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DATE  
**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

SUNDAY  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**Year B**

DIVINE OFFICE  
**Week 4**

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

<u>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday	6:00pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April</u> Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B	9:30am	Rita Bigongiari RIP (1st Ann) <sup>(RB)</sup>
<u>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</u> Easter Feria	9:15am	Pat Hopley RIP <sup>(FH)</sup>
<u>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</u> <i>St. George</i> Martyr, Patron of England <i>Solemnity</i>	9:15am	Margaret Dolores Walker RIP <sup>(ES)</sup>
<u>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April</u> Easter Feria		No Services Today
<u>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April</u> <i>St. Mark</i> Evangelist <i>Feast</i>	7:00pm	Francis Patton RIP <sup>(Patton Family)</sup>
<u>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April</u> Easter Feria	9:15am	Private Intention
<u>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April</u> Easter Feria (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	9:30am 10-11am 6:00pm	People of the Parish <i>Exposition, Confessions &amp; Benediction</i> John (Johnny) Clarke RIP <sup>(JT)</sup>
<u>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April</u> Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B	9:30am	Janet Durkin RIP <sup>(HD)</sup>

## Pope Francis

Jesus knows us and loves us. If we remain in Him, we should not fear because every cross will be transformed into resurrection, every sadness into hope, and all mourning into dancing.

### The CaFOD Prayer

# CAFOD

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

**Good Shepherd, help us to see the dignity of all our brothers and sisters who have been made in your image and likeness. For you want us to see you in them!**

### Gift Aid – End of Tax Year 23/24

If you Gift Aid your offertory to the parish via Standing Order, and you have changed address in the past 12 months, or you are about to move, please let Fr. Craig know. This is important, as we have to keep our Gift Aid records up to date.

### Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Bill Baxendale, John Morris, Mary Brough** and **Catherine Baker** on whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy. May they rest in peace.

### Date for Your Diary

Our **Spring Fayre** will be on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May**. We would be most grateful for any **new** items and bottles suitable for the Tombola, and also seedlings that you've grown you are able to donate to the Fayre. We will be selling **Flower Names** from this weekend for our lottery

### Sunday Coffee Mornings

After the 9:30am Mass on Sundays we have our weekly coffee morning in the Parish Meeting Room. Do come along and enjoy some important community social time together. We would love to see you there.

## Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for April is:- **For the role of women**. We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

### Sick in the Parish

Pray for the sick in the parish, remembering especially:

**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 <sup>(Dotty)</sup> Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Anna Morgan <sup>née Meehan</sup>, 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

We meet every Tuesday from 11am to 3pm in the Parish Meeting Room. All are welcome to come along to 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 for the whole day, just remember to bring your lunch. For more information call Christine on 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](mailto:sg.smota.aldridge@rcaob.org.uk) or the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted at [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) or on 0121 230 6240 if you have any concerns.

## Walsall Life

**Walsall Life**, urgently need a baby cot. If you have one that you no longer require, please contact **01922 451124**. **Also we need a person able to help lay a tile floor.**

## 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.

## Diocesan Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage

An invitation is extended to married couples celebrating a milestone anniversary, and to those preparing to marry this year, to our annual Mass for Marriage at St. Chad's Cathedral. This Mass will be celebrated by His Grace the Archbishop at 12noon on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May. If you intend to go to this Mass please register your attendance by visiting:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/join-the-diocesan-thanksgiving-mass-for-marriage-2024>

## Craft & Natter Coffee Morning



There will be a **Coffee Morning** in aid of **Life**, hosted by the Craft and Natter group, on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April** from **11.30 until 1pm**, everyone is most welcome and all donations go to the Life group. Please put it in your diary and come and support a worthy cause.

## Missio – Red Boxes

Could those who have a Red Mission Box in their care please empty them and let Sue W have the monies. If you have a Red Box and it has not been emptied for a while please contact Sue W on 01922 457247. Thank you.

## Congratulations



We offer our prayers and our congratulations to **Cillian Harvey R** and **Iris Bridie R-P** who were Baptised here last weekend. We pray also for their parents and godparents as they take on the responsibility of raising them in the practice of the faith

## Second Collection

This weekend, **20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> April**, there will be a retiring collection for the Clergy Training Fund. This important annual collection enables the Archdiocese to train men for the Priesthood and the Diaconate. It costs £30,000 per year to train a priest so please be a generous as you can to support this important work for the future of the Archdiocese

**A Thank You from Tony Meehan**  
**Tony Meehan** wishes to thank fellow parishioners for their prayers and good wishes after his recent heart attack. "Praise the Lord, for He is gracious"

## 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.

### Collections:

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

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

### **PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 20<sup>TH</sup>/21<sup>ST</sup> April 2024**

<b>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>READERS:</b>	Gerry W & Cathy S
<b>9:30AM SUNG MASS</b>	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Choir
	<b>READERS:</b>	Helen C & Will B

### **Duties During the Week: 22<sup>ND</sup> - 27<sup>TH</sup> April 2024**

<b>CLEANERS:</b>	Team A
<b>FLOWERS:</b>	Anne H

### **PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 27<sup>TH</sup> /28<sup>TH</sup> April 2024**

<b>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Dawn M
	<b>WARDENS:</b>	Tony M
	<b>READERS:</b>	Pat H & Hugh D
<b>9:30AM SUNG MASS</b>	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Choir
	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Margaret L, Helen A & Elena S
	<b>WARDENS:</b>	Pat & Sally S
	<b>READERS:</b>	Mark H & Catherine A
<b>COFFEE:</b>	The Reynolds Family	

**And finally:-** The Gospel reading of this weekend presents us with one of the most popular, and most well know, images of the Lord – that of the Good Shepherd. In this image we see a shepherd who, rather than lording it over the flock, ruthlessly driving them onwards from the rear, has with his sheep a relationship built upon trust; a relationship which means the sheep willingly listen to his voice and follow where he leads. So powerful is the relationship between the shepherd and his sheep that we are told that he would willingly “lay down his life for [his] sheep”. Over the past few weeks, and indeed still today, we are celebrating the gift of God’s unconditional love for each one of us, a love that invites us into a trusting relationship with the Good Shepherd. The challenge for each one of us is to “remain in [His] love”; to renew each day our trust in Him, even when we are troubled by uncertainty and doubt, fear and anxiety, and to allow Him to be the Shepherd of our souls.

*May God bless you all, Fr. Craig*