



OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PRAY FOR US

**Saint Mary's Catholic Church,
Wednesbury.**

Saint Mary's Road, WS10 9DL

Telephone 0121 505 7927

Parish Website <http://www.saintmaryswednesbury.org.uk>

Parish email: stmaryoth.wednesbury@rcaob.org.uk

Parish Priest: *Fr Michael Vaughan*

fr.michael.vaughan@rcaob.org.uk

www.frmichaelvaughan.com



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.

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

HYMNS - 519 201 385 516

ADVENT 4 AND CHRISTMAS 2025	
20th/21st December 2025.	
Saturday December 20th Advent Feria	4.15pm - 4.50pm. Confession. 5pm James Lambley R.I.P. and deceased of Lambley family.
Sunday December 21st FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT.	9.30am - 9.50am. Confession. 10am Brenda and Joseph Jennings.
Monday December 22nd Advent Feria	10am No Mass.
Tuesday December 23rd Advent Feria	9am to 9.50am Confession. 10am Mass – Michael Swingell RIP
Wednesday December 24th Advent Feria	9.15am No Adoration or Rosary. 10am to 11am FINAL CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS. No 10am Mass this morning.
CHRISTMAS EVE	4pm Children's Christmas Mass Patrick O'Connor RIP 5.30pm Christmas Carols 6pm Midnight Mass. In memory of Patrick and Tegwen Devenney R.I.P and James Lambley R.I.P.
CHRISTMAS DAY Advent Feria	9.15am No Adoration, Rosary. Confession. 10am Christmas Day Mass - Mark Jutzrenka
THE FEAST OF SAINT STEPHEN. Servers Mass	9am NO Adoration. Benediction. Divine Mercy. Confession. 11am Mass. Servers and their families.
Saturday December 27th Advent Feria	4.15pm - 4.50pm. Confession. 5pm Kathleen 'Moya' Wells (RIP) Anniversary
Sunday December 28th FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT. YEAR A.	9.30am - 9.50am. Confession. 10am Ann Jennings

Please note that there are NO CONFESSIONS for Christmas after Wednesday 10am.

Communion.

Everyone is most welcome to come to the altar rails 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. Thank you to those who Gift Aid their offertory. This enables the parish to benefit from the tax paid on your offering at no extra cost to you. If you would like to know how your tax can benefit the parish (which is a charity) then please have a word with Gary Linford. Thank you.

Baptism Preparation for children under 7.

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be held on **Tuesday 30th December at 7pm.** All parents wishing for their children to be baptised should attend this meeting to help you prepare for your child's baptism. For Children over 7, please book an appointment to speak with Fr Michael.

Finance.

Fr Michael would like to thank you all for your offerings, especially during these difficult financial times for everyone, and respectfully asks people to give some thought to the Church as prices continue to increase. Thank you.

Church Cleaning. Thank you to everyone who came and cleaned the Church last week in time for Christmas.

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. (Notice on board)

Donations. To ensure the church is heated and welcoming during these cold days, we are grateful for any donation you can make. Thank you.

Thank you. To everyone who helped decorate the church for Christmas, decorated the tree, arranged the flowers and put up the Crib. God Bless you all.

SOVERIGN BRASS CHRISTMAS CONCERT.

Thank you to everyone who made this such an amazing event, to Sovereign Brass, St Mary's school choir, and everyone who came, and to those who worked so hard behind the scenes to prepare the church and tidy up, and the Lee family for the catering. (They have a Cafe opposite the Manor Hospital)

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 should 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 Week's Attendance.

Total 146

SANCTUARY LAMPS

A new Sanctuary Lamp has been placed in the Sacred Heart Altar. The lamp in the Lady Altar will soon be replaced by one like that in the Sacred Heart Chapel.

Please Note

Fr Michael likes to greet people as they enter church and as they leave. He realises that this is an opportunity for people to speak to him about Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion, but he needs to get your children's details, so please make an appointment to see him where he can give you his full attention. Thank you.

FLOWERS.

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

Crib Donations.

This year's 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.

