

<p><u>PARISH CLERGY:</u> FR. CRAIG DAVIES (Parish Priest)</p> <p>Rev. Mr John Higgins (Parish Deacon)</p>	<p>ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS 39 Whetstone Lane Aldridge Walsall WS9 0JD Tel:01922 452316</p>   <p>Parish Website: www.stmaryoftheangelsaldrige.co.uk Parish Email: stmota.ald@hotmail.co.uk</p> <p>YEAR OF THE WORD</p>	<p>This Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Registered Charity N^o:234216</p> 
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<u>DATE</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>DIVINE OFFICE</u>
Sunday 8 th December 2019	2 nd Sunday of Advent Year A	Week 2

Saturday 7 th Dec. (1 st Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	Int. of Joseph & Sheila Delaney ^(CM)
Sunday 8 th Dec. <i>Bible Sunday</i>	9.30am	People of the Parish
Monday 9 th Dec. <i>Immaculate Conception of B V M Solemnity</i>	9.15am	Iain Hickson RIP ^(KH)
Tuesday 10 th Dec. <i>Advent Feria</i>	9.15am	Int. of Max Lewis ^(Choir)
Wednesday 11 th Dec. <i>Advent Feria</i>	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion
Thursday 12 th Dec. <i>Advent Feria</i>	9.15am 7.30pm	Harry Cooper RIP ^(MC) Int. of Deacon John ^(T&MM)
Friday 13 th Dec. <i>St. Lucy Virgin, Martyr Memorial</i>	9.15am 11.15am	Vera & Reg Yates RIP ^(MD) Funeral Service of Catherine Tester
Saturday 14 th Dec. <i>St. John of the Cross Priest, Doctor of the Church Memorial</i>	9.30am 10-11am 11.00am 6.00pm	Int. of Annette & John Smith ^(F&MP) Confessions & Exposition Benediction People of the Parish
(1 st Mass of Sunday)		
Sunday 15 th Dec. <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	9.30am	Bert Margetts RIP ^(EM)

Pope Benedict XVI

In Advent the hope of Christians is turned to the future but remains firmly rooted in an event of the past. In the fullness of time, the Son of God was born of the Virgin Mary: "Born of a woman, born under the law", as the Apostle Paul writes. We might say that Advent is the season in which Christians must rekindle the hope that they will be able with God's help to renew the world.



WHETSTONE OVER-50s GROUP

Christmas Party

takes place at 2.00pm in the Meeting Room this Monday, 9th December. Please bring your own drink (tea, coffee and juice provided), food for self or to share, glass. Bring present (£3 to £4) for same gender as yourself for Santa's female and male Sacks; (raffle prizes provided by MQ, £1 ticket strip). Music provided by John Doogan, and St Mary's School Choir will sing carols.

Craft and Natter

Thank you to all who helped in any way, making, buying or selling, on the craft stall at the Christmas Fayre. We made **£108.15** on the stall and advent calendar, and with previous sales this autumn we have been able to give Father Craig **£180** for church funds. Finally if you haven't had a phone call from me, I'm sorry, you didn't win the advent calendar.

We will have our last on Tuesday 10th December for our Christmas break, returning refreshed on Tuesday January 14th at 11am, when everyone is welcome. For more information call me Christine on 01922 860981

The Sower Magazine

The free Diocesan magazine is available for collection in the porch this weekend.

St. Joseph's Primary Nechells

As in previous years, we will be donating presents to the children of St. Joseph's. Gifts should be wrapped and labelled showing the sex and age of the child they are intended for. Please deliver to the Church or Presbytery by **Sunday 15th December.**

Walsall Life



This **Sunday 8th December after Mass** Please come for coffee, tea and cakes in the meeting room at the annual Life Coffee Morning to raise money to provide Christmas presents for the mothers and babies in the Walsall Life House.

Advent Parish Draw

The advent draw has, since December 1st, been drawn each day and will continue until the morning of Christmas Eve. The winners will be published after the last draw. **Good luck to all who have entered!**

Clergy Training Fund

The Clergy Training Fund envelopes for December will be taken up with the Offertory next weekend.

