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## ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS



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## DATE

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022

## SUNDAY

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
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## DIVINE OFFICE

**Week 1**

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

**NB The Sunday Obligation remains suspended until further notice.**

<u>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</u> (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	6:00pm	Kathleen & Michael Dooher RIP <sup>(TD)</sup>
<u>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</u> <b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> <i>Day of Prayer for the Candidates of the Sacraments</i>	9:30am 11:30am 5:00pm	People of the Parish Int. of Jackie Marcus <sup>(SVP)</sup> <b>Stations of the Cross</b>
<u>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April</u> <i>Lent Feria</i>	9:15am	Int. of Sr. Benedicta Hanley <sup>(Sr. A)</sup>
<u>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April</u> <i>Lent Feria</i>	9.15am	Kathleen Martin RIP <sup>(JH)</sup>
<u>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April</u> <i>Lent Feria</i>		No Services Today
<u>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April</u> <i>Lent Feria</i>	7.30pm	Anthony Satariano RIP <sup>(YD)</sup>
<u>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April</u> <i>Lent Feria</i>	9.15am 3.30pm	Margaret Jones RIP <sup>(R&amp;MA)</sup> <b>Stations of the Cross</b>
<u>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April</u> <i>Lent Feria</i> (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	9.30am 10-11am 6:00pm	Mary Cassar RIP <sup>(YD)</sup> Exposition, Confession & Benediction Int. of Catherine & Paul Shepherd <sup>(40th Wed Ann)</sup> <sup>(CS)</sup>
<u>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April</u> <b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b>	9.30am 11.30am 5.00pm	Int. of John Wilkinson <sup>(Birthday)</sup> <sup>(SW)</sup> People of the Parish <b>Stations of the Cross</b>

### **Pope Francis:**

Those who have made mistakes often feel reproached in their own hearts. Distance, indifference and harsh words do not help. Therefore, like the Father, it is necessary to offer them a warm welcome that encourages them to go ahead.

### **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, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

### **Church Cleaners**

Still **very short** of church cleaners, Fr. Craig is going through the recent census returns, and will shortly be able to add those who have volunteered to join our cleaning teams. Once done, a new rota will be published and will be available to collect in the porch. When this is available, an amended notice will be published here. Until then we will continue to name the team for the coming week below.

This week's team **Beryl, Catherine & Chris.**

### **Pope's Prayer Intention**

The Pope's prayer intention for the month of April is: **For health care workers.** We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

### **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 <sup>(Dotty)</sup> 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.**

### **OAJP – Ukraine Appeal**

Oscott College's Action for Justice and Peace Group (OAJP) are raising money to support CAFOD's emergency Ukraine Humanitarian appeal. There is a poster in the Porch with details of what the seminarians are doing in order to raise funds for this appeal. If you would like to support the seminarians in this you can go to their 'Just Give' page at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/oscott-action-for-justice-and-peace1>  
in order to donate to this cause.



*(Fifth Sunday of Lent)*

Now, now, let us come back to the Lord with all our hearts! For he is all tenderness and compassion.

### 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.

### 2022 Diocesan Directories

The 2022 edition of the Diocesan Directory is now 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.

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham



The Archdiocesan pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham will be taking place on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May** beginning at **1pm**. The Mass, and the theme of the pilgrimage, will be '**Our Lady, Queen of the Apostles**'. There is a poster in the church porch advertising this pilgrimage which gives more information about the programme for the day. If you are interested in going on this pilgrimage to 'England's Nazareth' please speak to Fr. Craig.

### Whetstone Over 50s Group

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April** is the next meeting of Whetstone Over 50's Group. Why not come along we have an afternoon of light entertainment and fun. We meet every month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at **2.00pm** in the Parish Meeting Room

### Craft & Natter

After the Spring Market we were able to give the church £100 towards funds, we are now having our usual Easter break, so our next meeting is on **6<sup>th</sup> April**, we will then have a break for two weeks returning on **26<sup>th</sup> April** at 11am. We look forward to seeing everyone back then, plus possibly more new members? For more information call me, Christine, on 07900604902.

### Missio – Red Box Holders



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

### Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of **Donnell Burns** who passed away recently. On whose soul Sweet Jesus have mercy, may he rest in peace. Donnell's Requiem Mass will be celebrated at **12noon** on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April**.

### Rosary for the Unborn



This Thursday, **7<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm**, we will pray the Rosary for the protection of all babies in the womb, and for their families. This month our intention is: '**For those grieving the loss of a child during pregnancy**'.

### Praying for the Unborn



We pray for all unborn children diagnosed with disabilities, we pray for their protection and that of their mothers from the pressures of society to have an abortion, and that they experience overwhelming love and support from all who surround them. Amen.

### Thank You

I would like to extend a huge word of thanks to all who were involved with the Parish Spring Market. Thank you to those who helped with the setting up, the running of the stalls, those who helped with the clearing up, and those who simply came along to support us.

### 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 Sunday marks the beginning of the final full week of the season of Lent. On Thursday next the season of preparation ends and we enter into the mystery of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection with the beginning of the Sacred Easter Triduum. After two years of restrictions I hope that we are all looking forward to a celebration of these three days in a way that will feel almost normal – I say 'almost' as there will be one slight difference, however, more about that next week. For now, I simply want to encourage you to persevere in the practices which you have taken up to prepare yourselves for the coming celebrations. It has been a long time since Ash Wednesday and you may be feeling a little tired! However, keep going, the end is almost here! Remember – the struggles and difficulties we endure are nothing compared to the reward that the Lord has promised to those who are faithful to the end.

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