BB)
<u>Wednesday 26th Jan</u> Ss. Timothy & Titus ^{Bishops} ^{Memorial}		No Services Today
<u>Thursday 27th Jan</u> Feria	7.00pm	Doug Ingleby RIP ^(CI)
<u>Friday 28th Jan</u> St. Thomas Aquinas ^{Priest, Doctors} ^{Memorial}	9.15am	Francis Patton RIP ^(The Patton Family)
<u>Saturday 29th January</u> Our Lady ^{Saturday Memorial} (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9.30am 10-11am 6:00pm	Patrick (Pat) Harvey RIP ^(AW) Exposition, Confession & Benediction People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 30th January</u> Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am	Int. of David Jessop ^(R&JL) Int. of Pat Hopley ^(SVP)

Pope Francis:

The first sign Jesus accomplished was not an extraordinary healing or something prodigious in the Temple of Jerusalem, but an action that responded to a simple and concrete need of common people. This is how God loves to act.

Data Protection – Live-streaming

Sunday 9.30am Mass, and all weekday Masses, will continue to be live-streamed for those who cannot attend Mass at this time. The camera is situated at the front of the church so that only the Sanctuary is visible.

Cursillos in Christianity:

Supporting the Diocesan Vision

‘Cursillo’ began in Spain in the 1940’s, and the name simply means ‘a short course’. It has become a world-wide, tried and tested method of adult faith development. It is a way of making our discipleship effective and furthering the mission of the Church. The movement has papal approval and the support of our Archbishop.

There are two events taking place in the next few weeks:

An **Encounter Day** on Saturday 22nd January at St. Mary’s the Mount Pastoral Centre, Walsall. It runs from 10.30am to 2.30pm – please contact the parish priest, Fr. Jobin Kollappallil, to book (or see below).

A three day **Cursillo Weekend** from the evening of Thursday 24th to Sunday 27th March in the afternoon. This will be at Shallowford House, near Stafford. If you would like to be involved in either or both of these events and for further information please contact: Canon Michael Leadbeater: email

canon.michael.leadbeater@rcaob.org.uk
or 07734 681060

Pope’s Prayer Intention

The Pope’s prayer intention for the month of January is: **For true human fraternity**. We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Sick in the Parish

Please pray for all the sick in the parish, that God will bless and comfort them. Please remember especially:

Bert Mercer, Stephen Brook, Margaret Davis, Dcn. Peter Crosby, Mary Brough, Joe Bannister, Morris Moseley, Max Miotk, Leo Jones, Margaret Healy, Maura McGarry, Juliet Woodhall, Pat Hopley, Luke Smith, Catherine Shepherd, Keiron Sanders, Jim Smith, David Goodwin, Nancy Levell, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia (Dotty) Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Dcn. John Higgins, Joan Hart, Emma Jones, Anna Morgan ^{née Meehan}, Margaret Cooper, Holly Brady, Mike Mander, Jo Cooke, Anne Humphreys, Paul Mott, Theresa Chandler, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath & Paddy Breen, Max Lewis, David Piggott, Clare Cooksey & Áine McDonagh.

We pray also for all who continue to be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, and for those who carry the burden of their illness privately. May the Lord grant them His healing and peace.

Thank You

Jithin, the seminarian from Oscott, would like to say ‘thank you’ for making him feel so welcome when he came to stay with us. He also extends his thanks to the staff and pupils at St. Mary of the Angels Primary and St. Francis of Assisi Catholic College. Please remember him in your prayers now that he has returned to Oscott.

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Live Simply Prayer – Week 09
(Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

**You are the light for the world, Lord Jesus.
Teach us to follow you closely each day, so we
may reflect your light to all we meet and
overcome the darkness of our world.**

Deacon Peter's Invitations

Following Deacon Peter's invitation to "look back" together at our journeys in faith, we are holding a series of informal sessions based around conversation and refreshments in the Parish Meeting Room on Mondays at 7pm for about an hour, and Saturdays at 2pm. This could be your opportunity to explore, for example, your own spiritual journey, more of Peter's journey, Catholic spirituality and devotions, the contemporary Gifts of the Holy Spirit, or anything else you want! We particularly look forward to welcoming the younger members of our congregation (let's say the under-40s) - but of course all are welcome!

Church Cleaners



We are **very, very short** of church cleaners, now having only three teams. With 3 or 4 more volunteers, we could add an extra team, so that the duty would only repeat every 4 weeks. If you can help please call Fr. Craig at the Presbytery, or email us at smota.aldridge@rcaob.org.uk.

This week's team Jane, Ann, Pat & Philomena.

Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council Meeting takes place this Thursday, **27th January**, at **7.30pm** in the Parish Meeting Room.

All parishioners are invited to attend these meetings, so please do come along.

New Parish Census

If you have not already received a new Parish Census Form please collect one from the table in the porch this weekend. Please complete as soon as possible and return to church, placing them in the basket in the sacristy corridor marked 'Census'. If you take communion to the sick, could you please take a census form for them to complete.

Parish Raffle Tickets



Tickets for the parish raffle are now on sale at £1 each. The raffle will be in aid of church funds and will be drawn at the end of the month.

Craft & Natter

We meet every **Tuesday** in the Parish Meeting Room from **11am to 3pm**.

50p per session for all the refreshments you can drink. Come for a morning, an afternoon, or for the whole session, just don't forget to bring your lunch. Just bring yourself and something 'crafty' to make! For more information call Christine on 07900604902

Clergy Training Fund

The new envelopes for those who donate to the **CTF** are available in the church porch. If anyone else would like to support the CTF using the envelope system, or if you would prefer to donate by standing order, please contact **Dawn M** on **01922 451451**, or speak to Fr. Craig.

Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of **Betty Bayley & Marguerite Baxendale**. On whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy, may they rest in peace.

Praying for the Unborn



We pray for our government, that their ability to support pregnant women would increase and that they would anchor themselves in the desire to protect all human life. Amen.

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 15th February 2022

7pm Tuesday 26th April

7pm Tuesday 28th June

Christmas Crib Collection



Throughout the Christmas Season there will be a collection box at the crib for our annual Christmas Crib Collection. This year we are taking this collection to help the work the Father Hudson's Society. Advent and Christmas allow us to reflect on the birth of Jesus and the life and sacrifice he made to lead us in our love and support of our neighbours and those who are strangers to us. Please help Father Hudson's to care for people in need across the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

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.

And finally:- During the course of this week we celebrate the memory of some of the most influential saints of the church. From St. Paul, the fearless teacher of the gentiles, to St. Thomas Aquinas, one of the greatest philosophers and theologians the Church has ever known. Looking at their lives and works, and this I recommend to you, we see how they were quite ordinary men. Each in their own way, however, responded to the call of God and, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, offered their life and work for the upbuilding of His body, the Church. In his letter to the Corinthians, which we hear at Mass this weekend, St. Paul reminds us that we too have been called by the Holy Spirit into the Body of Christ, the Church. That we too have gifts and talents which, when used well for the glory of God and our own eternal salvation, will continue the ongoing work of building up the Body of Christ here on earth. .

May God bless and protect you all. Fr. Craig