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All voluntary jobs by appointment.



Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of **MAUREEN MAY EVANS RIP** and the faithfully departed whose Anniversaries occur in **DECEMBER**: Gordon Bacon, Baby Bennett, Basil Bridgewater, Peg Byrne, Patrick Byrne, Martha Cowley, Graham Diggett, Albert Diggett, William Fairless, Catherine Gallagher, George Green, Kevin Groves, Graham Harper, Jean Hunter, Brenda Jennings, James Lambley, Betty Langford, Arthur Maddox, Raymond Mason, Mary Theresa Millett, Eileen Mole, Christopher Morris, Elizabeth Morris, John O'Connell, Fr Michael O'Meara (Former PP), Leonard William Peach, Helen Pennings, Magdalene Perkins nee Churchill, Catherine Rose Piggott, Lee Potts, Roy Probert, Stuart Roper, Maria Sylvana Rossi, Joseph Ryan, Ronald Turner, Winifred Ward, Kathleen Moya Wells, Mary Wilmore,

**The Sanctuary lamp in Our Lady's Chapel burns for:**

**EILEEN MOLE RIP. ANNIVERSARY 1ST DECEMBER.**

**The Sanctuary lamp in the Sacred Heart Chapel burns for:**

**WILLIAM WHORRISKEY. RIP. BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE.**

**12th DECEMBER 2025.**

**JAMES LAMBLEY RIP. 6th DECEMBER.**

**JOSEPH RYAN RIP. 21st ANNIVERSARY. 8th DECEMBER.**

**Please check the Parish Website for regular updates**

Please note that the cut-off for all notices to be included in the weekend newsletter is Wednesday at 12pm. Items for the Newsletter can be given to Fr Michael or emailed to Fr Michael's email address. The Newsletter is posted on the parish website before 5pm Mass on Saturday. Thank you.

The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham registered Charity No. 234216



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**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](mailto:sg.stmaryoth.wednesbury@rcaob.org.uk) or the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted at [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) or on 0121 230 6240 if you have any concern.

The Archdiocese of Birmingham has a zero-tolerance approach to all abuse.

<b>ADVENT WEEK 2. 2025</b>	
<b>6th/7th December 2025.</b>	
<b>Saturday December 6th</b> Advent Feria.	<b>4.15pm - 4.50pm.</b> Confession. <b>5pm</b> Bob and Lorraine Costley
<b>Sunday December 7th</b> <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT.</b>	<b>9.30am - 9.50am.</b> Confession. <b>10am</b> Fr Michael's Intention.
<b>Monday December 8th</b> <b>SOLEMNITY OF THE</b> <b>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF</b> <b>THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>	<b>10am MASS - Phyllis Mary Woodward (RIP) (With St Mary's School)</b>
<b>Tuesday December 9th</b> Advent Feria.	<b>10am - NO Mass/adoration/Rosary.</b>
<b>Wednesday December 10th</b> Advent Feria.	<b>9am - Carol Concert Stuart Bathurst School.</b> <b>10am - NO Mass/adoration/Rosary.</b>
<b>Thursday December 11th</b> Advent Feria.	<b>9.15am</b> Adoration, Rosary. Confession. <b>10am</b> Sheila Dewhurst (RIP) (P Holt)
<b>Friday December 12th</b> Advent Feria.	<b>9am NO Adoration. Benediction. Divine Mercy. Confession.</b> <b>10am NO MASS</b>
<b>Saturday December 13th</b> Memorial. St Lucy.	<b>4.15pm - 4.50pm.</b> Confession. <b>5pm</b> Deborah Jane Kensey RIP
<b>Sunday December 14th</b> <b>GAUDETE SUNDAY</b>	<b>9.30am - 9.50am.</b> Confession. <b>10am</b> Malcolm & Cynthia Black RIP

**Roman Catholic Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

For Adults who have asked to become Catholics, and for young people at Secondary School, the Parish Catechetical program resumes after Christmas., and begins on **SATURDAY 10th JANUARY AT 10am IN THE PRESBYTERY**, with the intention of being received into the Church at Easter, Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation. For Children still at Primary School, please have a word with Mr Gary Linford. Thank you.

Confessions Tuesday to Thursday and Sunday by request.

**Communion.** Everyone is most welcome to come to the altar rails either to receive Communion, or to have a blessing from Fr Michael. Please put your hand across your chest to indicate a blessing only. Thank You.

