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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.

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**HYMNS**

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<b>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</b>	
<b>11th APRIL 2026/12th APRIL 2026</b>	
Easter Saturday April 11th <input type="checkbox"/>	10am. Mass with the Sacraments of Initiation and Reception into the Catholic Church. 4.15pm – 4.50pm Confessions. 5pm Mass – Tegwen Mary Devenney. RIP. Anniversary.
Sunday April 12th DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY <input type="checkbox"/>	9.30am - 9.50am. Confession by request. 10am Cynthia and Malcolm Black (RIP) 2.30pm – ADORATION AND CONFESSION. 3pm – DIVINE MERCY. FOLLOWED BY BENEDICTION. No confessions please after 2.50pm.
Monday April 13 <sup>th</sup> Easter Feria <input type="checkbox"/>	10am NO MASS.
Tuesday April 14 <sup>th</sup> Easter Feria <input type="checkbox"/>	10am Mass – Intentions of the Perpetual Mass Fund.
Wednesday April 15 <sup>th</sup> Easter Feria <input type="checkbox"/>	10am Mass – Phylis Mary Woodward RIP
Thursday April 16 <sup>th</sup> Easter Feria <input type="checkbox"/>	10am. Mass – Michael Piggott RIP.
Friday April 17 <sup>th</sup> Easter Feria <input type="checkbox"/>	9am – Exposition, Confession, Divine Mercy. Benediction. 10am. Mass – People of the Parish.
Saturday April 18th Easter Feria <input type="checkbox"/>	4.15pm – 4.50pm Confessions. 5pm Mass – Holy Souls.
Sunday April 19th EASTER 3. <input type="checkbox"/>	9.30am - 9.50am. Confession by request. 10am Michael Piggott (RIP)

### **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 31st March at 7pm**. All parents wishing for their children to be baptised should attend this meeting to help you prepare for your child's baptism.

### **Thank You.**

Many thanks to everyone for your cards, gifts, and your very generous Easter Offerings. I hope you all had a wonderful Easter Sunday and Easter Monday. Thank you to everyone who supported the services throughout Holy Week and Easter; without you, it couldn't be done. Many thanks too, to all those who work so hard behind the scenes to keep everything running smoothly; servers, readers, coordinators, flower arrangers; many thanks to team CL (Children's Liturgy) for coming out tops when suddenly about 50 children descended on you, maybe a first, hopefully not the last. God Bless you all. Fr Michael.

**Food Bank:** There is a box in the Porch. Please support if you can. Thank you to all parishioners who support this Ecumenical Ministry.

### **Clergy Training Fund.**

Thank you to those who regularly donate to the CTF.

Whilst every effort is made to ensure that the information given is correct, we do make mistakes, therefore, please inform us if there is a mistake, and we will ensure it is corrected. thank you.

### **Baptism Certificates.**

Please note that Baptism Certificates are given to those who have been baptised one month after the Baptism, and not on the day of the Baptism itself. Thank you.

### **Replacement Certificates.**

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

### **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, Mavis Green.

### **Last Week's Attendance.**

**Easter Vigil 55  
Easter Sunday 210  
Total 265**

Please note that Fr Michael is not available on Monday's. Thank you.

### **GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION**

**Thank you all for your donations towards the Holy Places. Your donations go towards the upkeep of the Vatican and holy places. Pope Leo has asked to convey his thanks to everyone who contributes during these difficult financial times for all people. If you would like to donate, it's not too late, please put your offertory in an envelope and mark it 'Holy Places' and put it in the collection along with your offertory. Thank you.**

### **Dates For your Diary.**

**Corpus Christi and First Holy Communion, Sunday the 7th of June. Mass 10am.**

**SAINT MARY'S SPRING FAIR. ALL WELCOME.**  
**Spring Fair Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April, doors open at 11am. All donations gratefully received. The hall will be open on Friday 24th April from 9am to set tables and stalls anyone that is able to help will be most warmly welcome. The Hall will be open from 8.30am on the 25th April for anyone who is able to help run the stalls on Saturday. If you can help to run a stall, you will be most welcome. New volunteers welcome, and will be 'shown the ropes'**

**All homemade cakes most welcome. If you haven't done this before, and would like to have a go, you'd be most welcome. The focus on the day is to come, socialise and have a good time together, and have some FUN! Hopefully the weather will be kind.**

**RCIA** Congratulations to the following people who received one or all of the Sacraments of Initiation; Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist; Samuela Wainiqolo, Rianatou Chiengwa Kamta, Kendrick Kamta Mbondi, Horton Kamta Mbondi, Koa Greenwood, Daniel Brett Greenwood, Kunashe Chisango, Owen James Dutton, Harrison McCarthy, Rebekah Naomi Lock.

