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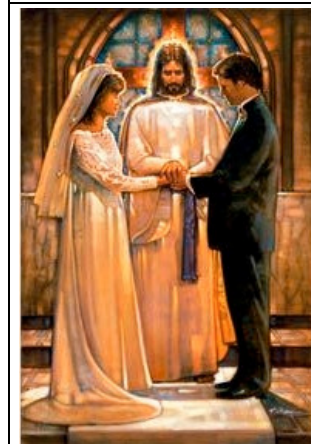
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of the  
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**Registered  
Charity  
Nº:234216**

**DATE**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October  
2024**

**SUNDAY**

**Twenty-seventh Sunday in  
Ordinary Time Year B**

**DIVINE OFFICE**

**Week 3**

**Live-stream: All of our services are now Live-streamed.**

<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday	6:00pm	Sick of the Parish <sup>(SVP)</sup>
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>Twenty-seventh Sunday</b> <b>Ordinary time</b>	9:30am	People of the Parish
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>Our lady of the Rosary</b>		<i>No service Today</i>
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>Feria</b>	9:15am	Denise Smith <sup>RIP (FD)</sup>
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b> St. John Henry Newman <sup>Feast</sup>	9:15am 6:00pm	Patrick Tyrell <sup>RIP (ADW)</sup> <b>Rosary Devotion Group</b>
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>Feria</b>	7:00pm	Private Intention
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>Feria</b>	9:15am	Rob Turner <sup>RIP (BB)</sup>
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>Feria</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	9:30am 10-11am 6:00pm	Niles <sup>RIP (M&amp;PO'L)</sup> <i>Exposition, Confessions &amp; Benediction</i> Neil Doherty <sup>RIP (G&amp;NP)</sup>
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>Twenty-eighth Sunday in</b> <b>Ordinary Time</b>	9:30am	People of the Parish

## Pope Francis

As the Season of Creation ends, let us pray for the guidance of St Francis. In his fidelity to Scripture, he invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God offers a glimpse of His infinite beauty and goodness.

## CAFOD Family Fast Day

Following last **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October**'s **Family Fast Day**, there will be a retiring collection at our Masses this weekend.

## The Cafod Prayer **CAFOD**

**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Almighty God, your son Jesus told us to welcome your kingdom with the attitude and mind of little children. Enable us to put aside human arrogance and self-centredness, so we may be sure you will welcome us and take us to yourself with open arms.

## CAFOD Meal

Curry or Salad night **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October** at **7:15pm** after the Vigil Mass in the Meeting Room. **Please bring own drinks and glass.** With Fr. Ramesh's permission, we will be selling our raffle tickets and entries in our 'Saints Name' lottery. All at £1.00. All proceeds will be in aid of **CAFOD**'s work.

## Adult Catechesis – RCIA Course

Our series of talks are now running, aimed at anyone considering becoming Catholic, or (Catholic or not) interested in knowing more about the faith and the Catholic Church's Teaching and Tradition. We meet every Friday evening at 6:30 - 8pm in the parish meeting room.

## Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of **Mary Catherine Howell** on whose soul Sweet Jesus have mercy. May they rest in peace.

## Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for October is:- **For a shared mission.** We pray that the Church continues to sustain in all ways the Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

## Sick in the Parish

Pray for the sick in the parish, remembering especially:

**Nuala & George Partridge, Hilary Fernandes, Eoghain Devine, John Bradley, Jean Watson, Tony Meehan, Marian Mathews, Marie Wilson, Ian Phipps, Oscar Wordsworth, Nichola Woodhall, Paul Corbett, Carmel Fekete, Lynn Stanley, John Green, Janet Chambers, Jo Hawker, Alison Welton, Louise Morgan, Margaret Davis, Joe Bannister, Margaret Healy, Juliet Woodhall, Luke Smith, Catherine Shepherd, Jim Smith, David Goodwin, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia <sup>(Dotty)</sup> Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Anna Morgan <sup>née Meehan</sup>, Holly Brady, Jo Cooke, Anne Humphreys, Theresa Chandler, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath Breen, Max Lewis, David & Sheila Piggott, Clare Cooksey & Áine McDonagh.**

Please remember also in your prayers those who carry the burden of their illnesses privately and those who care for them.

## Thank You from the SVP



The SVP would like to thank all who supported the coffee morning last Sunday. We raised a total of £80.

God Bless, SVP.

**Please remember, new members are most welcome.**

### Safeguarding Notice

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Mr. Gerry Wintrip. Gerry can be contacted at: [sg.smota.aldridge@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.smota.aldridge@rcaob.org.uk) or the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted at [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) or on 0121 230 6240 if you have any concerns.