Second Collections

There will be a Second Collection **this weekend** for the **Poor Parishes Fund**. There will also be a second collection next weekend in aid of the work of the **St. Vincent de Paul Society**.

Congratulations



We offer our congratulations to Sam O and Tom O who were baptised here last weekend, and to their parents and godparents.

St. Francis of Assisi

Parish Advent Retreat 2019

The SVP within St. Francis of Assisi Catholic College have invited all from within the Parish to join them for a retreat afternoon focusing on Advent. This will be on Wednesday 11th December at 2pm concluding around 3.30pm. This is totally free, however, we would ask that you bring a donation for the Glebe Centre food collection. To sign up, please add your name to the sign up sheet at the back of the Church by this Sunday 8th December.

Christmas Meal

SFA is inviting local residents and senior citizens to a Christmas meal on **Wednesday 18th December at 5.00pm.** This will be followed by Christmas entertainment. There is a list to add your name and the number in your party for catering purposes in the porch. The college need to have the numbers required by next Friday, 13th December.

Bambinni Sunday.

Next Sunday, the 3rd Sunday of Advent, the children of the parish are invited to bring the baby Jesus, from their crib sets at home, to the church to be blessed during the Morning Mass.

Recently Deceased

Of your charity pray for the soul of Catherine Tester. Her Funeral Service takes place here at 11.15am this Friday. On whose Sweet Jesus have Mercy.

Sick in the Parish

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

Deacon John, 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 Hawkley, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath & Paddy Breen, Max Lewis, Mary Nix, Alma Darby, Marguerite Baxendale, Eliz McCabe, David Piggott, Mary Ellis, Clare Cooksey & Aine McDonagh.**

CAFOD

Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Live Simply Prayer – Week 2

Lord Jesus, as we await your coming, excite in us a hunger for justice and peace - in our homes, in our neighbourhood and in our country.

SFA Lourdes Pilgrimage 2020



Katie C & Níamh R, with the kind help and support of the **Keeling School of Dance** staff, will be hosting a children's Christmas Party to raise monies for their **2020 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** with SFA. The party will be at the Keeling school, behind the TSB, on **Sunday 15th December from 2.00-4.00pm.** Pre-booking is essential and the cost is £5 per child which includes drinks, snacks and a gift; fee payable on booking. See Catherine, Katie, Emma or Níamh to book or for more information.

Baptism Enquiries: If you would like to have your child Baptised here at St. Mary of the Angels please contact Fr. Craig, either at the end of Mass or by telephone, in order to book an appointment with him. The dates of the Baptismal Classes can be found in the porch.

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

PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 7TH/8TH DECEMBER 2019

6.00PM VIGIL MASS	READERS:	Cathy
	E. MINS:	Keith, Christine, Nathalie & Bernadette
9.30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Folk Group
	READERS:	Helen & Jacqui
	E. MINS:	Denis, Barbara, Phil & Sue

PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 14TH/15TH DECEMBER 2019

6.00PM VIGIL MASS	WELCOMERS:	Shelagh & Anne H
	WARDENS:	John
	READERS:	Gerry & James
	E. MINS:	Emma, David G, John C & Ann T
9.30AM SUNG MASS	MUSIC:	Choir
	WELCOMERS:	Pat J & Elena
	WARDENS:	Denis
	READERS:	Brian & Cathy
	E. MINS:	David W, Margaret, Jacqui & Catherine
CLEANERS:	Margaret L, Andy, Anna & Michael	
CASHIERS:	Team A	
FLOWERS:	No Flowers	
COFFEE:	Margaret J, Anne H & Shelagh	

And finally: As we continue on our Advent journey, this weekend we encounter the figure of St. John the Baptist, with his clarion call for us to ‘Prepare a way for the Lord’. This can so often be misunderstood by Christians as nothing more than an event of the past calling for the People of Israel to prepare for the mystery of the Incarnation; however, this call still holds good for us today. We, like the People of Israel, are called to ‘Prepare a way for the Lord’, not only for His second coming at the end of time, but also to prepare a way for Him to come daily into our hearts and lives. May this Advent be for each one of us a time of joy filled preparation, a time of clearing out the clutter of the past in order to ‘make straight the way of the Lord’ as he comes to us in love.

May God bless you all. Fr. Craig