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**THE YEAR OF THE WORD**



DATE

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March  
2020**

SUNDAY

**Second Sunday of Lent  
Year A**

DIVINE OFFICE

**Week 2**

<u>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March.</u> (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March</u> Second Sunday of Lent	9.30am 5.00pm	Bryn & Bridie Howells RIP <sup>(DM)</sup> Stations of the Cross
<u>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March</u> Lent Feria	9.15am	Int. of Columba & Bridget Fitzpatrick <sup>(ES)</sup>
<u>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March</u> Lent Feria	9.15am	Kay Morton RIP <sup>(LG)</sup>
<u>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March</u> Lent Feria	9.15am	Service of Word and Communion
<u>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March</u> Lent Feria	9.15am 7:30pm	Doris Borg RIP <sup>(J&amp;YD)</sup> Int. of Kate Gilligan <sup>(Sr.AM)</sup>
<u>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March</u> Lent Feria	9.15am 3.30pm	Int. of Catherine Doherty <sup>(The Mitchell Fam)</sup> Stations of the Cross
<u>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March</u> Lent Feria	9.30am 10-11am 11.00am	Kenneth FOX RIP <sup>(M&amp;LJ)</sup> Confessions & Exposition Benediction
<u>(1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)</u>	6.00pm	Colin & Gary Watson RIP <sup>(AW)</sup>
<u>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March</u> Third Sunday of Lent	9.30am 5.00pm	People of the Parish Stations of the Cross

## Pope Francis

May we allow ourselves to be reconciled, in order to live as beloved children, as forgiven and healed sinners, as wayfarers with him at our side.

## Coronavirus

In light of the spread of Coronavirus, as a precaution, we have been advised by the Bishops of England and Wales to suspend the use of Holy Water at the entrance to the Church, Communion under both kinds, and the physical offering of the sign of peace during Mass.

## Lent Alms Giving

The Lent Alms Giving Box is on the offertory table. This year we are donating the money to Survive Miva. For info on their work please see the notice board outside the Walsingham Chapel.

## Stations of the Cross

There will be Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 3:30pm, and Sundays at 5:00pm, during the Season of Lent.

## St Francis of Assisi College

Our next Youth SVP retreat afternoon will be on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March. The theme will be based on Lent. Closer to the time we will send out a signup sheet.

## Year of the Word

This year, The Bishop's Conference of England and Wales, has dedicated as being The Year of the Word. We will begin our series of prayer and study with the Scriptures on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm** in the Parish Meeting Room. Each session will include 30mins. of *Lectio Divina* followed by 30mins. of Scripture Study. Please do come along.

## Lent Walk With Me

Copies of the Lent 'Walk With Me' booklets are available in the porch. If you would like to make a donation, please put the money in newspaper slot in the pillar.

## St. Patrick's Dance



Aldridge Social Club  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March  
Music by John Doogan  
From 8:00pm to Midnight  
Admission £4

## Situation Vacant at Bishop Walsh

Bishop Walsh Catholic School in Sutton Coldfield (part of the St. John Paul II MAC) are seeking an inspirational, collaborative and outward looking Principal for September 2020. Full details can be found on the school website: [www.bishopwalsh.net](http://www.bishopwalsh.net)

## Archdiocese of Birmingham

The Archdiocese is advertising for a Finance Support Manager. Please see poster in porch for further details.

## Aldridge Prayer Walk

The Aldridge Prayer Walk is a joint ministry of the churches in Aldridge and takes place this month on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March at 3.00pm. We gather outside Costa Coffee and pray for around one hour. All are very welcome to join us as we come together to pray for the businesses and organisations, families and individuals, the schools and churches of our beautiful Village.

## Second Collection

There will be a second collection **this weekend, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> March**, for the work of CAFOD

### Sick in the Parish

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

**Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia <sup>(Dotty)</sup> Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Deacon John, Joan Hart, Emma Jones, Anna Morgan <sup>nee Meehan</sup>, Margaret Cooper, Holly Brady, Mike Mander, Jo Cooke, Anne Humphreys, Pat Gray, Paul Mott, Theresa Chandler, Evelyn Hawkey, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath & Paddy Breen, Max Lewis, Alma Darby, Marguerite Baxendale, David Piggott, Mary Ellis, Clare Cooksey & Aine McDonagh.**



Catholic Agency for  
Overseas Development

#### **Live Simply Prayer – Week 15**

We pray still for all refugees. Help them, Lord, to find safe places to call home and people ready to welcome, respect and support them.

