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**DATE**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
2022**

**SUNDAY**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent  
Year C**

**DIVINE OFFICE**

**Week 4**

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

<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	6:00pm	Bert Mercer RIP <sup>(MQ)</sup>
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> <i>Mothering (Létare) Sunday</i>	9:30am 11:30am 5:00pm	Claire Higgs née McAnulty RIP <sup>(SB)</sup> People of the Parish <b>Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Lent Feria</i>	9:15am 4:30pm	Margaret Jones RIP <sup>(KB)</sup> <i>Reception of James Joseph Taylor RIP</i>
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Lent Feria</i>	10:45am	Requiem of James Joseph Taylor RIP
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Lent Feria</i>		No Services Today
<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b> <i>Lent Feria</i>	7.30pm	Francis Patton RIP (1st Anniversary) <sup>(Patton Family)</sup>
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b> <i>Lent Feria</i>	9.15am 3.30pm	For the Srs and Carers at Footherly <sup>(SK)</sup> <b>Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b> <i>Lent Feria</i> (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	9.30am 10-11am 6:00pm	Int. of Colette Marsh <sup>(Sr. A)</sup> Exposition, Confession & Benediction Kathleen & Michael Dooher RIP <sup>(TD)</sup>
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b> <b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> <i>Day of Prayer for the Candidates of the Sacraments</i>	9.30am 11.30am 5.00pm	People of the Parish Int. of Jackie Marcus <sup>(SVP)</sup> <b>Stations of the Cross</b>

## Pope Francis:

Let us ask the Lord of life to deliver us from war. Everything is lost with war. There is no victory in war. May the Lord send His Spirit to make us understand that war is a defeat of humanity.

### 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. If you do not wish to appear on the screen during the distribution of communion you are asked to sit on the right of the church.

### Headteacher Vacancy

#### St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School, Aldridge

Following the early retirement of our Headteacher, St. Mary of the Angels Primary School is looking to appoint a new Headteacher from September 2022. This advert, and all relevant material pertaining to the application process, can be found on the school website: [www.st-maryangel.walsall.sch.uk/website](http://www.st-maryangel.walsall.sch.uk/website)

Closing date for applications is **9am, Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

### Church Cleaners

Still very short of church cleaners, Fr. Craig is going through the recent census returns, and will shortly be able to add those who have volunteered to join our cleaning teams. Once done, a new rota will be published and will be available to collect in the porch. When this is available, an amended notice will be published here. Until then we will continue to name the team for the coming week below. If you would like to help, please let Fr. Craig know.

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

## Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for the month of April is: **For health care workers.** We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

### Sick in the Parish

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

**Alison Welton, Fr. Tony Rohan, Louise Morgan, Stephen Brook, Margaret Davis, 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 <sup>née Meehan</sup>, Margaret Cooper, Holly Brady, Mike Mander, Jo Cooke, Anne Humphreys, Paul Mott, Theresa Chandler, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath & Paddy Breen, Max Lewis, David & Sheila Piggott, Clare Cooksey & Áine McDonagh.**

### OAJP – Ukraine Appeal

Oscott College's Action for Justice and Peace Group (OAJP) are raising money to support CAFOD's emergency Ukraine Humanitarian appeal. There is a poster in the Porch with details of what the seminarians are doing in order to raise funds for this appeal. If you would like to support the seminarians in this you can go to their 'Just Give' page at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/oscott-action-for-justice-and-peace1>  
in order to donate to this cause.

# CAF+D

*(Fourth Sunday of Lent)*

Rejoice, rejoice this day. Soon we shall enjoy, Lord God, your remedy for our sins. Your Christ will redeem us.

## Lenten Almsgiving Charity

This year our Lenten parish collection, using the 'Lenten Almsgiving Box', which can be found at the back of church, will be to support the **ACN Emergency Aid to the Ukraine** appeal. This collection will be to support the Church in Ukraine as it ministers to its people during this time of war.

## 2022 Diocesan Directories

The 2022 edition of the Diocesan Directory is no available in the Sacristy. If you would like a copy, we ask that you make a £5 contribution towards the cost of its production. Monies for the Directories can be placed into the 'Newspaper' slot in the porch.

## Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham



The Archdiocesan pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham will be taking place on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May** beginning at **1pm**. The Mass, and the theme of the pilgrimage, will be '**Our Lady, Queen of the Apostles**'. There is a poster in the church porch advertising this pilgrimage which gives more information about the programme for the day. If you are interested in going on this pilgrimage to 'England's Nazareth' please speak to Fr. Craig.

## Flower Arranging

If you are interested in joining the flower arranging team, please speak to either Sally S (**07873 723539**) or Fr. Craig. No experience? Don't worry! Sally is happy to support and help you until you have built up your confidence.

## 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

## Missio – Red Box Holders

**missio**

Today. Tomorrow. Together.

Could co-ordinators please collect money and let Sue W have it. Thank you. If anyone has a Red Box that has not been emptied for several years, please contact Sue on 457247

## Father Hudson's Care

Become a Trustees for Father Hudson's Care.

- Do you want to use your skills to support an incredibly diverse charity as a Trustee?
- Are you a qualified accountant, or working/have worked as a senior level in Adult Care in a Local Authority or Adult Care Charity?  
(Dementia/Disability)
- Are you driven to create a more just, more diverse, more inclusive society?

If you want to know more about the role and the many services and projects we are involved in, including the opportunity to discuss with the CEO, please visit: [www.fatherhudsons.org.uk](http://www.fatherhudsons.org.uk)

### Praying for the Unborn



As we celebrate Mothering Sunday, we pray for all mothers who are pregnant. We pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be given by their families, friends and local community, as they journey through this life-changing experience. Amen.

### Recently Deceased

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Donnell Burns** who passed away recently. On whose soul Sweet Jesus have mercy, may he rest in peace. Funeral arrangements to follow shortly. Please remember in your prayers Tony & Audrey and all the family at this time.

### 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.

### Deacon Peter's Invitation

In recent weeks we have explored the rich content and implications of the Lord's Prayer and the Beatitudes, and we have explored how a Christian understanding of the Ten Commandments and of the Virtues and Vices can help us examine our conscience. These conversations are open to everyone and are guided by those who take part. We meet in the Parish Meeting Room on Mondays at 7pm and/or Saturdays at 2pm; refreshments provided.

### 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 28<sup>th</sup> June**

**7pm Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

**7pm Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

**And finally:-** Advanced notification of the change to the Sunday Mass schedule here at St. Mary of the Angels. It has now been almost two years since we increased the number of Masses to reduce the risk of infection following the Covid-19 outbreak back in March 2020. Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April, Palm Sunday, will be the final celebration of the 11.30am Sunday morning Mass. For Easter there will be Mass at 8pm on the Saturday evening, the Solemn Easter Vigil, and 9.30am on Easter Sunday morning. It is now time to reunify our congregation, not to mention the fact that I am now exhausted. This change will also allow for a return to our normal practice of having baptisms at 12noon on a Sunday. I will miss the 11.30am Mass, and I hope and pray that you will support me in this necessary move back to the pre-pandemic Mass arrangements. I also pray that those who attend the 11.30am Mass will now find a home at one of the other Masses.

*May God bless and protect you all. Fr. Craig*