

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

Also remember in your prayers, those who bear their illness privately, and those that care for them.

Theresa Adams, Pauline Agg, Christine Cadman, Sheila Cooney, Bridget Cooper, Margaret Cooper, Joan & Terry Dixon, Sean Hooper, Barbara Jarvis, Michelle Price, Moya Wells, Pat Wilkins.

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Pauline Walsh RIP & Mary Wilmore RIP, both recently deceased, and for the souls of the faithfully departed whose anniversaries occur in December †

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, Jean Hunter, Brenda Jennings, James Lambley, Betty John & Margaret Colton, Stuart Roper, Maria Sylvana Rossi, Joseph Ryan, Ronald Turner, Winifred Ward.

The Altar of Our Lady and the Sacred Heart – to have a candle lamp burn for your intentions or loved ones for the week – please see Cate.

The candle lamp on Our Lady's Altar burns this week for:

Inv Loving Memory of Betty Langford RIP

The candle lamp on the Sacred Heart Altar burns this week for:

If anyone would like flowers on an altar or near a statue in memory of a loved one or for an intention, please see Anne or Cate.

CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE UP TO 10 MINUTES BEFORE EACH MASS – OR CONTACT FR MICHAEL

PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR REGULAR UPDATES! The website is regularly updated and the newsletter is on usually every Thursday.

www.saintmaryswednesbury.org.uk Please note the cut-off is Wednesday lunchtime

The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham registered Charity No. 234216



**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PRAY FOR US
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

17TH DECEMBER 2023

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| Saturday Dec 16 | 5.00pm Mass (<i>Chris Dickens RIP</i>) |
| Sunday Dec 17 | 10.00am Mass (<i>People of the Parish</i>) |
| Monday Dec 18 | <u>NO MASS</u> |
| Tuesday Dec 19 | <u>9.30am Holy Rosary</u> 10.00am Mass (<i>Fr Michael O'Meara RIP – Anniv</i>) <i>18th December – former Parish Priest</i> |
| Wednesday Dec 20 | 10.00am Mass (<i>Christopher Morris RIP</i>) <u>1.30pm School Carol Concert in Church</u> |
| Thursday Dec 21 | <u>9.00am Mass</u> (<i>Brenda Jennings RIP – Anniv</i>) <u>10.45am Funeral Service – Mary Wilmore RIP</u> |
| Friday Dec 22 | <u>9.00am – 9.45am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</u> 10.00am Mass (<i>Patrick O'Connor RIP</i>) |
| Saturday Dec 23 | 5pm Mass (<i>Tegwen & Patrick Devenney RIP</i>) |
| Sunday Dec 24 | 10am Mass (<i>People of the Parish</i>) <u>Advent 4</u> <u>Christmas Eve</u> <u>4.00pm Children's Mass</u> (<i>John & Margaret Colton RIP – Anniv</i>) <u>5.30pm Carols</u> <u>6.00pm Mass</u> (<i>Mollie & Albert Diggett RIP</i>) |
| Monday Dec 25 | <u>10.00am Mass</u> (<i>Margaret & Norman Beresford RIP</i>) |
| CHRISTMAS DAY | |

PARISH NEWS:

SAFEGUARDING: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Mary Jones. She can be contacted at sg.stmaryoth.wednesbury@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 concern.

LUCKY SQUARE: - **THREE CASH PRIZES OF £25, £12 AND £7.**
PLEASE NOTE THE DRAW WILL BE MADE ON THE 3RD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH, SO PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL MONIES ARE PAID PRIOR TO THIS. OTHERWISE THE NUMBER WILL NOT BE INCLUDED. IF ANYONE WISHES TO JOIN THE LUCKY SQUARE, PLEASE SEE TRACEY OR ONE OF THE STEWARDS. PROCEEDS TO THE CHURCH RESTORATION FUND. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION:
EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO RECEIVE COMMUNION. TO AID DISTRIBUTION, THOSE WHO RECEIVE IN THE HAND, PLEASE COME TO THE ALTAR FIRST, FOLLOWED BY THOSE WHO RECEIVE ON THE TONGUE. IF YOU WISH TO HAVE A BLESSING ONLY, PLEASE PUT YOUR HAND ACROSS YOUR CHEST AND I WILL GIVE YOU A BLESSING ONLY. THANK YOU. FR MICHAEL.

TEA/COFFEE & TOAST EVERY THURSDAY AFTER MASS.
TEA & COFFEE AFTER MASS ON SUNDAYS.

DIARY:

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

7th Jan (please bring a doll or teddy to be baptised for this session)

SCHOOL CAROL CONCERT IN CHURCH: 20TH DECEMBER 1.30PM
WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE:

8-12th July 2024 FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE FROM SUSAN OR BARBARA ALEXANDER
01902 633959 OR 07946 611376

SUNDAY ADVENT WEEK 4 MASSES:

SAT 23RD DEC 5pm Mass

SUN 24TH DEC 10am Mass

CHRISTMAS MASSES:

4pm Children's Mass

5.30pm Carols

6pm Vigil Mass

MON 25TH DEC Christmas Day Mass
10am

TUES 26TH DEC 11am Mass
(St. Stephen)

HEALTH & SAFETY MESSAGE:

PARISHIONERS ARE ADVISED TO TAKE CARE WHEN ACCESSING CHURCH AS THERE ARE POTENTIALLY A NUMBER OF TRIP HAZARDS WITH DAMAGED MORTAR AND SLABS. AS THERE ARE MANY JOBS, IT IS ON THE "TO DO" LIST. THANK YOU.

FOOD BANK: THERE IS A BOX IN THE CHURCH PORCH FOR ANY DONATIONS OF TINNED OR DRIED FOODS, TOILETRIES ETC WHICH WILL BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED. **THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THIS TIME OF NEED**

PARISH NEWS:

Offertory: £394.67 (Week)

Attendance: 124

Poor Parishes: £101.25

Standing Orders: (MONTHLY): £690 (OCT) Thank you for your continued generosity.

The Christmas Offertory is for your Parish Priest.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

PLEASE NOTE:

NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR THE PRESBYTERY:
0121 530 4553

FR MICHAEL'S PERSONAL WEBSITE:

www.frmichaelvaughan.com

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

TERESA MULLINS HAS VERY KINDLY OFFERED TO RE-COMMENCE THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY ON 3RD DECEMBER. PLEASE TRY AND SUPPORT TERESA IN THIS IMPORTANT ROLE, THE CHILDREN ARE THE FUTURE OF OUR CHURCH.

SCHOOL CAROL CONCERT IN CHURCH:

WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER AT 1.30PM

CRIB OFFERINGS:

THE CRIB OFFERINGS THIS YEAR WILL BE FOR COMPTON HOSPICE.

SOVEREIGN BRASS:

Thank you to all who arranged and supported the Concert which was a great success. Special thanks to Sovereign Brass & St Mary's School. We raised £900 which will be equally divided between the Band, the School and the Church restoration fund.

Roman Catholic Initiation of Adults & Children:

Fr Michael is to begin catechesis of adults & children wishing to become full members of the Catholic Church. The course begins on Tuesday 9th January 2024, and continues until Easter. Those who wish, will be received into the Church during the Easter season.

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS:

If anyone would like flowers in memory of loved ones, or a special intention over Christmas, either on an altar, by a statue or window, please see Anne or Cate.