

**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PRAY FOR US**

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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.

**HYMNS**

**EASTER WEEK 5 – 73 461 321 627 468 82**

<b>EASTER WEEK 5</b>	
<b>2nd May 2026/3rd May 2026</b>	
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
Monday May 4th Feast. English Martyrs.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10am NO MASS.
Tuesday May 5th Easter Feria	<input type="checkbox"/> 9.15am Adoration, Rosary, Confession. (by Request) 10am Mass – Phyllis Mary Woodward (RIP)
Wednesday May 6th Easter Feria.	<input type="checkbox"/> 9.15am NO Adoration, Rosary, Confession. 10am NO Mass
Thursday May 7th Easter Feria.	<input type="checkbox"/> 9.15am Adoration, Rosary, Confession. (by Request) 10am. School Mass – Intentions of the Perpetual Mass Fund.
Friday May 8th Easter Feria	<input type="checkbox"/> 9am – Exposition, Confession, Divine Mercy. Benediction. 10am. Mass – Phyllis Mary Woodward (RIP)
Saturday May 9th Easter Feria.	<input type="checkbox"/> 4.15pm – 4.50pm Confessions. 5pm Mass – Joan Harrison RIP (Pat Wilkins)
Sunday May 10th EASTER 6.	<input type="checkbox"/> 9.30am - 9.50am. Confession by request. 10am - Michael Piggott (RIP)

**MAY. THE MONTH OF MARY.**

May is a month of special devotion to our Blessed Mother. The crowning of an image of the Blessed Virgin Mary has been a long-standing Catholic devotion. Although it is a custom to practice this devotion as a parish family, we can also make it a practice within our own families, the domestic church. The statue of Mary will be crowned at the 10am Mass this weekend by one of the girls before the Children's liturgy.

### **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.**

Parents wanting their children Baptised, please book an appointment to speak with 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.

### **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 9<sup>th</sup> May, doors open at 11am. All donations gratefully received. The hall will be open on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**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.**

A card reader is available for those parishioners who prefer to give their offertory by bank card. Please speak to Fr Michael for more details. 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.**

Thank you to those lovely parishioners who helped to clean the church last Tuesday. Next cleaning days are 26<sup>th</sup> May and 30<sup>th</sup> 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.



1st Collection Gift Aid: £63  
1st Collection Loose: £292.70  
2nd collection –  
Clergy Training Fund (GA): £14.50  
2nd collection –  
Clergy Training Fund (loose):  
£121.65

Total: £491.85

Attendance Last Weekend.

Saturday: 46  
Sunday: 85  
Total 131

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.

I am heartily grateful for all those who give so freely of their time to help volunteer with various jobs around the church. These can be jobs like sweeping the floor, tidying the toilets, to being on one of the church councils. New volunteers are now appointed by the parish priest and will need to be given information on safeguarding in the parish. This will, in most cases be a leaflet given to you when you volunteer. Those who have volunteered for years will be given a leaflet by Mary Jones in due cause on safeguarding. Leaders and some involving the care of children will be required to do a level 2 or 3 safeguarding course. Help will be given by Fr Michael and Mary Jones.

Church Hall.

Saint Mary's Hall is available to hire by any person for meetings, parties, and so forth. If you would like to hire the hall rates are per hour; please speak with Margaret Holden or email [hall.stmaryoth.wednesbury@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:hall.stmaryoth.wednesbury@rcaob.org.uk) Thank you.

**Bicentennial Celebrations**



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**200 YEARS OF FAITH, LOVE & SERVICE**  
10<sup>th</sup> May 1827 – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2027

**JUBILEE INAUGURATION**

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026, 11 am

**HIS GRACE ARCHBISHOP BERNARD LONGLEY**

Holy Mass  
Blessing of Jubilee Memorial Marian Shrine  
Releasing of Jubilee Memorabilia  
Jubilee Logo  
Fellowship Meal

**JUBILEE CONCLUSION**

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2027, 11 am

Thanksgiving Mass  
Burial of Time Capsule  
Jubilee Memorial Plaque  
Fellowship Meal

*"The Lord has done great things for us"*  
(psalm 126:3)





## **PARISH DIRECTORY.**

**Parish Treasurer & Church Cleaning: Kristine Moseley.**

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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 faithful departed whose Anniversaries occur in **MAY**: Vivien Mary Harper, Thomas Bennett, Frank & Olwen Borg, Michael Bradley, Catherine Byrne, Charles Byrne, Mary Clarke, Thomas Clarke, Ann Adenia Coll, Jane & Angela Cowley, John Diggett, John & Pat Gaunt, Eddie Haken, Lorraine Haken (Darby), Roger Howell, Mary Elizabeth Ilsley, Maurice Ilsley, W.J. Ilsley, Graham Harper, Marian Kilvington, Catherine Mason, Joseph Moore, David Newall, Samuel Nicholls, Beatrice Mary Peach, Walter Anthony Peach, Mary Philage (nee Hirrill), Margaret Piddock, Joyce Piggott, Fr James Ward.

### **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:](#)**

**[The Sanctuary lamp in the Sacred Heart Chapel burns for:](#)**

**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.