**Children's Liturgy.**

Is held in the church porch every Sunday at the 10am Mass. Children will be called forward at the beginning of Mass. Parents who wish to do so, are most welcome to join their Children.

**Tea and Coffee.** After Mass every Sunday.

**Gift Aid.** If you use the blue envelopes and Gift Aid your offertory to the parish, please ensure you put it with the first collection. White envelopes are provided at the back of church for those who wish to put their offertory in an envelope, please do not use the blue envelopes. Thank you.

**Baptism Preparation.**

The next Baptism preparation meeting, will be held on **Tuesday 30th December at 7pm.** All parents wishing for their children to be baptised need to attend this meeting. Meetings held on the last Tuesday of each month, you are welcome to go to any meeting held on the last Tuesday in the month. Thank you.

**RETIRING COLLECTION**

**There will be a retiring collection for THE POOR PARISHES FUND this weekend. Gift Aid envelopes can be used for this collection.**

**Finance.**

Thank you all for your offerings.  
*Fr Michael.*

**HOLY SOULS.**

Thank you to those who made a donation towards Masses for the Holy Souls, to be said throughout the year.

**Food Bank:** There is a box in the Porch. Please support if you can. Breaking Bread would like to pass on their thanks to all parishioners who support their work. Thank you.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.**

SOVERIGN BRASS CHRISTMAS CONCERT IN CHURCH. SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2pm to 4pm.

**Clergy Training Fund.**

Thank you to those who regularly donate to the CTF.

**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, Melesi Chapo, Bridgitt Cooper, Joan Dixon, Lynne Harper, Barbara Jarvis, Michelle Price, Veronica Smith, Pat Wilkins, Pat Morris.

**Mass Intentions.**

Please note that you can now check your Mass intentions on both the Parish website and Fr Michael's Website.

**Marriage Preparation.**

Please note that all couples thinking of getting Married must speak to the priest as soon as possible, 12 months before would be preferred, so that, all necessary paperwork can be processed, and the couple have time to do the necessary preparation course. Thank you.

**Church Hall Bookings.**

If you would like to hire the Church Hall, please email Margaret Holden using the hall email address.

**Last Weeks Attendance.**

**Total 133**

**Of your Charity.** Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Maureen May Evans RIP. Funeral this Friday 12th December 10am at Sandwell Valley Crematorium. Please note there will not be Adoration or Mass at 10am.**

**SANCTUARY LAMPS**

The lamp in the Lady Altar will soon be replaced by one similar to that in the Sacred Heart Chapel.

**SOVEREIGN BRASS CHRISTMAS CONCERT.**

Will be held in Church on Sunday Afternoon the 14th December at 2pm to 4pm. The children from the school will also be taking part. Proceeds from the event will be shared between the Church, band and the school.

**FLOWERS.** PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE ARE NO FLOWERS IN CHURCH DURING ADVENT. THANK YOU.

**Crib Donations.** This years Crib donations will be given to the local charity 'Smile for Joel' the charity supporting families who are victims of murder. Joel was a pupil of our school, he along with many others, including 3 other members of his family were brutally killed whilst on holiday in Tunisia. This year marks the 10th Anniversary.

**Replacement Certificates.**

Please note that a charge of £10 per certificate is made on ALL Copies of Baptism and Confirmation certificates.

**Christmas Lights**

***Will be placed around the large fir tree by the side of the Calvary, and will be lit at night with the church during December. The tree reminds us of the cross on which our Saviour died.***

**CHRISTMAS MASSES 2025.**

**Wednesday 24th December**

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS 4pm.  
CHRISTMAS EVE CAROLS 5.30pm.  
CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS. 6pm.

**Thursday 25th December**

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS 10am

**Friday 26th December.**

MASS OF SAINT STEPHEN. 11am  
(Servers Mass)

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS.**

Anne Baxter is now taking Donations for Christmas flowers for the Church. These would be most welcome, to ensure that the church is beautifully decorated for Christmas. If you would like to make a donation towards the flowers, please see Fr Michael or Anne. Thank you.

**Memorial Tree.**

There will be a memorial tree at the back of church, where you can write the name of your loved ones to be remembered at a Mass at Christmas. All donations will be shared between the Church and the bread bank.

**Newsletter** We will shortly be producing a few copies of the Newsletter in larger text for those who struggle with the small print of the current newsletter.  
Fr Michael.

**Saint Mary's School**

**Christmas Carol Concert.**

**Will be held in Church on Wednesday 17th December 1.30pm. All welcome.**

