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Tel:01922 452316This Parish is
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Archdiocese of
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Nº:234216**Parish Website:**www.catholicaldridge.co.uk**Parish Email:**smota.aldridge@rcaob.org.uk**Fr. Craig's Email:**fr.craig.davies@rcaob.org.uk**THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH****SUNDAY****Fourth Sunday of Easter**
Vocations Sunday
Year B**DATE****Sunday 25th April 2021****DIVINE OFFICE****Week 4****Live-streamed Masses: Sunday at 9.30am, and all weekday Masses.**

Saturday 24th April (1 st Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	Michael Duddy RIP ^(JH)
Sunday 25th April Fourth Sunday of Easter	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	Int. of John O'Neill ^(JO'N) People of the Parish Janet Reeves RIP ^(MB)
Monday 26th April Easter Feria	9.15am	Mary Borg RIP ^(YD)
Tuesday 27th April Easter Feria	9.15am	Brian Joseph Hornblower RIP ^(AH)
Wednesday 28th April Easter Feria		No Services Today
Thursday 29th April St. Catherine of Siena <small>Virgin, Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe</small> Feast	7.30pm	Canon Giles Goward RIP
Friday 30th April St. Pius V Pope, Religious Memorial	9.15am	Leslie Roberts RIP ^(MR)
Saturday 1st May St. Joseph the Worker Memorial (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9.30am 10-11am 6.00pm	Neil Melvin RIP ^(D&SG) Confessions (by appointment only) For the healing of Louise Morgan ^(JH)
Sunday 2nd May Fifth Sunday of Easter	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish Tony Andrews RIP ^(CA) (40th Wedding Anniversary) Paul Casey RIP ^(SB)

Pope Francis:

In the midst of the contradictions and perplexities we must confront each day, the din of so many words and opinions, there is the quiet voice of the Risen Lord who keeps saying to us: "Peace be with you!"

Data Protection – Live-streaming

Sunday 9.30am Mass, and all weekday Masses will continue to be live-streamed for those who at this time cannot be with us in church. The camera is situated at the front of the church so that only the Sanctuary is visible. If, however, you are sitting on the right side of the church you will become visible, in a way in which you might be recognisable, for a brief moment as you return from receiving Holy Communion. If you do not wish to appear on the live-stream please inform one of the stewards who will ensure that you are seated on the left of the church.

Calling all Men

Catholic Man UK and the National Office for Vocation are hosting a retreat day live from the National Catholic Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham entitled: **Male Spirituality and Vocation inspired by Saint Joseph**. This retreat day, which will include talks and discussions throughout the day, prayer and a virtual pub, will be live-streamed via YouTube and Zoom on Saturday 1st May 2021.

This event begins at 9.15am and ends at 10.30pm. For more information about this event please visit the website of "Catholic Man UK" at: www.catholicman.uk here you will find a poster advertising the event. By clicking on the poster it will take you to another page which will provide you with information about how to follow the event, as it is live-streamed from Walsingham.

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for the month of April is:- **Fundamental Rights**. We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

Sick in the Parish

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

Denis & Margaret Healy, Margaret & Leo Jones, John Wynne, 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, Deacon John Higgins, Joan Hart, Emma Jones, Anna Morgan nee Meehan, 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, Marguerite Baxendale, David Piggott, Clare Cooksey & Áine McDonagh.

We continue to pray also for those who are suffering as a result of COVID-19, and for all who are involved in caring for the sick and the dying.

Second Collection

This weekend (24th/25th April) there will be a second collection for the Clergy Training Fund. This is our annual parish collection to help support the Archdiocese in the training of the future Priests and Deacons who will serve the parishes of the Archdiocese. It costs approximately £30,000 a year to train a seminarian so please give generously. There are also prayer cards and information booklets on the table at the back of church.



Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Live Simply Prayer – Week 22
(4th Sunday of Easter)

**Good Shepherd, in your love you died for all.
Take the blindness from our eyes, so we may
see the dignity of everyone around us, whom
you love.**

A Message of Thanks



**Thank you for your generous donations
to CAFOD's Family Fast Day.**

We featured Marian and her son Svondo (above) in Zimbabwe in Lent 2018.

The community vegetable garden that your donations helped provide is growing well and during the pandemic the family have survived on the vegetables. Your support has also helped to provide soap and hand-washing stations in the garden and in family homes.

