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DATE

Sunday 27th February
2022

SUNDAY

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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DIVINE OFFICE

Week 4

Live-streamed Masses: Sunday at 9.30am and all weekday Masses.

NB The Sunday Obligation remains suspended until further notice.

<u>Saturday 26th February</u> (1 st Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	Ivy Monica & David Dabbs RIP (J&YD)
<u>Sunday 27th February</u> Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am	Edmund & Eliz McCabe RIP (MD) People of the Parish
<u>Monday 28th Feb</u> Feria		No Services Today
<u>Tuesday 1st March</u> St. David Bishop, Patron of Wales <small>Feast</small>	9.15am	David Easthope RIP (MC)
<u>Wednesday 2nd March</u> Ash Wednesday	9.15am 7.30pm	Patrick Whyte RIP (B&TM) Margaret Jones RIP (SG&AH)
<u>Thursday 3rd March</u> Thursday after Ash Wednesday	9.15am	Cornelius Joseph Helen RIP (AH)
<u>Friday 4th March</u> Friday after Ash Wednesday	9.15am 3.30pm	Catherine Jones RIP (BB) Stations of the Cross
<u>Saturday 5th March</u> Saturday after Ash Wednesday (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9.30am 10-11am 6:00pm	John Wynne RIP (A&TB) Exposition, Confession & Benediction For Parish Volunteers during COVID (JH)
<u>Sunday 6th March</u> First Sunday of Lent	9.30am 11.30am 5.00pm	Edmund & Eliz McCabe RIP (MD) People of the Parish Stations of the Cross

Pope Francis:

I invite everyone to make this coming 2nd March, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting for Peace: let all believers dedicate themselves intensively to prayer and fasting. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war.

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.

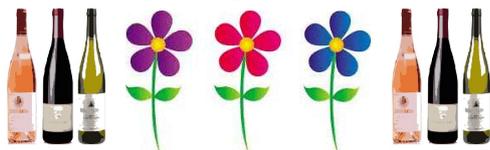
Cursillos in Christianity: Supporting the Diocesan Vision

Our next event takes place in a few weeks:

A three day **Cursillo Weekend** from the evening of Thursday 24th to Sunday 27th March in the afternoon. This will be at Shallowford House, near Stafford. If you would like to be involved in either or both of these events and for further information please contact: Canon Michael Leadbeater: email

canon.michael.leadbeater@rcaob.org.uk
or 07734 681060

Spring Fayre



The Spring Fayre is planned for the **Saturday 26th of March**. As well as the plant stall, we plan a bottle tombola, so all bottle donations will be gratefully received. Bottles may be left in the box in the porch. **Please put the date in your diaries and remember to come along.**

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

The Whetstone Over 50's Group meets on the 2nd Monday of every month at 2.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room. The annual membership is only £10, which helps to cover the cost of a varied programme of events. Come along and enjoy friendship and fun. You will be made very welcome. For more information speak to Sue W.

CAFOD

(Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Nourish our hearts, Lord Jesus, so that we may always produce good fruit. Let our words to others come from that store of good.

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.

Catholic Volunteers – Manor Hospital

The chaplaincy department is looking for part-time Catholic Volunteers to provide some support to the Catholic Patients in the hospital. As a volunteer you will be visiting Catholic Patients to provide mental and spiritual support, and bring them to the hospital chapel for Holy Mass. The usual visiting time is on a Tuesday from 2-5pm. If you are interested please contact Fr. Jobin, the chaplain at the Manor Hospital on 01922 622633 or by email:

fr.jobin.kollappallil@rcaob.org.uk on or before 28th February 2022.

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 **Margaret, Michael & Marie D.**

Fairtrade Stall



Next 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

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 1st March** 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, don't forget to bring your lunch. Just bring yourself and something 'crafty' to make! For more information call Christine on 07900604902

From the Baxendale Family

On behalf of the family I would like to thank you all for the overwhelming response to Marguerite's passing. The number of Masses, cards, flowers and messages we received were unbelievable. Also thanks to Fr. Craig for his impeccable response to the situation. Marguerite loved the people of Aldridge and it seems they reciprocated. God bless you all, Bill.

Rosary for the Unborn

This Thursday, **3rd March**, you are asked to pray the Rosary at home for the protection of all babies in the womb. This month our intention is: **'For Medical staff, that they uphold the principles of care at every stage of life'**.

Praying for the Unborn



We pray for all considering abortion. We pray that the love and kindness of those around them would support pregnant women everywhere to continue with their pregnancy and find peace and joy in what the future holds. Amen.

Second Collection

Next 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.

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 date for Baptism Preparation is:

7pm Tuesday 28th June

And finally:- On Wednesday we enter the holy season of Lent and the beginning of our 'campaign of Christian service'. Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we 'take up battle against [the] spiritual evils' which, through human frailty, separate us from God. This year as we begin our season of Lent our world faces another kind of evil, one which is not spiritual but temporal. At the end of last week Russia invaded the Sovereign territory of Ukraine, plunging Europe into its darkest hour since the end of the Second World War. During this season of prayer I invite, and urge all of you, to join with Christians around the world in praying for peace. Here in Aldridge each Sunday we will offer our meditation on the Stations of the Cross for the people of Ukraine, and for peace in Europe. Let us pray that God will bless and protect all those who are suffering the effects of the war, and that He will guide the actions of all World Leaders that they may work together to establish peace in our time.

May God bless and protect you all. Fr. Craig