

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 soul of GEORGE GARMSTON RIP recently deceased, and for 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*

GEORGE GARMSTON RIP FUNERAL DETAILS:

WEDNESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY FUNERAL SERVICE 12.15PM

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:

Amy Wellings (18th Birthday Blessings)

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

Patrick O'Connor RIP

Peter Bailey RIP (Anniversary 3rd February)

William Alfred Davies RIP (Birthday Remembrance)

If you would like flowers on an altar or by a certain statue or window 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 **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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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4TH FEBRUARY 2024

Saturday Feb 3 <i>Feast of St Blaise</i>	5.00pm Mass (Priest's Intention) <u>Followed by Blessing of Throats</u>
Sunday Feb 4	10.00am Mass (People of the Parish) <u>Followed by Blessing of Throats</u>
Monday Feb 5 <i>Mem of St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr</i>	<u>NO MASS</u>
Tuesday Feb 6 <i>Mem of St. Paul Miki, & Companions, Martyrs</i>	<u>9.30am Holy Rosary</u> 10.00am Mass (Holy Souls)
Wednesday Feb 7 <i>Feria</i>	10.00am Mass (Fr F.W.Keating - Aniv – former PP) <u>12.15pm Funeral Service – George Garmston RIP</u>
Thursday Feb 8 <i>Feria</i>	10.00am Mass
Friday Feb 9 <i>Mem of St. Scholastica, Virgin</i>	<u>9.00am – 9.45am Adoration & Benediction</u> 10.00am Mass (Patrick O'Connor RIP)
Saturday Feb 10	5.00pm Mass (Priest's Intention)
Sunday Feb 11 <i>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	10.00am Mass (People of the Parish)

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.

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:

BLESSING OF THROATS: AT 5PM MASS SAT 3RD FEB AND SUNDAY 10AM 4TH FEB MASS

POT LUCK SUPPER: 6.30PM SHROVE TUESDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY

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 FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE FROM SUSAN OR BARBARA ALEXANDER

01902 633959 OR 07946 611376

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.

ST JOHN BOSCO MASS (MAC):

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ORGANISED AND HELPED WITH THIS MASS. YOU ALL HELPED TO MAKE IT A WONDERFUL AND MEMORABLE OCCASION.
FR MICHAEL.

FR MICHAEL'S PERSONAL WEBSITE:

www.frmichaelvaughan.com

POT LUCK SUPPER:

THERE WILL BE A POT LUCK SUPPER IN THE PARISH HALL ON SHROVE TUESDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY AT 6.30PM, ALL WELCOME, PLEASE BRING SOMETHING TO SHARE.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

GARY LINFORD, CHRISTINE CADMAN & JOSEPH HALL WILL SHORTLY BE TAKING OVER CHILDREN'S LITURGY ON CERTAIN WEEKS. PLEASE SUPPORT THEM IN THEIR NEW ROLES. LATER WE HOPE TO HAVE MORE HELPERS TO ENABLE US TO HAVE A ROTA TO HOPEFULLY RUN IT EVERY WEEK, IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN BECOMING A HELPER, PLEASE SEE FR MICHAEL.

FOOD BANK: THERE IS A BOX IN THE PORCH FOR DONATIONS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

PARISH NEWS:

Offertory: £313.66 (Week)
Attendance: 51 + 62 = 113
Standing Orders: (MONTHLY): £690 (DEC) Thank you for your continued generosity.

CHURCH RESTORATION FUND:
COMMENCING THE WEEKEND OF 10TH/11TH FEBRUARY WE WILL BE HAVING A SECOND COLLECTION EACH MONTH FOR THE CHURCH RESTORATION FUND, TO ENABLE US TO START RESTORATION WORK THIS YEAR. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH.

FINANCE COUNCIL: THERE WAS A MEETING OF THE FINANCE COUNCIL LAST WEDNESDAY 24TH JANUARY. A LOT OF WORK HAS BEEN DONE ON TACKLING OUR EXPENDITURE. THIS IS ONGOING. SINCE OCTOBER, WORK HAS BEEN DONE ON THE HEATING IN THE CHURCH AND HALL, AND REPAIR WORK ON THE PRESBYTERY. PLANS ARE AFOOT TO BEGIN WORK ON THE VERY LONG AWAITED RAMP. MY THANKS TO ALL WHO CAME TO THE MEETING, AND FOR ALL THEIR HELP WITH REPAIRS AND ONGOING WORK ON REDUCING OUR EXPENSES.

Roman Catholic Initiation of Adults & Children:

Fr Michael is now doing a course for anyone wishing to become full members of the Catholic Church. The next meeting is on **Tuesday 6th Feb at 7pm in the Church porch,** and every Tuesday continuing until Easter. Those who wish, will be received into the Church during the Easter season. All welcome.

CAFOD:

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH. PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE CATHOLIC AGENCY FOR OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT DURING LENT, AND RETURN THE ENVELOPES IN THE COLLECTION DURING THE SEASON OF LENT. THANK YOU.

DEANERY MONTH FOR PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS:

In February, the Dudley & Wolverhampton Deanery will be hosting a series of vocation events. "Listening to God's Call". There will be 3 online sessions on Tuesday evenings at 7pm.
20th Feb: Consecrated Life
27th Feb: Marriage & Single Life
5th March: Priesthood & Diaconate.
Everyone is welcome to join the sessions. The zoom link is:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88033199202?pwd=Bkfm1pgM2iXaYczxmTzmzdH7lJSId.Meeting+ID+88033199202>
Passcode 218505. These meetings will be recorded and will be available on YouTube afterwards. After which there will be an opportunity to meet some speakers, Wed 7th Feb at 2pm St Michael's, Coalway Rd, Wolverhampton. Thurs 22nd Feb at 5pm St Josephs Willenhall Rd, Wolverhampton.
For info: deanery.dw.vocations@rcaob.org.uk (see noticeboard)

WALK WITH ME:

AS LENT APPROACHES, THE WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH. A JOURNEY OF PRAYER FOR LENT 2024. PLEASE TAKE A COPY FOR YOUR OWN PERSONAL REFLECTION AND PRAYER. THERE IS NO FEE FOR THEM DESPITE THE FEE PRINTED ON THEM, BUT IT YOU'D LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION, THIS WILL OFFSET COSTS TO THE PARISH. THANK YOU.