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**Saint Mary's Catholic Church,  
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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 6 – 15, 461, 468,**

<b>EASTER WEEK 6</b>	
<b>9th May 2026/10th May 2026</b>	
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 - Seamus Barnett RIP. (Bernadette)
Monday May 11th Easter Feria.	<input type="checkbox"/> 10am NO MASS.
Tuesday May 12th Easter Feria	<input type="checkbox"/> 10am NO MASS.
Wednesday May 13th Easter Feria.	<input type="checkbox"/> 9.15am Adoration, Rosary, Confession. (Request) 10am Mass Phylis Mary Woodward (RIP)
Thursday May 14th SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD. <i>Holy Day of Obligation.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 9.15am Adoration, Rosary, Confession. (by Request) 10am. Mass – Intentions of Isaac.
Friday May 15th Easter Feria	<input type="checkbox"/> 9am – Exposition, Confession, Divine Mercy. Benediction. 10am. Mass – Perpetual Mass Fund.
Saturday May 16th Easter Feria.	<input type="checkbox"/> 4.15pm – 4.50pm Confessions. 5pm Mass – Irene and Andrew Costley.
Sunday May 17th EASTER 7.	<input type="checkbox"/> 9.30am - 9.50am. Confession by request. 10am - Christopher Moran (RIP) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

**Saint Mary's Website.**

Did you know that you can check whether a Mass has been taken, or if you can have your intention said on the day of your choice, by checking on our website. You can also check if your Mass has been booked, or if your intention for the Altar Candles has been booked. You can also check Mass times, funerals, Baptisms, and Second Collections, plus social events and other things happening in the wider church, just by checking our website.

### **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 available by request after the day of baptism. No extra charge. 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.**

**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, who will be glad to help.

### **Card Reader. QR Codes. Bacs.**

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. QR codes are also placed around the Church and Hall for donations. Account no and Sort Code to be made available for those who like to give by bacs. Thank you. Please note that the Church relies heavily upon your charity to provide you with a priest. Many parishes today do not have their own priest. We are very fortunate in that we do have our own priest. To keep it that way, please be as generous as you can in your offerings and attend mass as often as you possibly can. Your support of the parish is imperative to keep the church and the school operational and will ensure things will remain as they are without change. 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.

### **GARDENING PARTY.**

**No, not a garden party, but who knows, perhaps in the future this could become a reality. It has been suggested by a few parishioners to hold a gardening party. The idea is that as many people as possible come to help tidy up the Church gardens. I've tried to tidy up the church hall gardens, and a few have done great work on the Church gardens. It would be good for a large group to come and work together on a Saturday morning for a few hours to tidy the gardens. It could be spread over a couple of weeks in the summer, one week doing the hall gardens, one week on the old school, and another week on the Church gardens. It isn't meant to be a chore but a social gathering and fun, whilst at the same time tidying up the place. I shall provide the refreshments; you provide your tools and time. 2 to 3 hours, or whatever you can do, all helps. I haven't yet set a date, to give people time to think, so please let me know when/or if, you'd like to have a go. Many thanks. Fr Michael.**

## CHURCH CLEANING.

Next cleaning days are 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.

1st Collection Gift Aid: £93  
1st Collection Loose: £294.46  
2nd collection –  
Clergy Training Fund (GA): £6  
Piety: £225  
Church Hall income: £40  
Total: £658.46  
Attendance  
Saturday: 50  
Sunday: 80  
Total 130

## Easter Flowers.

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.

Safeguarding Rep. I'd like to thank Mary Jones for all that she does for us as our Safeguarding Rep. It has been a difficult task this past 3 years getting all the DBS's done and now having to process volunteers. I am most grateful to her for all the help she gives me in this difficult duty. Fr Michael.

Retiring Collections. There will be a Diocesan retiring collection this weekend for the Poor Parishes Fund. Next week there will be a Diocesan Retiring Collection for Catholic Communications.

## 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**

**St. Mary's the Mount Catholic Church**  
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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 Visits. When I was younger, I remember Catholic neighbours saying that they dreaded the priest knocking the door if they hadn't been to Mass. Some would hide behind the sofa till he'd gone. 😊 If you haven't been to mass for a while, expect a knock at the door.



Parish Financial Return 2025. I have just been informed by the diocese that our financial return for 2025 has been processed by the diocese with no issues. I'd like to thank Kris Moseley, our Treasurer for all her hard work, and all those who work so hard on our parish finances, those on the Finance Council, and those who so generously offered to do the counting. I am most grateful to you all for all the help you give to me and the parish. God Bless you all. Fr Michael.



## **PARISH DIRECTORY.**

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

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**Parish Hall Bookings: Margaret Holden.**

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**Safeguarding & Extraordinary Minister for the Sick:**

**Mary Jones.**

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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.**

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.