

<p><u>PARISH CLERGY:</u></p> <p>PARISH PRIEST Fr. Craig Davies</p> <p>PARISH DEACON Rev. Peter Crosby</p>	<p align="center">ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>39 Whetstone Lane Aldridge Walsall WS9 0JD Tel:01922 452316</p> </div>  </div>	<p>This Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham.</p> <p align="center">Registered Charity Nº:234216</p>
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DATE
Sunday 26th November 2023

SUNDAY
Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

DIVINE OFFICE
Week 2

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

<u>Saturday 25th Nov</u> 1 st Mass of Sunday	6:00pm	Michael John Kelly RIP ^(DM)
<u>Sunday 26th November</u> Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	9:30am 6:15pm	Thomas & Patricia McMahon RIP ^(KF) <i>Holy Hour for Vocations</i>
<u>Monday 27th Nov</u> Feria	9:15am	Int. of Ann Terry ^(JT)
<u>Tuesday 28th Nov</u> Feria	9:15am	Remedios Jacob & Maria Ida Almeida RIP ^(AA)
<u>Wednesday 29th Nov</u> Feria		No Services Today
<u>Thursday 30th Nov</u> St. Andrew ^{Apostle} <small>Feast</small>	7:00pm	Private Intention
<u>Friday 1st Dec</u> St. Edmund ^{Campion} <small>Priest, Martyrs</small> <small>Feast</small>	9:15am 6:15pm	Roger Monckton RIP ^(Ann) ^(GM) <i>Lectio Divina</i>
<u>Saturday 2nd Dec</u> Our Lady ^{Saturday Memorial} (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9:30am 10-11am 6:00pm	For the Intentions of J <i>Exposition, Confessions & Benediction</i> People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 3rd December</u> First Sunday of Advent Year B	9:30am 6:15pm	Michael McMahon RIP ^(FS) <i>Holy Hour for Vocations</i>

Pope Francis

Adoration is not a departure from life; rather, it is the space to give meaning to everything, to receive the gift of God's love and to be able to bear witness to it in fraternal charity.

This Week's Prayer

CAF⁺D

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Lord Jesus, you told Pontius Pilate your kingship is not like that of earthly rulers. We believe you, the Servant King. Teach us now to imitate you and become the servants of others.

Recently Deceased

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

Second Collection

This weekend, **25th/26th November**, there will be a retiring collection to support the Catholic Youth Services.

Craft & Natter

We meet each **Tuesday, 11am to 3pm** in the Parish Meeting Room. All are welcome to join us. Come for a morning, an afternoon or the whole session; just remember to bring your lunch. 50p will cover refreshments and supplies. For more information call Christine W on 07900604902 for more information.

Thank You

A big thank you to all who bought poppies from church over the last few weeks. We were able to send £54.80 to the Royal British Legion. Thanks also to the Craft and Natter Ladies who once again dedicated their time to make them.

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for **December** is:- **For persons with disabilities**. We pray that people living with disabilities may be the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation.

Sick in the Parish

Pray for the sick in the parish, remembering especially:

Marian Mathews, Marie Wilson, Ian Phipps, Sister Ann-Marie, Carol Facer, Oscar Wordsworth, Nichola Woodhall, Paul Corbett, Carmel Fekete, 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, Anna Morgan ^{née Meehan}, Holly Brady, Mike Mander, 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.

Diocesan Directory 2024

The 2024 Diocesan Directory is now available and can be purchased from Fr. Craig or Dcn. Peter after. £5 per copy.

2024 Missio Calendar

The 2024 Missio Calendar is now available for collection from the tables in the church porch.

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.

Christmas Cards – Jesuit Refugee Service

The Jesuit Refugee Service are encouraging people to send a Christmas Card to a refugee this Christmas. Many refugees can find Christmas a lonely time, receiving a Christmas Card can remind them that they are being thought of. If you would like to send a card, please see the box in the porch for more details.

Urgent Request for a Volunteer(s)

We are in desperate need of a volunteer(s) to help with the mowing of the grass around the church. If you are able, and willing to help, please speak to Dawn M.

Advance Notice Walsall Life

Our Life Annual Fund-Raiser for the Walsall Help Station is **next Sunday, 3rd December**, after Mass. We will be looking for support, cakes and raffle prizes.

Journey in Faith

We meet on **Mondays at 6:30pm** during Term-Time in the Meeting Room. This course is open to all members of the parish who are interested in learning more about the faith. 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 Easter.



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.

Parish Christmas Fayre



Christmas Fayre

The Parish Christmas Fayre takes place after Mass **this Sunday, 26th November**, in the Parish Meeting Room. There will be tea/coffee, mince pies, cakes, tombola, jewellery, craft stall, books, raffle, guess the weight of the cake and more. Don't simply rush off at the end of Mass, please go into the meeting room to support this important event in the life of the Parish.

Missio

A total of **£434.50** has been sent to Missio for the period of March to October. The total contribution for 2023 from this parish we £1,162.61. A big thank you too all who support Missio.

Congratulations



We offer our prayers and our congratulations to **Jack & Stanley B & Elizabeth Grace Partridge L** who were Baptised here recently. We pray also for their parents and Godparents as they take on the responsibility of raising them in the practice of the faith.

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 21st November

7pm Tuesday 23rd January 2024

7pm Tuesday 26th March

Collections:

Last Weekends Offertory: £166.10

Weekly Standing Orders: £870.00

PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 25TH/26TH NOVEMBER 2023

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	READERS:	Cathy S & Hugh D
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9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	School
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READERS:	Children from Y6
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Duties During the Week: 27TH November – 2ND December 2023

CLEANERS: Team B

FLOWERS: Sally S – remove flowers and prepare Advent Wreath

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 2ND/3RD DECEMBER 2023

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	WELCOMERS:	Mavie & Krystal B
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WARDENS:	Tony M
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READERS:	John H & Pat H
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MUSIC:	Choir
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9:30AM SUNG MASS	WELCOMERS:	Rod & Joan L
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WARDENS:	John O'N & Elaine A
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READERS:	Mark H & Martin B
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COFFEE: The Service Family

And finally:- This weekend, as we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, we welcome to our celebration of Mass the children in Y6 of our Primary School, their parents, and some of the staff. Today each of these children, along with their families, will commit themselves to preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the last of the Sacraments of Initiation, which they will receive in February next year. As they make this commitment we are also called to think about our commitment to our faith. This week marks the end of another liturgical year. Next Sunday we will celebrate the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of another year of grace, another year of dedicating ourselves to the service of the Lord. As we take up the task of praying for these children, members of our parish community, that the Lord will bless them during this time of preparation, let us also pray for ourselves and for our parish. Pray that during this new year we may all be blessed by the Lord in our discipleship; that we may, day by day, experience the mystery of His love in our lives, and in the life of our parish.

May God bless you all, Fr. Craig