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Holy Mass Year C. Psalter Week 2

Sat 7th 6:00pm Henry Molly RIP

Sun 8th 9:15am Sebastian Malieckal RIP—CWA B'ham members Thanksgiving & Prayers

Children's Liturgy begins in the Hall before Mass

Refreshments in the Hall after 9:15am Mass

Sun 8th 11:00am Charles Bayliss RIP - Concetta Di Cecilia RIP

Weekdays Holy Rosary: 9:10am led by parishioners

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mon 9th 9:30am Eduard, Vasile, Ana, Emil, Ana & Eusebiu RIP

11:00am and 2:00pm School Play Performances

Tue 10th 9:30am Thank you for all Blessings (as family)

Wed 11th 9:30am Iris Sabec RIP - John Kickham RIP

9:30am OLSJ School Mass

12:30pm Funeral of Kathleen Long

Thu 12th 9:30am Mary Jackson RIP - Patrick Casey RIP

6:00pm St Thomas More Advent Service

Fri 13th 9:30am Christina, Maria, Cristina Razvan Spec Ints -Amiu Jamadhar RIP St Lucy

10:00am Internment of Ashes of Stan Banks

Sat 14th 9:30am Pro Populo St John of the Cross

### Sat 10.00 Exposition of the blessed sacrament & confessions:

\* Mass intentions envelopes and Mass cards at the Piety Shop.

Let us Pray to the Lord

For the sick:

Theresa Devaney, Marie Lewis, Mary Browner, David Marsh, Kirsty Kalnins, Codey Darlison, Cynthia Mallabone, David Reeves, Joan Hanlon, Margaret Berkmire, Liz Lloyd, Mary Furlong, Illeana Goodman, Jane Kalnins, Mufaro Kwambana & Jim Jarvis.

For all those in hospital and parishioners who receive the Blessed Sacrament at home.

For the recently departed: Patrick Corcoran (17th Dec) Bridget Hogan (20th Dec) & Toilly Ine (10th Jan 2025)

Anniversaries week beginning 8th December 2024:

Donald Inglis, Willkiam McCool, Doris Jackson, Phyllis Lloyd, Stanley Smithson, Rita Bircher, Richard West, Mario Di Girolamo, David Adler, Thomas Kelly, Glenys Breen, Douglas Ward, Ken Jephcott, George Bannister, Kathleen Evans, Mary Jackson, Pat Woodhouse, Alexander Thema & Florence Desmier.

Clergy Anniversaries:

Rev Anthony Kane, Rev George Rafferty, Rev Thomas McMorrow, Rev Jerome O'Flynn, Rev Hugh Molloy, Rev Vincent Lucas, Mgr Canon Francis Drinkwater, Rev William Browne, Rev John Ellis, Rev Cyril Barlow, Rev Joseph Rowland & Rev Denis Ryan.

# Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church

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1st December 2024

# THE CHURCH IS A HOSPITAL FOR SINNERS NOT A HOTEL FOR SAINTS

Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord, whether someone believes in God or not, a time will come when we shall face the unknown. However Jesus Christ teaches us that he, the Son of Man, will come again in glory escorted by all his Angels. Advent becomes a time for us when we recall the first coming of Christ through Incarnation in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of his glorious return to judge the living and the dead.

The Second Coming (sometimes called the Second Advent or the Parousia) is the Christian and Muslim belief that Jesus will return again. The idea is based on messianic prophecies and is part of Christian eschatological teaching. Other faiths have various interpretations of it which are vague since they are not enlightened by the full revelation of Christ.

For a worthy celebration of Christmas, Mother Church prepares her children by asking them to go to confess their sins, to say sorry to God, to make reparation for the injury they have caused their neighbours and to amend their lives. This is a very important exercise to make our celebration of Christ's coming a meaningful one. Please note that our parish Penitential Service in preparation of Christmas will take place on Monday 16th December at 7:00pm.

Apart from Baptism, there is no other sacrament that reveals the holiness of a person more than Confession. We approach this sacrament inspired by faith in God, by Love of God and by Hope in God's mercy. There is no greater virtues than Faith Hope and Love. These are called cardinal virtues. Let us approach this Sacrament fully aware, that "the Church is a hospital for sinners not a hotel for saints".

# **Christmas Program**

- 1. Dec. 24th Vigil Mass at 6:00pm and Midnight Mass.
- 2. Christmas Day Mass: 08:15am and 10:15am.
- 3. End of Year Thanksgiving Mass at 11:00pm or 23hrs GMT.
- 4. New Year 2025 Mass at 10:00am.

I wish you all fruitful Christmas preparations. Thank you for your availability all the time. Your constancy in building the Kingdom of God in our parish recalls the words of the Psalmist "*How lovely is your dwelling place Lord God of hosts*" Ps. 84:1-2. Thank you for your generosity whose detail is known by God alone.

Let us move on as people of hope. The presence of so many children and young people in church gives us a pleasant feeling. God bless them.

Fr. Jimmy Lutwama AJ Parish Priest.



