ADVENT ANTHEM TO OUR LADY

Alma Redemptoris Mater, quae pervia caeli Porta manes, et stella maris, succurre cadenti, Surgere qui curat, populo: tu quae genuisti, Natura mirante, tuum sanctum Genitorem Virgo prius ac posterius, Gabrielis ab ore, Sumens illud Ave, peccatorum miserere.

Loving Mother of the Redeemer,
Gate of Heaven, Star of the Sea,
help the falling people that strives to rise up,
you who brought forth your holy Parent
as nature looked on astonished,
Virgin before and afterwards,
who heard from Gabriel's lips the greeting 'Hail',
have mercy on sinners.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, MAY GOD BLESS AND COMFORT THEM

Sheila Burden, Mary Sheila Cashmore (Noon), Carl Hickman, Gordon Holt, Barbara Jarvis, Anne Jennings, Edna McNally, Michelle Price, Rose Ratcliffe, Dave Wallett Moya Wells.

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of the faithfully departed whose anniversaries occur in DECEMBER: † (Please give Fr Paul details of any additions to the list) Gordon Bacon, Baby Bennett, Basil Bridgwater, Peg Byrne, Patrick Byrne, Martha Cowley, Albert Diggett, William Fairless, Catherine Gallagher, George Green, Kevin Groves, Michael Haken, Graham Harper, Simon Harper, Mrs Jennings, James Lambley, Betty Langford, Arthur Maddox, Raymond Mason, Eileen Mole, Christopher Morris, Elizabeth Morris, John O'Connell, Fr Michael O'Meara, Leonard William Peach, Magdalene Perkins (Nee Churchill), Catherine Rose Piggott, Maria Silvana Rossi, Joseph Ryan, Winifred Ward

 $\frac{The\ Altar\ of\ Our\ Lady\ and\ the\ Sacred\ Heart-to\ have\ the\ candle\ lamp\ burn\ for\ your\ intentions\ or\ loved\ ones\ for\ the\ week\ -\ \pounds10\ \ -\ please\ see\ Fr\ Paul.}$

The candle lamp on Our Lady's Altar burns this week in memory of:

The candle lamp on the Sacred Heart Altar burns this week in memory of:

Sylvia Leek RIP (Anniversary)

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OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PRAY FOR US

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Parish Priest: Fr Paul Lester THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2019

Saturday Dec 14 4.30pm Vigil Mass (Kevin Groves RIP)

6.00pm Vigil Mass (Michael Killeen Ints)

Sunday Dec 15 <u>8.30am Traditional Latin Mass</u>

10.00am Mass (People of the Parish)

Monday Dec 16 No Mass

Tuesday Dec 17 9.30am Holy Rosary

10.00am Mass (Christopher Morris RIP)

Wednesday Dec 18 9.30am Holy Rosary

10.00am Mass (Fr M. O'Meara – Anniv – former Parish Priest)

Thursday Dec 19 <u>9.30am</u> Holy Rosary

10.00am Mass (Holy Souls)

1.45pm School Carol Service in Church

Friday Dec 20 <u>9.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</u>

Confessions during Exposition

10.00am Mass (Albert & Clarice Peach RIP)

Saturday Dec 21 <u>11.00am Traditional Latin Mass</u> St Thomas, Apostle

4.30pm Vigil Mass (John & Maria Moran & Family RIP)

6.00pm Vigil Mass (People of the Parish)

Sunday Dec 22 10.00am Mass (Leonard William Peach RIP)

4th Sunday of Advent

CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD BEFORE AND AFTER EVERY MASS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Children's Liturgy – 22nd December

Family (School Masses) – 15th December

School Carol Service – Thursday 19th December - in Church 1.45pm

Brass Band Concert – 20th December 7.30pm

Parish in Council Meeting – Tuesday 21st April 2020 at 6.30pm

Walsingham Pilgrimage – 27th-31st July 2020 – details on noticeboard

The website is regularly updated and the newsletter is on usually every Friday. www.saintmaryswednesbury.org.uk

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING BAPTISM & MARRIAGE MUST BE MADE DIRECTLY TO THE PARISH PRIEST AND NOT BY EMAIL, SO THAT AN APPOINTMENT CAN BE ARRANGED.

ADVANCED NOTICE OF FORTHCOMING CHRISTMAS MASSES:

TUESDAY DEC 24TH 4.00PM CHILDREN'S MASS

<u>Christmas Eve</u> 6.00PM MASS

10.00PM MASS

WEDNESDAY DEC 25TH 10.00AM PARISH MASS

Christmas Day 11.30AM TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

THURSDAY DEC 26TH 12.00NOON MASS

St. Stephen 4.00PM TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

FRIDAY DEC 27TH 9.00AM EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St John, Apostle 10.00AM MASS

12.00NOON TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

CONFESSIONS BEFORE & AFTER EVERY MASS

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 2020 – 27TH-31ST JULY 2020 – DETAILS ARE ON THE POSTER IN THE PORCH, OR CONTACT PAT MORRIS 0121 556 0705 FOR A BOOKING FORM £20 DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED AND IS NON-REFUNDABLE – PLEASE NOTE LAST DATE FOR BOOKING IS FRIDAY 10TH JANUARY 2020

Please note for any inclusions in the newsletter, the cut-off is Thursday lunchtime.

PARISH NEWS:

FINANCE

Last week's collection raised £452.80 for the Parish:- £206.50 Gift Aid
Thank you for your continued generosity. £246.30 Loose

Last week's Mass attendance: 142

THE MAGAZINES ON THE TABLE IN THE CHURCH PORCH (INCLUDING THE ADVENT EDITION OF THE DIOCESAN MAGAZINE) ARE ALL FREE OF CHARGE – PLEASE TAKE A COPY.

THANK YOU TO THE CLEANERS WHO GAVE THEIR TIME ON TUESDAY TO CLEAN OUR CHURCH READY FOR CHRISTMAS. FR PAUL.

A CHRISTMAS TREE WILL BE IN THE CHURCH PORCH FROM 20TH DECEMBER.

IF ANYONE COULD DONATE 1 DECORATION FOR THE CHRISTMAS TREE IN EITHER GOLD OR
RED PLEASE LEAVE IN THE BASKET IN THE PORCH.

THANK YOU.

DONATIONS TOWARDS THE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ARE NEEDED, PLEASE GIVE ANY DONATIONS TO FR PAUL OR PUT IN THE WALL BOX IN THE PORCH MARKED "FLOWERS".

THANK YOU.

<u>CRIB OFFERINGS</u> – THIS YEAR WILL GO TO THE SISTERS OF THE WOLVERAMPTON CARMEL WHO LIVE A LIFE OF PRAYER AND SIMPLICITY AND WHO RELY UPON THE OFFERINGS OF THE FAITHFUL. THEIR WORK OF PRAYER IS VITAL FOR ALL OF US.

THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE COLLECTION AT THE CHRISTMAS MASSES WHICH WILL BE YOUR CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR YOUR PARISH PRIEST.

THANK YOU.

SOVEREIGN BRASS AT ST MARYS – FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER AT 7.30PM
TICKETS: £5 ADULT FAMILY TICKETS (2 ADULTS & 2 CHILDREN) £10
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE AT INTERVAL:
MULLED WINE, TEA OR COFFEE & MINCEPIE £2

IF ANYONE WOULD BE SO KIND AS TO BAKE SOME EXTRA MINCEPIES AND DONATE THEM TO THIS EVENT. WE WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL. THANK YOU.