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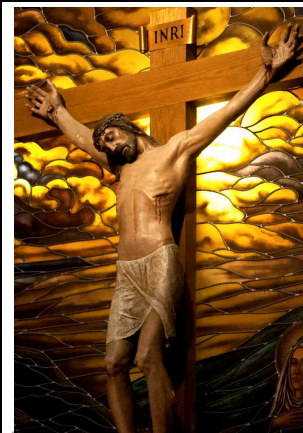
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**DATE**

Sunday 14th September 2025

SUNDAY

**Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
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DIVINE OFFICE

Week 4

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

Saturday 13th September St John Chrysostom Memorial Bishop, Doctor of the Church (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	9:30am 10:00-10:30am	Ken Vranck ^(HC) RIP <i>Confessions & Benediction</i>
	6:00pm	Dominic Ranahan ^(JH) RIP
Sunday 14th September Exaltation of the Holy Cross ^{Feast}	8:55am 9:30am	<i>Sunday Rosary Devotion Group</i> People of the Parish
Monday 15th September <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i> ^{Memorial}		No Services Today
Tuesday 16th September Ss Cornelius ^{Pope} & Cyprian ^{Bishop} Martyrs • Memorial	9:15am	Sr. Anne Marie ^(Srs.) RIP
Wednesday 17th September Feria in Ordinary Time	9:15am	Martin Hoskisson ^(FH) RIP
Thursday 18th September Feria in Ordinary Time	7:00pm	Private Intention
Friday 19th September Feria in Ordinary Time	9:15am	Joan Hart ^(PJ) RIP
Saturday 20th September St Andrew Kim Tae-gon ^{Priest} Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions Martyrs • Memorial (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	9:30am 10:00-10:30am 6:00pm	Int of Breda O'Brien <i>Confessions & Benediction</i> Intentions of Martin Goodwin ^(DM) Get Well
Sunday 21st September Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:55am 9:30am	<i>Sunday Rosary Devotion Group</i> People of the Parish

Pope Leo

Let us Pray Together for the children of Ukraine, Gaza, and other regions of the world affected by war. May we entrust children suffering today to the protection of Mary, Queen of Peace. @Pontifex Sep 10 2025

Sunday Morning Rosary Devotion

Please join us on Sunday Mornings before Mass, when **Everyone is welcome**; although we do ask that you please enter church quietly if the Rosary has already commenced, so as not to disturb the prayers.

The CaFOD Prayer



Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Living God, source of light and hope, give us the strength to walk in your way of truth and peace, so that all people may thereby come to share in the marvel of your plan for humanity.



A LIFE LINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with deeper issues? Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage.

Next date: 17th-19th October.

www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Tel: +44 (0) 7887 296 983. ¹

Craft & Natter

We're back to normal this week on the **16th September**. Looking forward to seeing everyone, plus any new members? Everyone is welcome for more information contact me, Christine on 07900 604902

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for September is - **For Our relationship with the whole of creation**: - Let us pray together that, inspired by St. Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

https://x.com/clicktopray_en

Readers & Altar Servers Needed

We **urgently need Readers** and Altar Servers **particularly for the Saturday Vigil Mass**. Please contact Gerry Wintrip.

Recently Deceased

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Ann Allford** upon whose soul, Sweet Jesus have mercy.

Sick in the Parish

Please pray for the sick in the parish, remembering especially:

Maureen Carr, Martin Goodwin, Shaun Smith, Kathleen 'Frankie' Smith, Brendan Shaw, Sheila Plimer, Ann Hornblower, Dennis & Jackie Poyner, Freddie Evans, Nuala & George Partridge, Hilary Fernandes, Eoghain Devine, Jean Watson, Marian Mathews, Marie Wilson, Ian Phipps, Oscar Wordsworth, Nichola Woodhall, Paul Corbett, Carmel Fekete, Lynn Stanley, Janet Chambers, Jo Hawker, Alison Welton, Louise Morgan, Margaret Davis, Joe Bannister, Margaret Healy, Juliet Woodhall, Luke Smith, Catherine Shepherd, David Goodwin, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia (Dotty) Cutler, Keith Allford, Anna Morgan née Meehan, 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.

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.

Preparing for the Season of Creation.

The Season of Creation is from 1st September to 4th October: please see the website: <https://seasonofcreation.org/> for details. The theme is "Peace with Justice".

World Osteoporosis Day

Bone Health Education and Exercise Session.
Saturday 18th October, we are hosting the above session **9:30 – 12:30** in our meeting room. Please scan and complete to register, free of charge. Refreshments provided.



