

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, Joan Dixon, Sean Hooper, Barbara Jarvis, Michelle Price, Pat Wilkins.*

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of SHEILA MARGARET HADLEY RIP, TERRY DIXON RIP, MARGARET DURKIN RIP & PATRICK MULVANEY RIP (ALL RECENTLY DECEASED) and for the souls of the faithfully departed whose Anniversaries occur in April: † *Rosina Bailey, Elsie Basford, Fr Timothy Burke, Cynthia & Malcolm Black, Agnes Brown, Brian Callaghan, Tegwen Devenney, Agnes Davies, William Haken, Anthony Michael Ilsley, Anne Jennings, Paul & Yvonne Laffan, Josie Langan, Gerard Mason, Bishop Leo McCartie, Edna McNally, Olive Mellings, Agnes Mary Moran, Bernard Patrick Moran, Michael Mullins, Michael O'Connor, Clarice May Peach, Marion Turner, Barbara Wooldridge.*

SHEILA MARGARET HADLEY RIP - FUNERAL SERVICE 12 NOON WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL

MARGARET DURKIN RIP - FUNERAL SERVICE 12 NOON TUESDAY 16TH APRIL

PATRICK MULVANEY RIP - REQUIEM MASS 10AM TUESDAY 23RD APRIL

TERRY DIXON RIP - FUNERAL - REQUIEM MASS AT ST PETER'S CHURCH BLOXWICH AT 10AM THURSDAY 25TH APRIL

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:
Rosina Bailey RIP (Anniversary)***

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

The Flowers on Our Lady's Altar are in memory of Marian Whitehouse 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 **Friday.**

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

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**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PRAY FOR US
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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER -DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

7TH APRIL 2024

Saturday Apr 6	5.00pm Mass (People of the Parish)
Sunday Apr 7	10.00am Mass (Alison Southcombe RIP - Birthday Remembrance) 12.00 Noon – Baptism – Niko Damian Horvat
Monday Apr 8	NO MASS <i>Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord</i>
Tuesday Apr 9	9.30am Holy Rosary <i>Easter Feria</i> 10.00am Mass (Clarice May Peach RIP)
Wednesday Apr 10	10.00am Mass (People of the Parish) <i>Easter Feria</i> 12.00 Noon – Funeral Service – Sheila Margaret Hadley RIP
Thursday Apr 11	10.00am Mass (Cynthia Lorraine Black RIP – Anniv) <i>Memorial of St Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr</i> Schoolchildren in Attendance
Friday Apr 12	9.00am – 9.45am Adoration & Benediction <i>Easter Feria</i> 10.00am Mass (Anne Jennings RIP)
Saturday Apr 13	11.00am Mass (Initiation & Reception into the Catholic Church) <i>Easter Feria</i> 5.00pm Mass (Grace Price RIP – 25th Anniv 4th April)
Sunday Apr 14	10.00am Mass (Marian Whitehouse RIP (Funeral 2nd Apr) <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i> 12.00 Noon – Baptism – Freya Anne Merrett

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.

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.

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.

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.

TEA/COFFEE & TOAST EVERY THURSDAY AFTER MASS.

TEA & COFFEE AFTER MASS ON SUNDAYS.

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

DIARY:

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

SPRING FAIR: SAT 20TH APRIL 12NOON

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

**EVERY WEEK, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED. HELD IN PARISH HALL
GARY, CHRISTINE & JOE**

SPRING FAIR: SATURDAY 20TH APRIL IN THE PARISH HALL. 12 NOON. ADMISSION 50P
ALL DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED, PLEASE LEAVE IN CHURCH PORCH FROM SATURDAY 6TH APRIL OR HALL WILL BE OPEN FRIDAY 19TH APRIL FROM 10AM TILL 2.30PM AND ON SATURDAY MORNING 20TH APRIL FROM 9AM. ANYONE WHO CAN HELP ON FRIDAY OR SATURDAY MOST WELCOME. WE WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL FOR ANY HOME BAKED CAKES PLEASE.
RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE FROM SATURDAY 13TH APRIL.

FR MICHAEL'S PERSONAL WEBSITE:

www.frmichaelvaughan.com

PARISH NEWS:

Offertory: £ (Week)

Holy Places: £114.11

Attendance:

Maundy Thursday 47

Good Friday 92

Easter Vigil 83

Easter Sunday 178

Standing Orders: (MONTHLY):

£710 (JAN) Thank you for your continued generosity.

Second Collection next weekend for the Church & Hall Restoration Fund.

RCIA:

The Sacraments of Initiation are to be given to the following. I ask our prayers for the following who are to be received into the Church on **Saturday 13th April at 11.00am:** Harry Dewfield, Alice Nformi, Callum Cavell, Annaliese Chirmanzi, Sharon Jean Wright, Inesse Nformi, Jasmine Dewfield, Darren Dewfield, Venus Nyamekye-Kwarteng and David Ashley Kwabena Asamoah-Tawiah. **I ask that all those to be baptised and confirmed to let me know if they have got a Godparent/Sponsor. If not, one will be assigned to you.** My thanks to those parishioners who have agreed to sponsor our confirmandi at this time. Fr Michael.

WE ARE CONTINUING WITH THE 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-9.45AM.

Dear Friends, may the love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you and your family during the Eastertide and always. I wish you all a blessed Easter. During this time we have First Communion and Confirmations, plus the Sacraments of Initiation on the 13th of this month where we welcome our catechumens into the Catholic Church. I'd like to thank everyone for everything done to make the Easter services so wonderful. My thanks to the trolley dolly's and scrubbers, and the Belle's of St Mary's, the little flowers of our Parish. Thank you to everyone who prepared the Church and participated in anyway by singing, reading and serving during Holy Week. My thanks too for your very generous Easter Offerings, for your cards and kind words. I've received a message from my Parish Priest in Wolverhampton, who upon looking at the photos of our Church, decorated for Easter, commented that our Church is more beautiful than my own Parish Church. I agree, more so.

God bless you all. Fr Michael.