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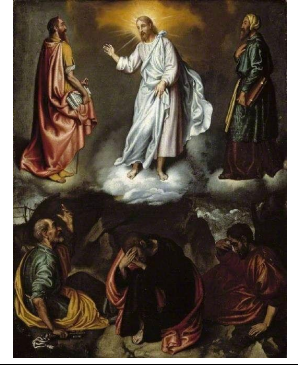
**ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS**



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**DATE**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March  
2022**

**SUNDAY**

**Second Sunday of Lent  
Year C**

**DIVINE OFFICE**

**Week 2**

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

<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	Doris Borg RIP <sup>(YD)</sup>
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b> Second Sunday of Lent	9.30am 11.30am 5.00pm	Int. of Nancy Levell <sup>(SVP)</sup> People of the Parish Stations of the Cross
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b> Lent Feria	9.15am	Int. of Deacon John <sup>(BB)</sup>
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b> Lent Feria	9.15am	Int. of Mary Holder <sup>(KB)</sup>
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March</b> Lent Feria		No Services Today
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b> St. Patrick Bishop, Patron of Ireland <sup>Feast</sup>	7.30pm	Geoff Jones RIP <sup>(AH &amp; Jones Family)</sup>
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b> Lent Feria	9.15am 3.30pm	James Brindley RIP <sup>(SB)</sup> Stations of the Cross
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b> St Joseph Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary Solemnity (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	9.30am 10-11am 6:00pm	David Easthope RIP <sup>(M&amp;AW)</sup> Exposition, Confession & Benediction People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b> Third Sunday of Lent	9.30am 11.30am 5.00pm	Int. of Michael McMahon Margaret Jones RIP <sup>(SVP)</sup> Stations of the Cross

## Pope Francis:

Prayer, charity and fasting are not medicines meant only for ourselves but for everyone: they can change history, because they are the principle ways for God to intervene in our lives and in the world.

### 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**

### Spring Fayre



It will soon be **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> of March!**

We need: **(NEW) Unwanted presents + Bottles, Raffle Prizes, Cakes, Plants, Ideas, Helpers** and **BUYERS.**

**Please - No Books.**

**The box and volunteer list is in the porch.**

We will be selling **Raffle tickets**, and there is a **'choose a flower name'** and **'Name the Ted'** competitions, all at **£1 each.** **Please come along to our first parish activity since the lock-down(s).**

## 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 <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.**

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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

# CAFOD

*(Second Sunday of Lent)*

Help us, Lord our God, to treat the earth gently and to protect and care for the whole of creation; it is the home you have given to us and to all who come after 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.

## Wednesday Friends

The next meeting of the Wednesday Friends is this coming **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March** at 10.00am in the meeting room. Everyone is most welcome.

## Church Cleaners



We are still **very short** of church cleaners, having only **three** teams. With more volunteers, we can add an extra team, and the duty would repeat every 4 weeks. If you can help, please call Fr. Craig at the Presbytery, or email us at:

[smota.aldridge@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:smota.aldridge@rcaob.org.uk).

This week's team are **Beryl, Catherine & Chris.**

## 50-50 Club

The winners of the draw for December entrants drawn on 24<sup>th</sup> January:

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	PP	25	£150
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	CL	76	£60
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	CH	60	£35
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	KH	7	£20

Total prize money this month: £265

## 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

We pray for all considering abortion. We pray that the love and support of those around them would encourage the mother to continue with her pregnancy and find peace in what the future holds. Amen.

### Recently Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **James Joseph Taylor** and **Rita Sargent**. On whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy, may they rest in peace.

### Second Collection

This weekend, **12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> March**, there will be a collection for **CAFOD**. **For those who wish to Gift Aid there donation there are envelopes at the back of church.** All other monies can be placed straight into the collection basket at the end of Mass.

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

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

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

**And finally:-** Last Sunday five members of our congregation, together with their sponsors, attended the Rite of Election as they move into the final period of preparation for reception into the Church at Easter. For some they are newcomers to our parish, others, either through marriage or family members, have a long association with St. Mary of the Angels. Over the next few weeks, as we move ever closer to the Easter Vigil and their reception into full communion with the Church, I ask that you keep Abbie, Alice, John, Matthew and Stephen in your prayers. This is a wonderful moment not only for the candidates and their sponsors, it is also a moment of great rejoicing for us as a Parish as we welcome new members into our community of faith. As we pray for them let us also continue to pray for ourselves, that by our lives and by our witnessing to the love of the Lord we may draw others to Christ, building up His Church here in Aldridge.

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