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

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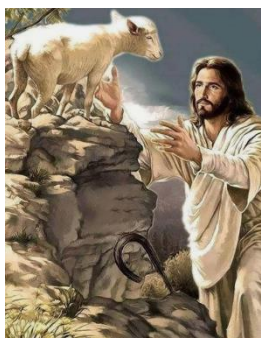
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SAFEGUARDING: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Mary Jones. She can be contacted at sg.stmaryoth.wednesbury@rcaob.org.uk 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.

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EASTER WEEK 4 – 195 461 528 533 468 340

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25th APRIL 2026/26th APRIL 2026	
Saturday April 25th Feast. Saint Mark. Evangelist.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4.15pm – 4.50pm Confessions. 5pm Mass – James Lambley RIP Birthday Remembrance.
Sunday April 26th EASTER 4.	<input type="checkbox"/> 9.30am - 9.50am. Confession by request. 10am Michael Piggott (RIP)
Monday April 27th Easter Feria	<input type="checkbox"/> 10am NO MASS.
Tuesday April 28th Easter Feria	<input type="checkbox"/> 9.15am Adoration, Rosary, Confession. (by Request) 10am Mass –Michael Piggott. RIP.
Wednesday April 29th Feast. St Catherine of Siena.	<input type="checkbox"/> 9.15am Adoration, Rosary, Confession. (by Request) 10am Mass – Phylis Mary Woodward RIP
Thursday April 30th Easter Feria.	<input type="checkbox"/> 9.15am Adoration, Rosary, Confession. (by Request) 10am. Mass – Intentions of the Perpetual Mass Fund.
Friday May 1st Easter Feria	<input type="checkbox"/> 9am – No Exposition, Confession, Divine Mercy. Benediction. 10am. No Mass 1.30pm – Funeral Service Seamus Barnett. RIP. 2.30pm – Committal Sandwell Crematorium.
Saturday May 2nd Memorial. St Athanasius.	<input type="checkbox"/> 4.15pm – 4.50pm Confessions. 5pm Mass – Michael Piggott (RIP)
Sunday May 3rd EASTER 5.	<input type="checkbox"/> 9.30am - 9.50am. Confession by request. 10am - Joan Harrison 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.

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.

Card Reader.

From this weekend we will be able to take card payments for those who prefer to use a card rather than cash for their offertory. You can choose your donation from £1 to £20. The card reader will be available from Fr Michael. Please speak to him if you wish to make any card payment for offertory or donations. Thank you.

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 Manor Hospital main entrance to entrance.



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: £85

1st Collection Loose:
£287.09

Votives: £140.27

Clergy Training Fund: £5.00

Total: £517.36

Attendance Last Weekend.

Saturday: 60

Sunday: 80

Total 140

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.

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.

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.



VOLUNTEERS.

The Parish is now required by the diocese, that all those who volunteer in the parish will be required to be given information and guidance concerning safeguarding, for which we are all responsible.

This will mean that with the help of Fr Michael and Mary Jones, volunteers will be given information to read and helped to do a short informative course on our responsibilities regarding safeguarding in the parish. It will take no longer than 30 minutes of your time and you will be helped by Fr Michael and Mary Jones.

This is something that will be introduced into the parish gradually over the next 12 months. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please speak with Fr Michael or Mary Jones.

Clergy Training Fund – Vocations Sunday Appeal

This Sunday is Vocations Sunday, and there will be a second collection for the Clergy Training Fund. This fund supports the formation of our future priests and permanent deacons for our Archdiocese.

The formation of a priest typically takes around seven years and costs in the region of £200,000 per seminarian. This is a significant commitment for our Archdiocese, and it relies entirely on your generosity. Please give as generously as you are able, either in the second collection this weekend or online at: www.vocations.org.uk/ctf

For more information about vocations and the work of the Vocations Office, please see their latest newsletter available online.

Please also keep in your prayers those currently discerning their vocation, and those in formation, that they may have the courage and perseverance to follow the Lord's call. Thank you for your support and generosity.

With my prayers and every blessing in this Easter Season.

Yours devotedly in Christ,

✠ Bernard Longley

Archbishop of Birmingham

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ Bernard". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a faint, light-colored rectangular background.



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 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.



This QR code can be used to make donations or to give an offertory using your phone instead of using money. If you prefer to use a card, then please speak to Fr Michael.