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Contact the parish office for the Sacraments of Marriage and Baptism. Hall Bookings, Gift Aid and all general enquiries.

#### The Parish Team:

Parish Priest: Fr Jimmy Lutwama AJ. fr.jimmy.lutwama@rcaob.org.uk Deacons: Rev Mike Skidmore 024 76384406 Rev Phil Bracken 07355 535666 Presentation Sisters: Sr Therese, Sr Jacinta & Sr Helen 024 76350615 Parish Secretary: Ms Stephanie Taunton (Mon to Fri 9am to 1pm)

Schools: Our Lady and St Josephs School TEL: 024 76383807 St Thomas More Catholic Academy & Sixth Form College Tel: 024 76642400

SAFEGUARDING: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our parish Safeguarding Representative: Christine Scullion sg.oloangels.nuneaton@rcaob.org.uk Alternatively if you have any concerns please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding team 0121 230 6240 email <a href="mailto:safe-guarding@rcaob.org.uk">safe-guarding@rcaob.org.uk</a>.

#### FINANCE: Second Collection: 8th Dec Poor Parishes

Parish Finances week beginning 1/12/24

COLLECTION: £954.48 of which Gift Aid £311.50

FABRIC FUND: £402.00 of which Gift Aid: £213.00

NOV Tap & Go: £598.00 of which Gift Aid: £323.00 Thanks!

DECEMBER STANDING ORDER: £1213.00

CAFOD Tea/coffee after Mass November: £97.86 To DONATE

Sunday 30/1st December Mass attendance 706 Scan QR Code



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Gift Aid it! - to add 25% to the value of your donation contact the parish office!

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Mon - Dec 9th 7:30pm Christian Meditation—Resumes 2025

Mon - Dec 16th 7pm Penitential Service

Mon - Dec 16th 4:30-5:30pm Holy Communion class

Tue - Dec 17th Seniors after Mass

Wed - Dec 18th Coffee morning after Mass

Fri - Dec 13/20th 4-5pm Confirmation class

#### **MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE:**

**Advent Penitential Service** will be held on Monday 16th December starting at 7:00pm in preparation for Christmas. Priests from the deanery will be here to assist us with our individual confessions.

#### **Schools Services In Church**

Monday 9th Dec. Our Lady & St Joseph's Reception play 11am & 2pm

Thursday 12th Dec. St. Thomas More Advent Service at 6:00pm

**Sunday 22nd December: OLA Parish Choir at 6:00pm** in the Church followed by mulled wine, tea & coffee and mince pies served in the parish hall. Please come and support these groups, it will be a good way to start the real meaning of Christmas. All these services will take place in Church.

**CAFOD** Ukraine appeal reminds us of the cold winter that many people supported by CAFOD in Ukraine and Gaza are facing this time. Money collected from Tea and Coffee mornings during these four weeks of Advent, will be sent to CAFOD. Thanks for your generosity as always.

**Knock Pilgrimage:** Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 10th March 2025. £799.00 per person. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights' in 4Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three day. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Ballintubber Abbey, Quiet Man Museum. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimag-es@gmail.com.

**Christmas Flowers** You are invited to buy a flower/flowers in memory of a loved one/ones for Christmas - £3 per flower. Please enclose your donation along with name/names in an envelope, marked **Christmas Flowers**, and post through the Presbytery letterbox. Any donations towards Christmas flowers are very welcome. Thank you.

**Lost property:** so many items are left in the Church after Mass and it is always hoped that their owners would return to take them, but this does not normally happen. If you forgot something in Church please claim it from the table at the back of the Church this week or it will be disposed of.

**The Jubilee Year 2025** named 'Pilgrims of Hope' is fast approaching as the 2024 Year of Prayer has concluded. The Jubilee Year will run from the opening of the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica in Rome, on Tuesday 24 December 2024 to the Feast of Epiphany 2026.

Archbishop Bernard is set to celebrate Mass for the Solemn Opening of the Year, at St Chad's Cathedral on Sunday 29 December 2024 anyone who wishes to join him will be welcome.

Thirty Five to be Ordained priests: I wish to thank you for supporting the Charity Apostles of Jesus Missionaries Support UK Reg. Charity No. 1205905 in the training of missionary priests for the Church. 35 candidates have been accepted for ordination next year 2025. This is partly due to your support. We are sure that some of them will be sent to minister to us in this country. Sponsoring a candidate to become a priest, is one of the great gifts that you can offer to the Church and to human society since a priest is a servant of all people. You can support a seminarian as an individual, or in partnership with others. You can set up a standing order with your bank for this cause, or it can be a one-off donation. Whatever you choose to do, it will be greatly appreciated. For more details please contact Fr. Jimmy at 07906124756.

**14th December 2:30pm Healing Service** at The Sacred Heart Church Glascote, Tamworth. This is a beautiful service and those in need of Gods power for any illness are welcome to come and as the woman in the Gospel did...touch the robe. Time to pray, to reflect and feel the love and healing that is there with Our Lord in that moment.