

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 soul of Helen Pennings RIP 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 Langford, Arthur Maddox, Raymond Mason, Eileen Mole, Christopher Morris, Elizabeth Morris, Fr Michael O'Meara (former PP), John O'Connell, Leonard William Peach, Magdalene Perkins nee Churchill, Catherine Rose Piggott, Roy Probert, Lee Potts, 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 lamps on Our Lady's Altar burn this week for:

Frank & Olwen Borg RIP

Clara & Ernest Withers RIP

Helen Pennings RIP

The candle lamps on the Sacred Heart Altar burn this week for:

William Whorriskey RIP

Michael, Joyce & Patrick O'Connor RIP

In Loving Memory of the Bailey & Langford Families RIP

Patrick, Michael & Andrew O'Gorman RIP

Phillip O'Gorman (sick)

Barbara & Ted Lloyd RIP

Violet & William Williams RIP

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



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

24TH DECEMBER 2023

Saturday Dec 23	5.00pm Mass (Tegwen & Patrick Devenney RIP)
Sunday Dec 24	10.00am Mass (People of the Parish)
<u>Advent 4</u>	
<u>Christmas Eve</u>	<u>4.00pm Children's Mass</u> (John & Margaret Colton RIP – Anniv)
	<u>5.30pm Carols</u>
	<u>6.00pm Mass</u> (Mollie & Albert Diggett RIP)
Monday Dec 25	<u>10.00am Mass</u> (Margaret & Norman Beresford RIP)
	<u>Christmas Day SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</u>
Tuesday Dec 26	<u>11.00am Mass</u> (M.E.Connelly RIP (J.A.))
	<i>Feast of St Stephen, the first Martyr</i>
Wednesday Dec 27	<u>NO MASS</u>
	<i>Feast of St John, Apostle, Evangelist</i>
Thursday Dec 28	<u>NO MASS</u>
	<i>Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>
Friday Dec 29	<u>NO MASS</u>
	<i>Feast of St Thomas Becket Bishop, Martyr</i>
Saturday Dec 30	5.00pm Mass (Dec'd Members of the Moran Family RIP)
Sunday Dec 31	10.00am Mass (Roy Probert RIP – Anniversary)
	<u>Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph</u>

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:
PROCEEDS TO THE CHURCH RESTORATION FUND. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH. DECEMBER WINNERS:
1ST 50 M. GALLAGHER 2ND 93 M. GREEN
3RD 47 M. MORAN

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.

DIARY:
CHILDREN'S LITURGY:
7th Jan (please bring a doll or teddy to be baptised for this session)
WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE:
8-12th July 2024 FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE FROM SUSAN OR BARBARA ALEXANDER
01902 633959 OR 07946 611376

PARISH NEWS:

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.

FR MICHAEL'S PERSONAL WEBSITE:
www.frmichaelvaughan.com

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.

*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.*

Fr Michael's Christmas Message:

My dear friends, at the beginning of the Christmas Mass we go to the manger to visit the Christ child who was born in a stable. There we see him with his mother Mary and his father Joseph. During this Christmas season, many of us will spend time with our families and those we love. If you are lucky enough to have a large family, then there is nothing more precious than having your family with you at this time of year. It's lovely to see the children's eyes light up as they open their presents. But it's also worth remembering those who are not as fortunate as us. Those who have lost loved ones around this time of year, for whom Christmas is a terrible time because of the pain they feel at losing loved ones. We remember too those who will be on the streets over Christmas, and those who are affected by war and terror.

This year our crib offerings will go to Compton Hospice. There are many great charities, and it's always hard to choose which one to support. You may have a favourite charity you wish to give to, and I'd encourage you to do that, whilst at the same time asking if you can support our crib offerings this year. I know many of us have had the unfortunate experience of having loved ones go there for end of life or respite. Finally, I'd like to thank everyone for all you do for the Church, without your help we just couldn't do all we do. I look forward to the New Year with great enthusiasm and hope as we move forward together with Jesus our Lord, guiding us along the way. So, I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a happy, peaceful and prosperous New Year, and may God bless you all now and always. Fr Michael.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:

MAIN ALTAR:
FRONT – In Memory of Tegwen & Patrick Devenney RIP
BACK – Celebrating Tony & Deb Devenney's 45th Wedding Anniversary on 23rd December
OUR LADY'S ALTAR:
In Memory of Eileen Mole, Joshua Clarke & Terry Wellings RIP
SACRED HEART ALTAR:
In memory of the Bailey & Langford Families RIP
OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM:
Ints of Alexander & Knowles families.
ST PADRE PIO:
In Memory of the Mason & Maddox Families RIP
ST TERESA:
In Memory of the Carless & Spray Families RIP
HOLY FAMILY WINDOW:
In Memory of Frank & Olwen Borg RIP
CANA WINDOW:
In Memory of Leah, Albert & Pam Jones RIP
ST PATRICK'S WIDOW:
In Memory of the Ryan Family RIP and Gordon Holt RIP
LOURDES WINDOW:
In Memory of May & William Nickless RIP
SS JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE WINDOW:
In Memory of Len Laffan RIP
ST CLARE'S WINDOW:
In Memory of William Whorriskey RIP
JESUS & CHILDREN WINDOW:
In Memory of Ken Baxter
SISTER MAGDALEN WINDOW:
In Memory of the Sambrooks Family RIP