### Appeal - First 'Aiders' Needed!

Do you hold a current **First Aid Certificate**? Would you be willing to stand as a First 'Aider' at Church? Would those without a certificate be willing to be trained as First Aiders? Please speak to Phil Probert or email Phil on:-

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

### Whetstone Over 50's

The next meeting of the **Whetstone Over 50's** group is **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October** at **2pm**.

The speaker is **John Butterfield** talking about driving a Land Rover across Europe to give to a Nepalese leprosy hospital. He will talk about the fun and drama over this 8500-mile trip

### Thomas Project

For a number of years we have made donations of tinned food, packaged foods and toiletries to help those in hardship, need and distress in our Aldridge community. **Currently the Thomas Project is facing incredible demand.**

**Thank you for any donations you can make.**

Any help given will be appreciated greatly in helping to tackle hardship, need and distress in our Aldridge community.

### Craft & Natter

Craft and natter will **NOT** be having their meeting on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October** or **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October**, we will return on the week after the **22<sup>nd</sup> October** and we will have craft club then until we will stop for the Christmas break.

### Fr. Craig's Mass & Presentation

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October** at **6:30pm** Fr. Craig will return to celebrate Mass here in Aldridge, **all are welcome to attend.** At the end of Mass a presentation will be made to Fr. Craig **in Church** in thanks for his unfailing service to our Parish.

Following the presentation **THOSE WHO ADDED THEIR NAMES TO OUR LISTS** are invited to **WALK** to **St Mary of the Angels School** in Weston Crescent where Pulled Pork Baps, Indian Savouries, **wine**, and **fruit juice** will be provided, For safety reasons **NO HOT DRINKS** will be available in the School).

**AS WE ARE FULLY SUBSCRIBED, WE REGRET WE HAVE HAD TO CLOSE OUR REFRESHMENTS LIST.**

As cars must be left in the church car park we advise **anyone NOT going to the reception**, to park so that they can still exit the car park after the Mass and presentation. **THERE IS NO PARKING IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.**

If anyone requires **Gluten Free Cobs** please phone **Sue W** on **01922 457247** to ensure that you are catered for.

Would anyone on the list finds they cannot attend the celebrations at School please contact **SUE W** by **4<sup>th</sup> October** to aid our catering arrangements.

### The Holy Father

His Holiness asks that **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October**, the Memorial of **Our Lady of the Rosary**, should be a day of fasting and prayer for peace in the world. We ask that as many as possible can participate in this action, calling for the gift of peace wherever there is conflict.

In addition, the Holy Father will recite the Holy Rosary on Sunday at the Basilica of Sta Maria Maggiore. It may be opportune for parishioners to do the same this coming Sunday, invoking Our Lady Queen of Peace, and uniting our prayer with that of the Pope.

## Sacrament of the Sick

Please remember to inform **Fr. Ramesh 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.

### Collections:

Last Weekend's Offertory:	£228.20
Weekly Standing Orders:	£920.00

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> November  
7pm Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 5<sup>TH</sup> / 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024

<b>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>READERS:</b>	Cathy S & Gerry W
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<b>9:30AM SUNG MASS</b>	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Choir
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<b>READERS:</b>	Edith B & Mark H B
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### Duties During the Week: 7<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024

<b>CLEANERS:</b>	Team A
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<b>FLOWERS:</b>	Anne H
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### PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 12<sup>TH</sup> / 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024

<b>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Dawn M
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<b>WARDENS:</b>	Tony M
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<b>READERS:</b>	John H & Hugh D
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<b>9:30AM SUNG MASS</b>	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Folk Group
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<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Maureen L. Helen A & Elena S
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<b>WARDENS:</b>	Pat & Sally S
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<b>READERS:</b>	Will B & Christine L
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<b>COFFEE:</b>	Martin & Abbie B
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**And Finally:** Today's Gospel Christ invites us to reflect on the ideal of permanence of marriage and on the value of lifelong commitment. His words on the indissolubility of marriage set an ideal that is especially difficult for our times, when we are so much influenced by a libertarian ideology that prizes *personal fulfilment* above all else.

Marriage is built on basic, life-giving human instincts and can survive even in a time of radical social change. Families who have kept fidelity over the years demonstrate that love *can* weather the storms, which even the best of relationships cannot always avoid. But the instability of family life today, and the large number of marital separations, needs to be prayed about. At the same time, as pope Francis has said so warmly, our Church must show due regard for people who are in new unions after their first has broken up, for whatever reason. There are many reasons why a marriage might fail. Possibly the parties were neither emotionally mature at the time they married, nor fully free in giving their marriage consent. People, who never thought of the deeper, spiritual meaning of marriage, can come to feel that their marriage was an unfortunate mistake. As parents and elders, we need to guide and help the couples who find difficulty in living up to the challenges of Christian marriage.

*May God bless you all.*