Our gold box remains in situ for any donations of stamps, coins and broken jewellery. Many thanks for all your donations.

### Whetstone Over 50s Group

**March 9<sup>th</sup>** meeting: Speaker will be Gerry Wintrip on 'Doorstep Crimes and Scams' at 2:00pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

**Entry is £1 for all.**

### Maryvale Institute

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 5\_30 to 9:30pm there will be an evening of recollection for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Maryvale Institute. It will be lead by the Rev Joseph The-quang Nguyen. The evening will cost £5.00. Details of are on the notice board, and registration forms can be found in the porch.

### Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of: **Eliz McCabe, Peggy McGill, Denis Tocker, Fr. Bob Wright & Canon Peter Taylor**; on whose souls Sweet Jesus Have Mercy. May they Rest in Peace. Eliz McCabe's mortal remains will be Received into Church at 4pm on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March, and the Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10.45am on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Denis' funeral will be from St. Anne's Streetly on the 18<sup>th</sup> March at 10:00am.

### Parish Website

We regret that our parish website ([www.stmaryoftheangelsaldrige.co.uk](http://www.stmaryoftheangelsaldrige.co.uk)) is no longer functioning. It will shortly be replaced by a new site, as our old one was no longer being maintained. Details of this will shortly be available.

### Craft and Natter

ATTENTION craft and natter are holding a sale of their work, including St Patrick's, Mothering Sunday, and Easter gifts, please come and have a look; we will be at the back of Church this Saturday night and Sunday morning, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> March.

### Annual Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage

This year the Diocese are hosting two Masses for those who are celebrating an Anniversary of Marriage, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> of May at 12 noon. If you are interested in going please see the details on the poster in the porch.

### Lourdes Fundraising Concert

We are extremely grateful for all of the fundraising you have already been doing for our students at SFA. To finish our campaign we will run a concert on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April. We would love you all to join us for a night of incredible musical talent and help us to raise money for our great cause. More details will be realised closer to the time.

**Baptism Enquiries:** If you would like to have your child Baptised here at St. Mary of the Angels please contact Fr. Craig, either at the end of Mass or by telephone, in order to book an appointment with him. The dates of the Baptismal Classes can be found in the porch.

**Sacrament of the Sick:** Please remember to inform Fr. Craig **directly** in case of sickness, especially if it requires hospital treatment or prolonged absence from Mass. If you cannot inform the clergy then your family should take on this responsibility.

**PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 7<sup>TH</sup>/8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020, AND DURING THE WEEK**

<b><u>6.00PM VIGIL MASS</u></b>	<b>READERS:</b>	John H & Christine L
	<b>E. MINS:</b>	<b>* Please see Coronavirus notice above</b>
<b><u>9.30AM SUNG MASS</u></b>	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Folk Group
	<b>READERS:</b>	Brian & Jacqui
	<b>E. MINS:</b>	<b>* Please see Coronavirus notice above</b>
<b>CLEANERS:</b>		Margaret L, Michael & Jill P

**PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 14<sup>TH</sup>/15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020**

<b><u>6.00PM VIGIL MASS</u></b>	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Mavie & Pauline C
	<b>WARDENS:</b>	Tony & Mavis
	<b>READERS:</b>	Gerry & James
	<b>E. MINS:</b>	<b>* Please see Coronavirus notice above</b>
<b><u>9.30AM SUNG MASS</u></b>	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Choir
	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Mike & Pat
	<b>WARDENS:</b>	Brian
	<b>READERS:</b>	David W & Helen
	<b>E. MINS:</b>	<b>* Please see Coronavirus notice above</b>
<b>CASHIERS:</b>	Team B	
<b>COFFEE:</b>	Margaret , Anne & Shelagh	

**And finally:** Today in the gospel we hear how our Lord allowed His disciples to see His glory. Not only was this vision to strengthen their faith as He approached His Passion and Death, but it served also as a promise of the glory that one day we shall all share with Him in Heaven. During Lent, through our acts of prayer, fasting and alms giving, we allow the Lord, by the action of His grace, to bring about the changes in our lives that are necessary, to transfigure our lives, in order that we may be worthy to share His glory. This transfiguration takes place most effectively each time we come to the Sacraments. Today with St. Peter let us say ‘Lord it is good for us to be here’, and then allow ourselves to be changed by the mystery of His love. *May God bless you all. Fr. Craig*