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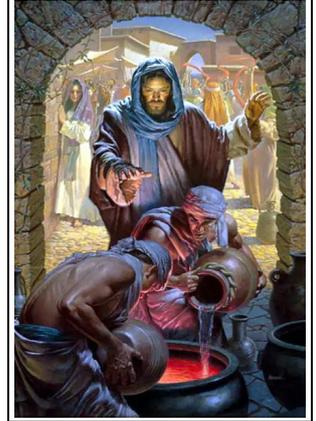
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DATE

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January  
2022**

SUNDAY

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
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.**

<u>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January</u> (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	Victor Alonzo RIP <sup>(MB)</sup>
<u>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January</u> <b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.30am 11.30am	People of the Parish Int. of Sr. Anne Tynan <sup>(PH)</sup>
<u>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Jan</u> St. Anthony Abbot <sup>Memorial</sup>	9.15am	Margaret Jones RIP <sup>(G&amp;NP)</sup>
<u>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Jan</u> <b>Feria</b>	9.15am	Int. of Sue Wilkinson <sup>(School &amp; Governors)</sup>
<u>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan</u> St. Wulstan Bishop <sup>Memorial</sup>		No Services Today
<u>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan</u> St. Sebastian Martyr <sup>Memorial</sup>	7.30pm	James Donovan RIP <sup>(Mr &amp; Mrs Jones)</sup>
<u>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Jan</u> St. Agnes Virgin, Martyr <sup>Memorial</sup>	9.15am	Reg & Mary Benton RIP <sup>(AW)</sup>
<u>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</u> Our Lady <sup>Saturday Memorial</sup> (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	9.30am 10-11am 6:00pm	Stephen Godber Snr RIP <sup>(PM)</sup> Exposition, Confession & Benediction Adrian Wilkins RIP <sup>(SA)</sup>
<u>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</u> <b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.30am 11.30am	Tony Andrews RIP <sup>(CA)</sup> People of the Parish

## Pope Francis:

Sometimes, looking at our lives, we see only the things we lack and forget the talents we possess. Yet God gave them to us because He trusts us and asks us to make the most of the present moment, not yearning for the past, but waiting industriously for His return.

### Data Protection – Live-streaming

Sunday 9.30am Mass, and all weekday Masses, will continue to be live-streamed. The camera is situated at the front of the church so that only the Sanctuary is visible.

### Cursillos in Christianity:

#### Supporting the Diocesan Vision

‘Cursillo’ began in Spain in the 1940’s, and the name simply means ‘a short course’. It has become a world-wide, tried and tested method of adult faith development. It is a way of making our discipleship effective and furthering the mission of the Church. The movement has papal approval and the support of our Archbishop.

There are two events taking place in the next few weeks:

An **Encounter Day** on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at St. Mary’s the Mount Pastoral Centre, Walsall. It runs from 10.30am to 2.30pm – please contact the parish priest, Fr. Jobin Kollappallil, to book (or see below).

A three day **Cursillo Weekend** from the evening of Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:canon.michael.leadbeater@rcaob.org.uk)

or 07734 681060

## Pope’s Prayer Intention

The Pope’s prayer intention for the month of January is: **For true human fraternity**. We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

### Sick in the Parish

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

**Bert Mercer, Stephen Brook, Margaret Davis, Dcn. Peter Crosby, 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, Marguerite Baxendale, David Piggott, Clare Cooksey & Áine McDonagh.**

We pray also for all who continue to be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, and for those who carry the burden of their illness privately. May the Lord grant them His healing and peace.

### Second Collection

This weekend, **15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> January**, there will be a retiring collection for **CAFOD**. This collection will be to support the many starving people, including mothers and babies, in Afghanistan. Next weekend, **22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> January**, there will be a collection for **Pro Life**.



Catholic Agency for  
Overseas Development

Live Simply Prayer – Week 08

*(Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)*

**Lord God, give us the courage to influence the leaders of our country to have a commitment to human life and a respect for life, in the face of demands for laws and procedures hostile to its principles.**

### Deacon Peter's Invitations

Following Deacon Peter's invitation to "look back" together at our journeys in faith, we are holding a series of informal sessions based around conversation and refreshments in the Parish Meeting Room on Mondays at 7pm for about an hour, and Saturdays at 2pm. This could be your opportunity to explore, for example, your own spiritual journey, more of Peter's journey, Catholic spirituality and devotions, the contemporary Gifts of the Holy Spirit, or anything else you want! We particularly look forward to welcoming the younger members of our congregation (let's say the under-40s) - but of course all are welcome!

**Due to unforeseen circumstances there will be no meeting at 2pm this Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> January. Apologies for the short notice.**

### Parish SVP Group

The Parish SVP Group meets this Thursday, **20<sup>th</sup> January**, in the Parish Meeting Room following the 7.30pm Mass. New members are always welcome.

### Wednesday Friends

The Wednesday Friends Group meets this Wednesday, **19<sup>th</sup> January**, at 10.00am in the Parish Meeting Room. Why not come along.

### New Parish Census

If you have not already received a new Parish Census Form please collect one from the table in the porch this weekend. Please complete as soon as possible and return to church, placing them in the basket in the sacristy corridor marked 'Census'. If you take communion to the sick, could you please take a census form for them to complete.

### Parish Raffle Tickets



Tickets for the parish raffle will shortly be on sale at £1 each. The raffle will be in aid of church funds and will be drawn at the end of the month.

### 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

### Clergy Training Fund

The new envelopes for those who donate to the **CTF** are available in the church porch. If anyone else would like to support the CTF using the envelope system, or if you would prefer to donate by standing order, please contact **Dawn M** on **01922 451451**, or speak to Fr. Craig.

### Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of **Betty Bayley**. On whose soul Sweet Jesus have mercy, may she rest in peace.

## Praying for the Unborn



As we open the week of prayer for Christian Unity, we pray especially for our shared calling to protect and preserve all life. We pray that our unity and ecumenical efforts on all life issues would inspire the world to join us in defending the lives and rights of all who are vulnerable in our society. Amen.

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**7pm Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

**7pm Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

## Christmas Crib Collection



Throughout the Christmas Season there will be a collection box at the crib for our annual Christmas Crib Collection. This year we are taking this collection to help the work the Father Hudson's Society. Advent and Christmas allow us to reflect on the birth of Jesus and the life and sacrifice he made to lead us in our love and support of our neighbours and those who are strangers to us. Please help Father Hudson's to care for people in need across the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

## 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.

**And finally:-** 'He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him'. The wedding at Cana in Galilee, at which Jesus changed water into wine, has always been theologically linked to both the Baptism of the Lord and the Epiphany. These three moments of theophany, moments when the divine become visible to humanity, allow the created world to glimpse and experience the glory of the Creator. These moments then become transformative, as we see revealed in sign and symbol the mystery of God's active power at work in our world. Today, in the gospel, we see how something quite ordinary and mundane, water, is transformed into something extra ordinary, 'the best wine', through an encounter with the Lord. These transformative moments, these 'theophanies', do not however, have to remain moments of the past. If we, in co-operation with the Holy Spirit, use well the gifts that have been entrusted to us by the Lord, God's active power will continue to break through into our world of today.

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