

## PARISH CLERGY:

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# ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS



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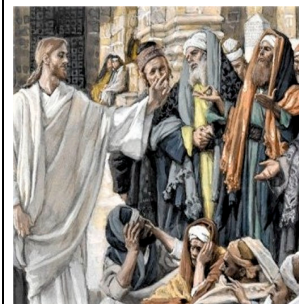
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DATE  
**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November  
2023**

SUNDAY  
**Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary  
Time Year A**

DIVINE OFFICE  
**Week 3**

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

<u>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday	6:00pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November</u> Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am 6:15pm	Int. of John & Sue Wilkinson <sup>(P&amp;JS)</sup> <b>Holy Hour for Vocations</b>
<u>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov</u> Feria	9:15am	Shayne Phillips RIP <sup>(FD)</sup>
<u>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov</u> Feria	9:15am	Paul Atkinson RIP <sup>(EA)</sup>
<u>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov</u> Feria		No Services Today
<u>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov</u> Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Feast	7:00pm	Private Intention
<u>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov</u> St. Leo the Great Pope, Doctor of the Church Memorial	9:15am 6:15pm	Gay Whelan RIP (Anniversary) <sup>(EW)</sup> <b>Lectio Divina</b>
<u>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov</u> St. Martin of Tours Bishop Memorial (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	9:30am 10-11am 6:00pm	Int. of Fr. Jim <sup>(A&amp;IK)</sup> <i>Exposition, Confessions &amp; Benediction</i> People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November</u> Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Remembrance Sunday	9:30am 11:00am 6:15pm	Michael McMahon RIP <sup>(FS)</sup> <i>Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial</i> <b>Holy Hour for Vocations</b>

## Pope Francis

Holiness is a gift from God which we have received with Baptism: if we let it grow, it can completely change our life, enlightening it with the joy of the Gospel. Holiness is a gift offered for a happy life.

### This Week's Prayer

# CAF+D

### Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

We pray for those still homeless and in need of the basics of life in Turkey and Syria, following the earthquakes there. Lord God, Father of all mankind, move governments and agencies in this rich world to bring them early solutions.

### Whetstone Over 50's Club

We next meet on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November** at **2pm** in the Parish Meeting Room. Our speaker will be Kath Reynolds. Her talk is entitled "Tis the Season to be Jolly" a look back at some of our traditions, celebrations and favourite toys as we reminisce on our Christmas past in a light hearted way. You are welcome to join us for an enjoyable afternoon. The talk will be finished in time for those collecting children from school.

### Help Needed

From anyone with a **van** to transport a Fridge Freezer, donated to a client of Walsall Life, and will be much appreciated. Please call Ann 01922 451124 or (07866 742569)

### Craft & Natter

On Tuesday, **7<sup>th</sup> October**, we return to our usual meeting from **11am to 3pm** in the Meeting Room. All are welcome to come along for a morning, an afternoon, or for the whole day – just remember to bring your lunch. 50p per session for supplies and tea/coffee. For more information call Christine W on 07900604902 for more information.

## Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for **November** is:- **For the Pope**. We pray for the Holy Father, as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

### Sick in the Parish

Pray for the sick in the parish, remembering especially:

**Marie Wilson, Ian Phipps, Sister Ann-Marie, Carol Facer, Oscar Wordsworth, Nichola Woodhall, Paul Corbett, Carmel Fekete, Lynn Stanley, John Green, Roy Allsopp, Janet Chambers, Jo Hawker, Alison Welton, Louise Morgan, Stephen Brook, Margaret Davis, Mary Brough, Joe Bannister, Morris Moseley, Margaret Healy, Juliet Woodhall, Luke Smith, Catherine Shepherd, Jim Smith, David Goodwin, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia (Dotty) Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Anna Morgan <sup>née Meehan</sup>, Holly Brady, Mike Mander, 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.

