

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, Bridget Cooper, Margaret Cooper, Joan & Terry Dixon, Sean Hooper, Barbara Jarvis, Michelle Price, Pat Wilkins.*

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of the faithfully departed whose anniversaries occur in February: † *Peter Bailey, Stanley E.H, Brookes, Cyril Dicken, Michael Groves, Derek Hadley, Irene Harper, Collette Hinz, Graham Humphrey, Ivor J.Ilsley, W.J. Ilsley, Fr Frederick William Keating (former PP), Ita Lane, Terry Langley Jnr, Faye Mason, Edna Peach, Verity Perry, Gary Piddock, William Piggott, Brian Powell, Leon Purcell, Harold Scott, Maria Severn, Sarah Shinton, Christopher Slater, Anthony Brian Smith, Evelyn Stokes, Hilda Taylor, William Ward, Betty Wright.*

Anniversaries in March: † *Lino Advantaggiato, Marie Angell, V. Rev Canon Stuart Bathurst (built our Church), Julie Bailey, Lileth Biggs, Cecilia Bridgwater, William Alfred Davies, Margaret Davies, Harold Davis, Kate Dennis, Kenneth Thomas Gibbs, Monica Green, Marjorie Harrison, Dorothy Ilsley, Theresa Ingamels, James Mason, Dawn Ann Mattocks, Rev George Montgomery (founder of our Church), Thomas Moran, Pop Pallet, Albert Peach, Maureen Peach, Michael Leonard Peach, Tony Piggott, David Severn, Monica Severn, Kathleen Small, Joan Smith, Catherine Varley, Elvira Watson, Terry & Jenny Wilks, Canon Brian Withers former PP, Dawn Wood.*

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:

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

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

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.

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

www.saintmaryswednesbury.org.uk Please note the cut-off is **Thursday 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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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

25TH FEBRUARY 2024

Saturday Feb 24	5.00pm Mass (<i>John Marshall RIP – 2nd Anniversary 25th February</i>)
Sunday Feb 25	10.00am Mass (<i>People of the Parish</i>)
Monday Feb 26	<u>NO MASS</u>
Tuesday Feb 27	<u>9.30am Holy Rosary</u> <i>Feria</i> 10.00am Mass (<i>Karen Devereaux RIP</i>)
Wednesday Feb 28	10.00am Mass (<i>Private Intention AC</i>) <i>Feria</i>
Thursday Feb 29	10.00am Mass (<i>The Costley Family</i>) <i>Feria</i> <u>Schoolchildren in attendance</u>
Friday Mar 1	<u>9.00am – 9.45am Adoration & Benediction</u> <i>Feast of St. David,</i> 10.00am Mass (<i>People of the Parish</i>) <i>Bishop, Patron of Wales</i> <u>Stations of the Cross</u>
Saturday Mar 2	5.00pm Mass (<i>Norman & Margaret Beresford RIP –</i> <i>Feast of St. Chad, Bishop</i> <u>Wedding Anniversary Remembrance</u>)
Sunday Mar 3	10.00am Mass (<i>Albert Peach RIP</i>) <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>

PARISH NEWS:

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.

RIGHT FOR LIFE ARE ASKING FOR SUPPORT FOR AN AMENDMENT TO REDUCE OUR ABORTION LAW FROM 24 WEEKS TO 22 WEEKS. BABIES BORN PREMATURELY AT 22 WEEKS ARE THRIVING AND THERE IS A CONTRADICTION IN OUR ABORTION LAW, IF YOU WISH, PLEASE COLLECT A POSTCARD TODAY FROM THE BACK OF CHURCH AND POST IT TO YOUR MP IN SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT. CATHERINE ROBINSON, RIGHT TO LIFE.

LUCKY SQUARE:

Proceeds to Church Restoration Fund, 3 cash prizes, if you wish to join, please see Tracey.

Thank you for your support of our Parish.

February Winners:

1st 80 G. Cox 2nd 11 T Devenney

3rd 89 M. Green

TEA/COFFEE & TOAST EVERY THURSDAY AFTER MASS.

TEA & COFFEE AFTER MASS ON SUNDAYS.

FOOD BANK: BOX IN PORCH PLEASE SUPPORT IF YOU CAN.