Standing Orders. Many thanks to those parishioners who choose to support the mission of the church by giving by Standing Order. Anyone who would like to support the mission of the church in this way, please have a word with Gary Linford or Fr Michael, who will be glad to help.

**Parish Handbook.**

Those who volunteer in an administrative capacity in the parish, Such as on the Finance Council, should have received a copy of the new Parish Handbook. This will soon be available to view on the parish website together with another diocesan publication on the processes associated with the clustering and merger, or closure of a parish. This is offered for your information.

**Job Opportunity.**

The Lee family are currently looking for people to work in their Restaurant, Caffé 41. Duties include cooking and serving. If you are interested or know someone who may be interested, then please contact Syrika at Caffé 41, Pleck Road, Walsall, WS2 9XX, opposite the main entrance to Manor Hospital.

**Induction Invite. St Bart's.**

We are Cordially invited to the induction service and welcome to Revd. Canon Dr. Taiwo Olumuyiwa at St Barts Church. Wednesbury. Saturday 25th April 2026 at 1pm. Please arrive by 12.30pm. All Welcome.

**HAPPY EASTER**

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Easter. May the Risen Lord Bless every one of you now and always. Fr Michael.

“Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth her song begin: let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein; invisible and visible, their notes let all things blend, for Christ the Lord has risen, Our joy that hath no end.” Saint John of Damascus.

**CHRISTUS SURREXIT! SURREXIT VERE!**

**ALLELUIA!!!**

**EASTER FLOWERS IN MEMORY.**

Thank you to everyone who donated towards the Easter Flowers in memory of your loved ones.

**DAISY AND LILY FRASER – BACON.  
JOYCE, PATRICK AND MICHAEL O’CONNOR.  
SAMBROOKS FAMILY.  
BRIAN AND VALERIE HUMPRIES.  
WILLIAM WHORRISKEY.  
ALEXANDER AND KNOWLES FAMILIES.  
GORDON HOLT.  
SHEILA DEWHURST.  
WILLIAM AND MAY NICKLESS.  
SHEILA AND NORMAN BURDEN.  
NORMAN AND ELIZABETH MORRIS.  
THOMAS WILSON.  
JOAN SWIFT.  
BETTY LANGFORD.  
FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF BAILEY AND  
LANGFORD FAMILIES.**

**Seamus Robert Barnett. RIP.**

Of your charity, please pray for the immortal soul of Seamus Robert Barnett, and for his family and friends who mourn for him. Funeral Service to be held in Church on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 1.30pm followed by Committal at Sandwell Crematorium at 2.30pm. May the Souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

**Kathleen Ann Hill (RIP)** 17 July 1949 - 1 March 2026. Funeral service: 10.30 am at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Stowheath Lane, Wolverhampton, WV1 2QN followed by committal at Crematorium: 12.15 pm, Sandwell Valley Crematorium, Newton Road, West Bromwich, B71 3SX. Kathleen's Family invites you to join them in celebrating the life of Kath on Friday 17 April 2026.



"On this day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy... let no soul fear to draw nearer to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet," — Jesus to [St.Faustina](#)

(Diary, 699).



## PARISH DIRECTORY.

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**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 **April**: Rosina Bailey, Elsie Basford, Cynthia and Malcolm Black, Agnes Brown, Fr Timothy Burke, Brian Callaghan, Agnes Davies, Graham Davies, Tegwen Devenney, Anne Graham, William Haken, Vivien (Viv) Mary Harper, Michael Huskisson, Anthony Michael Ilsley, Anne Jennings, Paul and Yvonne Laffan, Josie Langan, Veronice Madden, Gerard Mason, Ann Maybury, Bishop Leo McCartie, Edna McNally, Olive Mellings, Agnes Mary Moran, Bernard Patrick Moran, Michael Mullins, Michael O'Connor, Clarice May Peach, Stephen John Perkin, Mary Perry, Andrew Robbinson, Marion Turner, Barbara Wooldridge.

### 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:

**JOHN AND WENDY BUCKBY**

**WILLIAM WHORRISKEY RIP.**

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

**ROSINA BAILEY ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE**

**ANDREA MCCARTHY RIP 4TH - 11TH APRIL 2026**

Passports The priest is available to sign passports upon request, but please note that he must have known the person for at least 2 years, and not the parishioner asking the priest to sign the passport on their behalf. The passport office does phone the presbytery to check, and a fee of £30 is charged per passport. Thank you.

**Please check the Parish Website for regular updates. We receive more information than what can be put on the Newsletter, so please check our website for more information.**

**Thank you.**

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 also available on the parish website.

