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DATE

**Sunday 14th January
2024**

SUNDAY

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B**

DIVINE OFFICE
Week 2

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

Saturday 13 th Jan 1 st Mass of Sunday	6:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 14 th January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am 6:15pm	Anne Marie Cooper RIP ^(AS) <i>Holy Hour for Vocations</i>
Monday 15 th Jan Feria	9:15am	Tommy Lawless RIP ^(CM)
Tuesday 16 th Jan Feria	9:15am	Marguerite Baxendale RIP (Anniversary) ^(BB)
Wednesday 17 th Jan St. Anthony Abbot Memorial		No Services Today
Thursday 18 th Jan Feria	7:00pm	Private Intention
Friday 19 th Jan St. Wulstan Bishop Feast	9:15am 6:15pm	Kieran Sanders RIP ^(SVP) <i>Lectio Divina</i>
Saturday 20 th Jan St. Sebastian Martyr Memorial (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9:30am 10-11am 6:00pm	Int. of Jim & Peggy Smith & Family ^(J&DC) <i>Exposition, Confessions & Benediction</i> Victor Alonzo RIP ^(MB)
Sunday 21 st January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am 6:15pm	People of the Parish <i>Holy Hour for Vocations</i>

Pope Francis

We find the God who comes down to visit us, not by basking in some elegant religious theory, but by setting out on a journey, seeking the signs of His presence in everyday life, and above all in encountering and touching the flesh of our brothers and sisters.

The CaFOD Prayer

CAFOD

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Come, Holy Spirit, make me a dwelling acceptable to you.

Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Nigel & Mark Rainer, Elizabeth Morrissey & Agnes Bradbury**, on whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy. May they rest in peace.

Parish SVP



The next meeting of the Parish SVP Group will be this Thursday, **18th January**, after the 7pm Mass in the **Presbytery Meeting Room**. New members would be most welcome. Why not come along and see what you could offer to this group.

Craft & Natter

We meet **every Tuesday** from **11am – 3pm** in the **Parish Meeting Room**. Everyone is welcome to come for the morning, the afternoon or for the whole day, just remember to bring your lunch. 50p per session which covers tea/coffee and supplies. For more information please call Christine W on 07900604902.

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for January is:- **For the gift of diversity of in the Church.**

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the Catholic Church.

Sick in the Parish

Pray for the sick in the parish, remembering especially:

Marian Mathews, 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, Margaret Davis, Mary Brough, Joe Bannister, Margaret Healy, Juliet Woodhall, Luke Smith, Catherine Shepherd, Jim Smith, David Goodwin, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia ^(Dotty) Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Anna Morgan ^{née Meehan}, 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, that the Lord may grant them His healing and peace.

Thank You

Canon Michael and Christine Leadbeater would like to thank everyone who sent them Christmas good wishes and they wish all at St. Mary of the Angels a very happy New Year.

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 or the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk or on 0121 230 6240 if you have any concerns.

Clothing Appeal

Can you help clothe a disabled elderly gentleman? A Catholic resident of Castlehill Care Home has arrived recently with almost no clothes. Deacon Peter will be pleased to receive donations of new or serviceable second hand clothes and toiletries. For a full list of items required please see the notice in the church porch. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Wednesday Friends

The next gathering of the Wednesday Friends will be this Wednesday, **17th January**, at **10am** in the Parish Meeting Room. If you have never been before why not come along for coffee/tea, a hot slice of toast, and a chat.

Journey in Faith

We meet on **Mondays** at **6:30pm** during Term-Time in the Parish Meeting Room. This course 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 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.

Christmas Crib Collection

This year, following the outbreak of war in the Holy Land our **Crib Collection** will go to support the work of the **Friends of the Holy Land**. The box for this collection will be located next to the Nativity Scene, at the front of the church, and will remain there until 2nd February 2024. **Please also remember to pray for our brothers and sisters who are suffering, that there may be an end to warfare and division in the land of Our Saviours birth.**

Is Your Family Missing Anything?

After our Christmas celebrations, we now have gained just one very nice child's bobble hat. It remains in the porch this weekend to enable you to retrieve it after which we will shortly have to donate it to charity.



Thank You from Margaret Rainer

Margaret, James and all the family thank all our Parish friends for their prayers, condolences and support during this sad time of the death of Nigel. We particularly thank Fr. Craig for his kindness, support and Pastoral care during this time. Our thanks also to Celebrants Fr. Ryan Service and Fr. Philip Sainter; this was greatly appreciated by the family. **GOD BLESS YOU ALL**

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 23rd January 2024

7pm Tuesday 26th March

7pm Tuesday 4th June

Collections:

Weekly Standing Orders: £870.00

PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 13TH – 14TH January 2024

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	READERS:	John H & Cathy S
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9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Folk Group
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	READERS:	Alice G & Martin B
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Duties During the Week: 15TH – 20TH January 2024

CLEANERS:	Team D
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FLOWERS:	Sally S & Shelagh G
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PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 20TH – 21ST January 2024

6:00PM VIGIL MASS	WELCOMERS:	Shelagh G & Anne H
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	WARDENS:	Brian L
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	READERS:	Gerry W & Brian L
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9:30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Folk Group
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	WELCOMERS:	Rossella B & Helen C
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	WARDENS:	Pat & Sally S
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	READERS:	Helen C & Will B
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COFFEE:	Joanne & Sean M
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And finally:- If for Indiana Jones the Ark of the Covenant is merely a lost Biblical artefact, for us it is something much greater. Often movies and tales give the impression that the Ark is something that archaeologists or treasure hunters longed to find as a thing with magical power associated with it. Well, in our case this Ark of the Old Testament pointed to another in the New Testament, to signify the dwelling of God with mankind. What could be more magical than this? Notice how, the boy Samuel was sleeping in the sanctuary where the Ark was; he was in a place where he could hear God's voice. When we come to church – to the Holy Mass and Eucharistic adoration, we too surround ourselves in a place where we hear God personally calling us. The Ark next to which Samuel lied down is a foreshadowing of our Lady, from Whom Jesus Christ, the Word of God came forth in His Humanity; the Ark of the Covenant that utters, although without words – *Behold my Son – the Lamb of God.*

May God bless you all, Jithin