FR MICHAEL'S PERSONAL

WEBSITE:

www.frmichaelvaughan.com

DIARY:

MASS OF INITIATION & RECEPTION INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: SATURDAY 13TH APRIL 11AM

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: 19TH MAY 10AM MASS PENTECOST CONFIRMATIONS: THURS 6TH JUNE 6PM CANON MCNALLY, EPISCOPAL VICAR FOR STAFFORDSHIRE & THE BLACK COUNTRY WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE: 8-12th July 2024

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

EVERY WEEK, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED.

(PLEASE NOTE NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY EASTER SUNDAY 31ST MARCH)

PLEASE NOTE THAT IT WILL NOW BE HELD IN THE PARISH HALL - COULD YOU ALL PLEASE GO TO THE HALL FIRST. GARY, CHRISTINE & JOE

If you would like flowers on an altar or by a certain statue or window in memory of a loved one for Easter, or just make a donation towards flowers, please see Anne or Cate.

PARISH NEWS:

Offertory: £342.69 (Week)

Attendance: 48 + 97 = 145

Standing Orders: (MONTHLY):

£690 (DEC) Thank you for your continued generosity.

Retiring Collection next week for Cathedral Maintenance

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT TOWARDS THE CHURCH RESTORATION FUND SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR THE FUND WILL BE EVERY MONTH. FR MICHAEL.

LENT:

THROUGHOUT LENT THERE WILL BE SIMPLE ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSIONS **BETWEEN 9.15AM AND 9.45AM TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND THURSDAY,** WITH LATIN ADORATION, AND CONFESSION, AND BENEDICTION AS NORMAL ON A FRIDAY 9AM TO 9.45AM.

LENT:

EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT - STATIONS OF THE CROSS AFTER MASS. (DAY OF PRAYER, FASTING & ABSTINENCE) PALM SUNDAY MASSES: SAT 23RD MARCH 5PM (SIMPLE ENTRANCE AND BLESSING OF PALMS) SUN 24TH MARCH: BLESSING OF PALMS AND SOLEMN PROCESSION.

MAUNDY THURSDAY:

FR MICHAEL WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE FOOTWASHING AT THE MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER ON MAUNDY THURSDAY. ANY NUMBER OF MEN UP TO A TOTAL OF 12 WOULD BE MOST WELCOME TO HAVE A FOOT WASHED AS PART OF THE LITURGY

RCIA:

Those who are doing the Catechetical course on a Tuesday evening.

Proposed date for Mass of Initiation and Reception into the Catholic Church - **SATURDAY 13TH APRIL 11AM** - those who are preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation or to be received into the Catholic Church - there will be an extra Mass on 13th April - Everyone is welcome to come and support the adults and children on this day.

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!

PLEASE CONSIDER IF YOU COULD BE A GIFT AIDER, BECAUSE THIS COULD BRING EXTRA INCOME INTO THE CHURCH AT NO EXTRA COST TO YOURSELF. (THIS WOULD HELP US TO GET THE MUCH NEEDED WORK DONE TO OUR CHURCH) IF YOU ARE AN INCOME TAX PAYER (OR YOUR SPOUSE /PARTNER IS) - WE COULD RECLAIM ON THE TAX THAT YOU ARE ALREADY PAYING. THIS MEANS THAT INSTEAD OF GIVING £1 TO THE CHURCH YOU CAN IN FACT BE GIVING £1.25! **YOU CAN GIVE WHATEVER YOU WANT, WHENEVER YOU WANT, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO SIGN UP FOR A CERTAIN AMOUNT.** YOU COULD HAVE ENVELOPES OR PAY BY STANDING ORDER. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THIS, PLEASE SEE CATE.

MASS FOR MARRIAGE - ST CHAD'S CATHEDRAL SATURDAY 4TH MAY AT 12NOON

www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass

AN INVITATION TO MARRIED COUPLES, THOSE CELEBRATING A MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY AND THOSE PREPARING TO MARRY THIS YEAR.

PLEASE REGISTER BY 21ST APRIL. CONTACT PAUL NORTHAM ON 0121 321 5148 OR EMAIL marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk PLEASE SEE NOTICEBOARD FOR DETAILS.