### 50/50 Club Winners

The winners of the draw for August entrants drawn on 24<sup>th</sup> September:

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize</b>	<b>ER</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>£150.00</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize</b>	<b>PC</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>£75.00</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Prize</b>	<b>FH</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>£35.00</b>

**Total prize money this month: £260.00**

**If you would be interested in joining our monthly draw (£5 per ticket) please speak to Sue W or Fr. Craig.**

### 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.

### SVP Meeting

This Thursday, **9<sup>th</sup> November**, we will have our SVP meeting in the Presbytery Meeting Room after the 7pm Mass. New members are welcome. Why not come along and see what you could offer to this worthy and invaluable group in our parish.

### Recently Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Joan Bailey, Brian Treadwell, Paul Mott, Michael McMahon, & Neil Doherty**. On whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy, may they rest in peace. **Peter Beech's Requiem Mass will be celebrated at Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield, at 11am on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November prior to interment in Streetly Cemetery.**

### Journey in Faith

**Mondays** at **6:30pm** in the Parish Meeting Room. This course of Adult Catechesis is open to all members of the parish who are interested in learning more about the faith, and the teachings of the Church. Coming along to these sessions not only helps us to grow in our faith, but it is also an opportunity to support those who are preparing to be received into the Church this coming Easter.



### Children's Liturgy of the **Word**

Children's Liturgy takes place every Sunday at the 9:30am Mass. At the start of the Mass the children will be invited to go out to the Meeting Room for their Liturgy. All children are welcome to come along.

### Urgent Request for a Volunteer(s)

We are in desperate need of a volunteer(s) to help with the mowing of the grass around the church. If you are able, and willing, to help please speak to Catherine C as soon as is possible. Many thanks in advance

### Parish Christmas Fayre

After the Sunday Morning Mass, on **26<sup>th</sup> November**, we will be holding our annual Christmas Fayre in the Parish Meeting Room. Each weekend we are ask for donations of different items to be sold in order to raise funds to support the parish. **This weekend we are asking for donation of Bottles & (Toiletries, Pre-loved Jewellery).** These can be placed in the box under the table in the porch.

### Parish Finance Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Finance Committee takes place at **6:30pm** on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November** in the Presbytery Meeting Room. Please could all members of the Finance Committee ensure that this date is in your diary.

### Second Collection

This weekend **4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> November**, there is be a second collection for **The Johnson Association**. This important collection supports the retired and infirm clergy of the Archdiocese.

### 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'. The next available dates for Baptism Preparation are:

7pm Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November  
 7pm Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024  
 7pm Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

### Collections:

Last Weekends Offertory: £178.27  
 Weekly Standing Orders: £870.00

### PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 4<sup>TH</sup>/5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023

<b>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>READERS:</b>	Hugh D & Cathy S
<b>9:30AM SUNG MASS</b>	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Folk Group
	<b>READERS:</b>	Mark H & Catherine A

### Duties During the Week: 6<sup>TH</sup> - 11<sup>TH</sup> November 2023

<b>CLEANERS:</b>	Team C
<b>FLOWERS:</b>	Ann T

### PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 11<sup>TH</sup>/12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023

<b>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Dawn M
	<b>WARDENS:</b>	Tony M
	<b>READERS:</b>	John H & Pat H
<b>9:30AM SUNG MASS</b>	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Choir
	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Margaret L, Helen A & Elena S
	<b>WARDENS:</b>	Pat & Sally S
	<b>READERS:</b>	Helen C & Christine L
<b>COFFEE:</b>	The Muthuparakunnel Family	

**And finally:-** "Do as I say, not as I do". How different this statement is to what the saints, and of course, our Lord Jesus said. Often this statement does come from a dissatisfaction of one's own practice although used humorously; hidden within it is a cry, "I wish I was better". The Lord called the Pharisees hypocrites. Jesus, who could see what was in everyone's minds, was able to see their true intentions; that, they never really intended to practise what they preached. They were not convinced of their own teachings it seems. A person who is honestly trying to do the right thing but fails to live up to their own expectation, therefore, is not a hypocrite but someone on the road to sanctification. It is however, very important that we can do what we teach or believe to be right. Hopefully, we too can become like the saints and our Lord Jesus and thus say like St Paul, "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ."

*May God bless you all, Jithin*