Visit St Mary's College



Are you interested in visiting **St Mary's College**? Come along to a college tour. New dates for your diary:-

17th Sep (10:00am & 1:30pm).

The following all at 1:00pm:-

1st - 15th & 29th October,
7th - 12th - 15th and 26th November

For details and booking:-

<https://www.oscott.org/visit-us>

Coming Events



Our **Angel Drive** including chips with fish, pie or chicken event will be on the evening of **Friday 31st October**. All are welcome.

RCIA Growing the Faith

Coming Soon. Our weekly **R.C.I.A** course begins at 7:00 to 8:30pm on **Tuesday 30th September 2025**. All are **welcome**, those already Catholics and want to know more about the faith and those who want to become Catholic.

Pilgrimage To Knock

Jubilee Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo. 10th November 2025, £799.00 pp.

Price includes flight from Birmingham.

10kg hold luggage - 4 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast.

Full use of leisure facilities.

All entertainment, excursions and transport included.

Visit:- Knock Shrine, Ballintubber Abbey, Fr. Peyton Centre & Kylemore Abbey. Irish music nightly. Single supplement on Enquiry.

Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557

or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Family Picnic

We regret that we have had to cancel the proposed family picnic. Our apologies to all who were looking forward to this event.

SVP Meeting

The next meeting of the **SVP** will be **Thursday 25th September**, in the meeting room, following the **7pm Mass**.

If you would be interested in joining us, please do pop along.

Second Collections

The next Second Retiring Collection will be this coming weekend **Saturday 20th** and **Sunday 21st September**, and is in aid of **Catholic Evangelisation** (formally called CASE or Home Mission)

The following Second collection will be on the weekend of Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th September which will aid Father Hudson's Society.

Remember that you are now able to donate using the Dona card machine in the porch.

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.

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/baptisma-l-enquiries.html> - Here you can complete a 'Baptism Enquiry Form'. The next available dates for Baptism Preparation are:

7:00pm Tuesday 23rd September 2025

7:00pm Tuesday 2nd December 2025

Collections:

Weekly Standing Orders: £950.00

Last Week's Offertory £236.55

PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 13TH – 14TH SEPTEMBER 2025

<u>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</u>	WELCOMERS:	Mavie & Krystal B
	READERS:	Hugh & Cathy
	EOEuch. Ministers	Anne C & Bernadette D
<u>9:30AM SUNG MASS</u>	WELCOMERS:	Katharine & Dave
	MUSIC:	Choir
	READERS:	Florence & Will
	EOEuch. Ministers	Will B & Janet W ^{Musicians} Phil P

Duties During the Week: 15TH - 20TH SEPTEMBER 2025

CLEANERS:	Team D
FLOWERS:	Anne H

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 20TH – 21ST SEPTEMBER 2025

<u>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</u>	WELCOMERS:	Dawn M
	READERS:	Brian & John
	EOEuch. Ministers	Tony M & Ann T
<u>9:30AM SUNG MASS.</u>	WARDENS:	Tony M
	WELCOMERS:	Margaret L & Elena S
	MUSIC:	Folk Group
	READERS:	Helen & Catherine
	EOEuch. Ministers	Will B & Katharine M ^{Musicians} Catherine C
	WARDENS:	John O & Elaine A
	COFFEE:	Shelagh G, Cath Weir & Deirdra & Mary M

Reflection: Today we celebrate this feast of the Exaltation of the Cross for two reasons. These are: (1) to understand the history of the discovery and recovery of the True Cross and (2) to appreciate better the importance of the symbol and reality of Christ's sacrificial love, namely, the cross in the daily life of every Christian. We should honour and venerate the cross and carry it on our person to remind ourselves of the love God has for us and the price Jesus paid for our salvation. The cross will give us strength in our sufferings and remind us of our hope of eternal glory with the risen Lord. With St. Paul, we express our belief that the "*message of the cross is foolishness only to those who are perishing*" (1Cor 1:18-24) and that we should "*glory in the cross of Our Lord*" (Gal 6:14). We should bless ourselves with the sign of the cross to remind ourselves that we belong to Christ Jesus, to honour the Most Holy Trinity, and to ask the Triune God to bless us, save us and protect us from all danger and evil. The crucifix should remind us that we are forgiven sinners and, hence, we are expected to forgive those who offend us and to ask for forgiveness whenever we offend others or hurt their feelings.

God bless you all.