

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

EASTER WEEK 3 - 49 461 518 226 468 15

EASTER WEEK 3	
18th APRIL 2026/19th APRIL 2026	
Saturday April 18th Easter Feria	<input type="checkbox"/> 4.15pm – 4.50pm Confessions. 5pm Mass – Cyril Dawes RIP
Sunday April 19th EASTER 3.	<input type="checkbox"/> 9.30am - 9.50am. Confession by request. 10am Michael Piggott (RIP)
Monday April 20 th Easter Feria	<input type="checkbox"/> 10am NO MASS.
Tuesday April 21st Easter Feria	<input type="checkbox"/> 9.15am Adoration, Rosary, Confession. (by Request) 10am Mass –John Raymond Jennings RIP
Wednesday April 22nd Easter Feria	<input type="checkbox"/> 9.15am Adoration, Rosary, Confession. (by Request) 10am Mass – Phylis Mary Woodward RIP
Thursday April 23rd Solemnity. Saint George of England.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 9.15am Adoration, Rosary, Confession. (by Request) 10am. Mass – Michael Piggott RIP.
Friday April 24th Easter Feria	<input type="checkbox"/> 9am – Exposition, Confession, Divine Mercy. Benediction. 10am. Mass – Intentions of the Perpetual Mass Fund.
Saturday April 25th Feast. Saint Mark. Evangelist. Today there is a retiring collection for the Clergy Training Fund (CTF).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4.15pm – 4.50pm Confessions. 5pm Mass – James Lambley RIP Birthday Remembrance.
Sunday April 26th EASTER 4. World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Today there is a retiring collection for the Clergy Training Fund (CTF).	<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 in the Church hall.

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 28th April at 7pm IN THE CHURCH HALL.** All parents wishing for their children to be baptised should attend this meeting to help you prepare for your child's baptism. Thank you.

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.

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.

Please note that Fr Michael is not available on Monday's. 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 9th May, doors open at 11am. All donations gratefully received. The hall will be open on Friday 8th May 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 9th May for anyone who can 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 everyone who was Baptised, received into full Communion, Confirmed, and received the Holy Eucharist. Please ensure that Fr Michael has details of your Sponsors/Godparents, and Saints names, so that the details can be inserted into the Parish registers. Thank you.

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.

CHURCH CLEANING.

Help is asked please to clean the Church on the following Tuesday's; 28th April, 26th May and 30th June. If you can help, for about half an hour or so to flick a duster and do a bit of a tidy up, we'd be most grateful. Kris Moseley. Fr Michael.

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 1st 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.

1st Collection Gift Aid: £68
1st Collection Loose: £290.50
Votives: £20
Occasional Income: £1,369.71
Holy Places: £81.36
Clergy Training Fund: £5.00
Total: £1,834.57

Attendance Last Weekend.

Saturday: 38
Sunday: 78
Total 116

Life can be isolating, and church provides a necessary anchor of community. Being physically present allows for real, face-to-face encouragement, which strengthens faith more effectively than online services alone. It offers a space where believers support one another, carry burdens, and celebrate victories together.

Next Sunday is GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY and World Day of Prayer for Vocations, there will be a retiring collection for the Clergy Training Fund (CTF).

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord before me always; with him at my right hand, I shall not be moved.



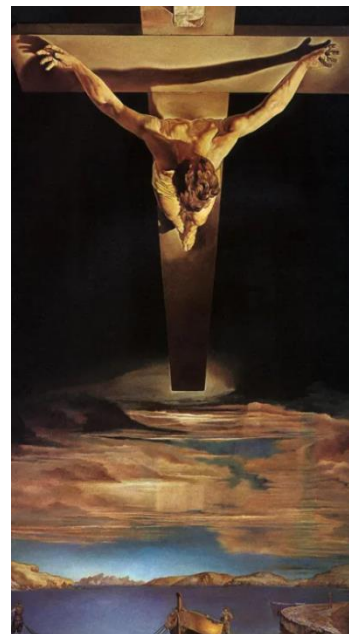
Divine Mercy Sunday.

Many thanks to those who came to support the Divine Mercy service last Sunday. There was Adoration, Confession, Divine Mercy, and Benediction. Congratulations also to Sam Wainiqolo who was Baptised, Confirmed, and received Holy Communion last week. All in all, it was a very busy Week. Thank you to those who helped and supported the Church last week during this time. God Bless you all. Fr Michael.

Easter 3 (the third Sunday of Easter) focuses on recognizing the Risen Lord in everyday life, companionship, and mission. Key wisdom emphasizes that the resurrection brings lasting joy, hope, and new beginnings, empowering believers to live as agents of renewal, shifting from mourning to mission.

Easter Flowers.

Flowers on the Altar in the Lady Chapel are given in memory of Agnes Elizabeth Davies (27th April) and Alison Davies (26th April). The flowers at the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham are given in memory of a birthday remembrance for Peter Anthony Davies for Friday 17th April. If anyone would like to donate flowers throughout Easter in memory of a loved one, please see Anne Baxter. Thank you.



May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.



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 **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 RAYMOND JENNINGS RIP.
ANTHONY MORAN 24TH APRIL 2026.**

The Sanctuary lamp in the Sacred Heart Chapel burns for:

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR IN APRIL.

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.

