

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, Sheila Cooney, 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 the faithfully departed whose anniversaries occur in November †

Ken Baxter, Margaret Beresford, Joe Borg, Fr John Francis Bromfield (former Parish Priest), Philomena Chambers, Joshua Clarke, Patrick D'Arcy, James Drummond, John G.J.Fairless, Ann Foster nee Turner, Win Green, Ada Hayfield, Bernard Horton, Mrs.A. Jones, Paul Lally, Michael Langford, Steve Langley, Brigid Madden, Melanie Marsh, Mary Martin, Hazel Audrey Moran, Joseph Moran, Dennis Murphy, John Noakes, May Peach, Mary Perry, Brian Piggott, Gwen Sedgwick, Joan Swift, Jack (John) Taylor, Sheila Taylor nee Piggott, Patrick Ward, Jim Wilcox.

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:

For the Health & Wellbeing of Theresa Adams

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

Gilbert Ferguson RIP (Birthday Remembrance 20th November)

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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THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

19TH NOVEMBER 2023

Saturday Nov 18	5.00pm Mass (People of the Parish)
Sunday Nov 19	10.00am Mass (Cynthia & Malcom Black RIP)
Monday Nov 20	<u>NO MASS</u>
Tuesday Nov 21	<u>9.30am Holy Rosary</u>
<i>Mem. of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10.00am Mass (Joseph Jennings RIP – Anniv)
Wednesday Nov 22	10.00am Mass (Marie-Clare Costley)
<i>Mem. of St Cecelia, Virgin, Martyr</i>	
Thursday Nov 23	10.00am Mass (For the Health & Wellbeing of Theresa Adams)
<i>Mem. of St Andrew Dung-Lae, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs</i>	St Mary's Primary Schoolchildren in Attendance
Friday Nov 24	<u>9.00am – 9.45am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</u>
	10.00am Mass (Dec'd Members of the Carless & Spray Families RIP)
Saturday Nov 25	5.00pm Mass (Margaret Beresford RIP - Anniv)
Sunday Nov 26	10.00am Mass (People of the Parish)
	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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:

CHRISTMAS FAYRE: Saturday 25th November at 12 noon

CHURCH CLEAN: Tues 28th Nov after Mass

FR MICHAEL'S INDUCTION MASS:

Friday 1st December 7pm followed by refreshments in the Hall

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: 3rd Dec & 7th Jan (please bring a doll or teddy to be baptised for this session)

FR MICHAEL'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION: Thursday 7th Dec

SOVEREIGN BRASS CONCERT:

Friday 8th December 7.30pm

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE:

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

CHRISTMAS MASSES:

SAT 23RD DEC 5pm Mass

SUN 24TH DEC 10am Mass

4pm Children's Mass

5.30pm Carols

6pm Vigil Mass

MON 25TH DEC 10am Mass

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: £277.48 (Week)

Attendance: 103

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

Retiring Collection next weekend for Catholic Education Service

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND: THIS IS AN AWARENESS-RAISING CAMPAIGN ORGANISED BY CHRISTIAN SAFEGUARDING CHARITY. THIRTYONE:EIGHT. WE WILL BE JOINING THOUSANDS OF OTHER CHURCHES ACROSS THE UK TO SHARE THIS MESSAGE AND DEMONSTRATE UNITY. WE BELIEVE THAT SAFEGUARDING IS AN OUTWORKING OF OUR FAITH IN A LOVING AND JUST GOD - THE GOD WHO CALLS US TO SPEAK UP ON BEHALF OF THOSE WHO CANNOT SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES AND TO DEFEND THE RIGHTS OF THE VULNERABLE PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR ALL THOSE WHO WORK TO ENSURE OUR COMMUNITIES AND CHURCHES ARE SAFE FOR ALL.

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF HOLY SOULS WHEN WE REMEMBER THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED A BOX IS ON THE ALTAR FOR THE ENVELOPES WITH NAMES OF YOUR LOVED ONES. **IF YOU HAVE A SPECIAL INTENTION FOR A MASS, PLEASE GIVE TO FR MICHAEL OR CATE.**

FR MICHAEL'S INDUCTION MASS - FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER 7PM - REFRESHMENTS - IF YOU COULD DONATE A PLATE OF FOOD OR ANYTHING TO HELP - PLEASE SEE ANNE OR CATE. THANK YOU.

SOVEREIGN BRASS WILL BE PERFORMING IN CHURCH ON FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER STARTING AT 7.30PM. THEY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY ST MARY'S SCHOOL CHOIR. TICKETS: £8 ADULT, £5 CONCESSION & £15 FAMILY TICKET. AVAILABLE FROM 4TH NOVEMBER - PLEASE SEE MARGARET.

FR MICHAELS 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION: (7TH DEC) YOU ARE ALL WELCOME TO CAKES/NIBBLES IN THE HALL AFTER MASS ON 10TH DECEMBER TO MARK THE OCCASION. DONATIONS OF CAKES ETC WOULD BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED, PLEASE SEE ANNE OR CATE. THANK YOU.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER AT 12 NOON
RAFFLE TICKETS NOW ON SALE.
HALL WILL BE OPEN ON FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 8AM-2PM TO DROP ANYTHING OFF, AND FROM 8.30AM ON SATURDAY 25TH FOR CAKE DONATIONS. ANYONE WHO CAN HELP ON THE DAY MORE THAN WELCOME.

CHURCH CLEAN: TUESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER AFTER MASS.

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.

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.