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# ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS



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## Parish Website:

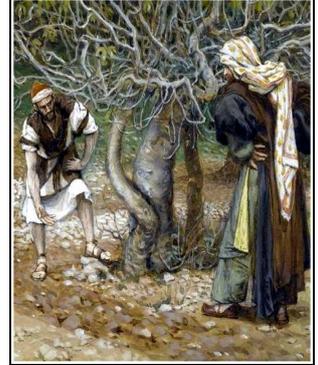
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## DATE

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March  
2022

## SUNDAY

Third Sunday of Lent  
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## DIVINE OFFICE

Week 3

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

<u>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March</u> (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March</u> Third Sunday of Lent	9.30am 11.30am 5.00pm	Int. of Michael M <sup>c</sup> Mahon Margaret Jones RIP <sup>(SVP)</sup> Stations of the Cross
<u>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March</u> Lent Feria		No Services Today
<u>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</u> Lent Feria	9.15am	Cornelius Joseph Helen RIP <sup>(AH)</sup>
<u>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</u> Lent Feria		No Services Today
<u>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March</u> Lent Feria	7.30pm	Margaret Jones RIP <sup>(Whetstone Over 50's Group)</sup>
<u>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March</u> Annunciation of the Lord Solemnity	9.15am 3.30pm	John Wynne RIP <sup>(BB)</sup> Stations of the Cross
<u>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March</u> Lent Feria (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	9.30am 10-11am 6:00pm	Marguerite Baxendale RIP <sup>(D&amp;MH)</sup> Exposition, Confession & Benediction Bert Mercer RIP <sup>(MQ)</sup>
<u>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March</u> Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering (Lcétare) Sunday	9.30am 11.30am 5.00pm	Claire Higgs née McAnulty RIP <sup>(SB)</sup> People of the Parish Stations of the Cross

## Pope Francis:

Lent is a journey of healing, to live each day with a renewed spirit, a different “style”. Prayer, charity and fasting are aids to this: they restore us to a living relationship with God, our brothers and sisters, and ourselves.

### 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**

### 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 Margaret, Michael & Marie.

## 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.

### Parish SVP Group

The next meeting of our Parish SVP Group takes place on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March** in the Parish Meeting Room after the 7.30pm Mass. If you are interested in joining the group, or if you would like to come along to see what they do, you are most welcome to come along to the meeting. New members are always welcome.

# CAFOD

*(Third Sunday of Lent)*

In fasting, prayer and almsgiving you have shown us a remedy for our sins. You have shown how we may please you. Confirm us in these actions and then by your mercy lift us up.

## 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.

## 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 on the day.**

***Please – No more Books.***

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

Could we please have volunteers to set up the Gazebo and hall (evening 25<sup>th</sup>) and to clear away again after the event between 1:30-2:00 on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

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 between along, **11.30am and 1.30pm**, to our first parish activity since the lockdown(s).

## 2022 Diocesan Directories

The 2022 edition of the Diocesan Directory is no available in the Sacristy. If you would like a copy we ask that you make a £5 contribution towards the cost of its production. Monies for the Directories can be placed into the 'Newspaper' slot in the porch.

## 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



Tomorrow we will celebrate World Down Syndrome Day. We pray especially for the lives of all unborn children diagnosed with Down's Syndrome, that as a society we would not view them as a problem to resolve, but as a people to love and protect. Amen.

### Recently Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **James Joseph Taylor**. On whose soul Sweet Jesus have mercy, may he rest in peace. Jim's mortal remains will be received into church at **4.30pm** on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March**. The Requiem Mass will be celebrated on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 10.45am**.

### 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

In recent weeks we have explored the rich content and implications of the Lord's Prayer and the Beatitudes, and we have explored how a Christian understanding of the Ten Commandments and of the Virtues and Vices can help us examine our conscience. 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:-** This weekend we encounter in all of our scripture readings the wonderful care of the Lord for His people; the closeness of our God to those who cry out to Him in their need. Perhaps at this time, inspired by these readings, our thoughts might turn to the people of Ukraine, and the plight of all those who, around the world, live in lands of conflict. In the miracle of the 'Burning Bush' we hear the Lord say to Moses "I have seen the miserable state of my people. I have heard their appeal to be free... Yes, I am well aware of their suffering". The Gospel then draws our attention to how Christ, here portrayed as the gardener, appeals on behalf of the people, represented by the fig tree, to be given a time to produce the fruits for which it was created and planted. In this Season of intensified prayer may we continue to appeal to God on behalf of His people, constantly bring before Him the plight of all who cry out in their need.

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