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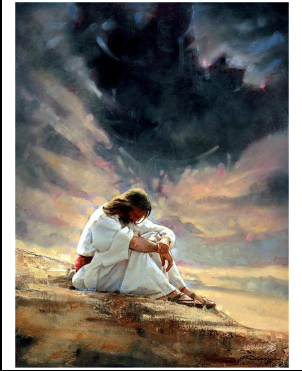
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DATE

**Sunday 6th March
2022**

SUNDAY

**First Sunday of Lent
Year C**

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 1

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

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| Saturday 5th March (1 st Mass of Sunday) | 6.00pm | For Parish Volunteers during COVID ^(JH) |
| Sunday 6th March First Sunday of Lent | 9.30am 11.30am 5.00pm | People of the Parish Int. of Sheila Kerrigan ^(SVP) Stations of the Cross |
| Monday 7th March Lent Feria | 9.15am | Margaret Jones RIP ^(J&DC) |
| Tuesday 8th March Lent Feria | 9.15am | Int. of the People of the Parish ^(Dcn. Peter) |
| Wednesday 9th March Lent Feria | | No Services Today |
| Thursday 10th March Lent Feria | 7.30pm | Margaret Moseley RIP ^(A&TB) |
| Friday 11th March Lent Feria | 9.15am 3.30pm | Marguerite Baxendale RIP ^(MP) Stations of the Cross |
| Saturday 12th March Lent Feria (1 st Mass of Sunday) | 9.30am 10-11am 6:00pm | Paul Potter RIP ^(CA) Exposition, Confession & Benediction Doris Borg RIP ^(YD) |
| Sunday 13th March Second Sunday of Lent | 9.30am 11.30am 5.00pm | Int. of Nancy Levell ^(SVP) People of the Parish Stations of the Cross |

Pope Francis:

Our love for God and neighbour is our passport to heaven. Our earthly possessions are dust that scatters, but the love we share – in our families, at work, in the Church, and in the world – will save us, for it will endure forever.

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

Closing date for applications is **9am, Monday 28th March 2022**

Spring Fayre



The Spring Fayre is planned for the **Saturday 26th of March.**

1. Calling all parish groups. Would you be prepared to run a stall at the Spring Fayre?
2. Will all those willing to help, please add your names on the list in the porch.

Thank You, and please remember to put the date in your diaries and to come along and the day.

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for the month of March is: **For a Christian response to bioethical challenges.** We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

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 ^{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 & Sheila Piggott, Clare Cooksey & Áine McDonagh.

We pray also for all who are sick at this time and carry the burden of their illness privately. May the Lord grant them His healing and peace.

Whetstone Over 50's Group

Do you fancy an afternoon out amongst friends? The Whetstone Over 50's Group are meeting on **Monday 14th March at 2pm** in the Parish Meeting Room. This month we have an excellent and entertaining speaker talking about the Birmingham connection of Laurel and Hardy. Why not come along, we would love to see you.



(First Sunday of Lent)

At the start of Lent, we pray for those who are affected by war and the threat of war. Lord, ease their suffering and distress.

Family Fast Day

This year Family Fast Day will be on **Friday 11th March**. Will you be able to take part? Please do! CAFOD is asking parishes up and down the country to hold a collection the weekend immediately following. Their aim is to help people who face hunger and starvation around the world.

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.

Congratulations

We offer our prayers and congratulations to all of the children from our parish who were confirmed by Bishop Stephen on Thursday. We also thank all who were involved in their preparation for this wonderful Sacrament.

Church Cleaners



We are still very, very short of church cleaners, 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 are Jane, Ann T, Pat H & Philomena.

Fairtrade Stall



This weekend, **5th/6th March**, our Fairtrade Stall will once again be in the Parish Meeting Room following the 9.30am Sunday Mass.

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

From the Mercer Family

Tony, Dawn, Paul, Cath, Katie & Chris wish to thank everyone in the parish for their wonderful response following Bert’s death. The Masses, cards, messages and the donations at the Requiem Mass in Bert’s memory were truly unbelievable. They would also like to thank to Fr. Craig and Deacon Peter for their help in what has been a very sad time for them all. May the Lord bless you all.

Missio – Red Box Holders



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

Praying for the Unborn



We pray for Peers in Parliament as they are faced with increased pressure to make at-home abortions permanent. That they would have strength to resist these pressures, and instead prioritise the safety and wellbeing of women, and the lives of unborn babies, by ending this dangerous policy. Amen.

Second Collection

This weekend, **5th/6th March**, there will be a retiring collection for **Cathedral Maintenance**. This is our annual collection to help with the upkeep of the Mother Church of the Archdiocese. Next weekend, **12th/13th March**, there will be a collection for **CAFOD**.

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

Our conversation groups continue to explore many aspects of our lived faith. In the last couple of weeks we've watched video presentations featuring David Payne and Ros Powell, and unpicked the third Eucharistic Prayer to reveal the treasures of the Mass and our participation in it. 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 28th June

7pm Tuesday 13th September

7pm Tuesday 15th November

And finally:- This weekend sees the return of the 'Sign of Peace' to its rightful place in the celebration of the Mass. Whilst this is a good thing, we must recognise that there will be some members of our congregation who might feel a little uncomfortable with this. To overcome this initial fear, as I do not wish the 'sign of peace' to become a sign of disunity, we will adapt how we perform this wonderful action of the Mass. I therefore ask that at the invitation to 'offer each other the sign of peace' we shake hands only with other members of our household and/or family sitting nearby. With all other members of the congregation we can share in this moment by a simple bow of the head whilst saying 'peace be with you'. In this way I am hoping that we will all feel comfortable and able to share in this moment which is a profound expression of our communion with each other as members of the Body of Christ.

May God bless and protect you all. Fr. Craig