Saint Mary's School Christmas Carol Concert.

Thank you to those parishioners who came to St Mary's school Carol Concert. Always one of the highlights of Christmas.

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 Tree

Many thanks to Chris O'Gorman who donated the Christmas Tree, which he does every year. I'm most grateful to him for his support every year. Fr Michael.

Crib.

Thank you to Mick Taylor who puts the crib up for us every year, and to everyone who helped.

Confessions for Christmas.

As Fr Michael will be busy organising the Masses for Christmas, please note that he will not be hearing Confessions after Wednesday Morning. There is opportunity for those who wish to have confession for Christmas from 10am to 11am on Wednesday. Note there is no 10am Mass on Wednesday morning.

Parents who have children aged 7 or over, who have not yet been Baptised, Confirmed or received First Holy Communion, please make an appointment with the Priest. Preparation for these Sacraments will begin after Christmas.

Christmas Message.

My dear friends, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas.

I pray that the promise of the Lord's coming fill you all with hope. May his presence in our flesh be of great consolation and encouragement to you. May his abiding Holy Spirit strengthen you and your family to live joyfully in faith in the coming year.

May the light of his presence shine on you and your family this Christmas and always. May it find its way into the darkest corners of your lives. May this feast of peace renew joy and happiness within you.

May Saint Stephen, Saint John and the Holy Innocents pray for you all. May Simeon and Anna join in your prayers of praise, so that in all things you can see love and praise in our living Lord.

May God bless you all this Christmas, and his peace reign in our hearts in the year to come. Amen.

Piety Stall.

Thank you to everyone who have supported the Piety stall throughout the year, and to Tony and Carol for all they do to ensure the stall is stocked and someone is on hand to help parishioners and those visiting the Church.

Memorial Tree.

Please support the memorial tree at the back of church, where you can write the names of your loved ones to be remembered at Masses throughout Christmas. All donations received will be shared between the Church and the bread bank. Cost £1 per Angel, which is hung on the tree.



Christmas Bingo

Why not come and have a game of Bingo over the Christmas season and meet with your friends and have some fun. **Saturday 27th December at 2.30pm everyone welcome.**

PARISH DIRECTORY.

Parish Treasurer & Church Cleaning: Kristine Moseley.

pt.stmaryoth.wednesbury@rcaob.org.uk

Health & Safety: Paul Piddock.

hs.stmaryoth.wednesbury@rcaob.org.uk

Gift Aid & Children's Liturgy/Catechesis: Gary Linford.

ga.stmaryoth.wednesbury@rcaob.org.uk

Parish Hall Bookings: Margaret Holden.

hall.stmaryoth.wednesbury@rcaob.org.uk

Safeguarding & Extraordinary Minister for the Sick:

Mary Jones.

sg.stmaryoth.wednesbury@rcaob.org.uk

St Mary's School Headteacher Mrs Amy Pritchard.

Flowers: Ann Baxter. Bridget Lane. June Lefan.

All voluntary jobs by appointment.

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of 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. Maureen Lilian Haddock, Maureen May Evans.

Our Lady and the Sacred Heart. Sanctuary Lamps.

To have a Sanctuary Lamp lit in one of the chapels, for your intentions or loved ones, please fill in an envelope, available at the back of church, place your £10 in and give to Fr Michael. Thank you. Candles cost £10.

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

William Whorriskey RIP

In Loving memory of Ken Baxter RIP (10th November)

Janet Jolley RIP (4th November)

The Sanctuary lamp in the Sacred Heart Chapel burns for:

Health and Wellbeing for the Carless and Spray Families. (21st December 2025)

Chris, Patrick, Michael, Andrew, and Philip O'Gorman, with thanks from all parishioners.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF: -

Sambrooks family, Allexander & Knowles family, William and May Nickless, Mr & Mrs O'Connor, Maureen and Joan Swift for Christopher, Kevin and Frances Garaghty, Derek Wilks, Bacon Family, Josh Clarke, Eileen Mole, Tery Wellings, William Whorriskey, also, many thanks for all the donations towards the Christmas flowers.

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.