This is just one of many long-term development projects that CAFOD has funded with the money from that Fast Day.

Thank you for your steadfast support.

Organ Restoration Fund



The church organ here at St. Mary of the Angels is in need of some urgent repair work. Many of the electrical components of the organ have now begun to fail, due to their age and general wear and tear, and need to be replaced. As we are currently not using the organ on a regular basis now would be the perfect time to address these issues and so bring the organ back up to perfect working order. The cost of the works needed is **£5,824.80**. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of the repair work it would be greatly appreciated. Please put your donation in an envelope marked 'Organ Restoration' through the Presbytery door. If you are a taxpayer, and already have a Gift Aid Declaration (GAD) set up with the parish, you can Gift Aid your donation – simply ask Fr. Craig for a 'One Off Donation envelope'. Many thanks.

Praying for the Unborn



This Tuesday marks 53 years since the 1967 Abortion Act came into effect. As we hope and pray for an end to abortion, we pray especially for our Government, that their commitment to support pregnant women and their families would increase, and that they would anchor themselves in the desire to protect all human life. Amen.

Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse

Our Holy Father Pope Francis has asked that all Bishops' Conferences hold a 'Day of Prayer' for the victims and survivors of abuse in every jurisdiction of the Church. Here in England and Wales, having consulted with the victims/survivors, the Bishops' Conference have decreed that this day of prayer will take place on **Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter, 4th May 2021.**

Following the morning Mass there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. At 11.30am we will pray the Rosary for the victims and survivors of abuse. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be given at 12noon, after the ringing of the Regina Cæli.

Sacrament of the Sick

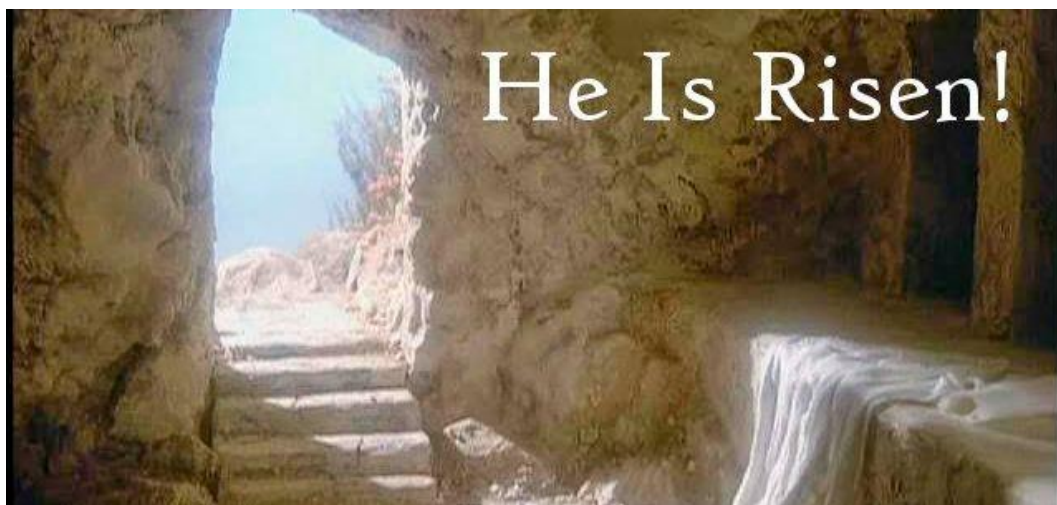
Please remember to inform Fr. Craig **directly** in case of sickness, especially if it requires hospital treatment or a prolonged absence from Mass. If you cannot inform the clergy yourself it is then your family who should take on this responsibility.

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'.



And finally:- Today, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, is traditionally kept by the Church as 'The Day of Prayer for Vocations'. On this day we, as a Catholic Community, are asked to pray in a very particular way for the gift of vocations to the Ordained Ministries. Praying that Christ the Good Shepherd may continue to call men to serve Him as Priests and Deacons, and that those He calls may have the generosity of heart to respond to that call. We pray also for those priests who have served the Lord faithfully in this parish, those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, and those now living in retirement, that the Lord will reward them for their goodness. We pray also for vocations to the religious life, the married life, and to parenthood.

May God bless and protect you all. Fr. Craig