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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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16th May 2026/17th May 2026	
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 nd Anniversary
Monday May 18th Easter Feria.	<input type="checkbox"/> 10am NO MASS.
Tuesday May 19th Easter Feria	<input type="checkbox"/> 9.15am Adoration, Rosary, Confession. (Request) 10am Mass - Phylis Mary Woodward (RIP)
Wednesday May 20th Easter Feria.	<input type="checkbox"/> 9.15am Adoration, Rosary, Confession. (Request) 10am Mass Phylis Mary Woodward (RIP)
Thursday May 21st Easter Feria	<input type="checkbox"/> 9.15am Adoration, Rosary, Confession. (by Request) 10am. Mass – Perpetual Mass Fund.
Friday May 22nd Easter Feria	<input type="checkbox"/> 9am – Exposition, Confession, Divine Mercy. Benediction. 10am. Mass – Repose of the Soul of Lumeck Chirimanzi (RIP) 1.30pm – May Procession from School to Church.
Saturday May 23rd Easter Feria.	<input type="checkbox"/> 4.15pm – 4.50pm Confessions. 5pm Mass – Michael Piggott (RIP).
Sunday May 24th PENTECOST.	<input type="checkbox"/> 9.30am - 9.50am. Confession by request. 10am - People of the Parish. 12.30pm – Baptism. Eliza - Grey Morgan Palmer

Prayer to Our Lady, Help of Christians.

Most Holy Virgin Mary, Help of Christians, how sweet it is to come to your feet imploring your perpetual help. If earthly mothers cease not to remember their children, how can you, the most loving of all mothers, forget me? Grant then to me, I implore you, your perpetual help in all my necessities, in every sorrow, and especially in all my temptations. I ask for your unceasing help for all who are now suffering. Help the weak, cure the sick, convert sinners. Grant through your intercession many vocations to the religious life. Obtain for me, O Mary, Help of Christians, that having invoked you here on earth, I may love and eternally thank you in Heaven. Amen.

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 is now available for those who like to give by bacs. 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.

Thank you to those who have offered to help tidy up the church/hall gardens. So far, we have 10 people. It would be good to do this on a regular basis, hence keeping the gardens tidy at minimum cost. I had proposed Saturday 23rd May, but as that's this coming Saturday, I propose Saturday 6th June at 10am. If you would like to help, please turn up on the day, more hands make light work. Refreshments provided. Please bring your own gardening equipment. Thank you. 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: £75

Loose: £308.09

2nd collection

Poor Parishes Fund

(GA): £14.80

Loose £97.69

Piety: £171.02

Occasional Fundraising income: £1196.05

CTF Regular Donations £5

Total: £1867.65

Attendance

Saturday: 56

Sunday: 103

Total 159

Flowers.

If anyone would like to donate flowers 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.

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 Thank you.

Electrical Work is currently being undertaken in the Church Hall to bring the hall up to date with electrical regulations. This work is being done because of your generous donations to the Church and Hall restoration fund. There will be new lighting put in the hall and electrical work which will make wiring throughout much safer. There should be minimum disruption to users.

Second Collections.

This Weekend – Catholic Communications.
Next Weekend – Church/Hall Restoration.
20th/21st June – Day for Life.
27th/28th June – Peters Pence.
11th/12th July – Mission Appeal – The Holy Family Sisters of the Needy.

On Receiving the Blessed Sacrament.

The normal reception of Holy Communion in the Catholic Church requires being a baptized Catholic in a state of grace (free from mortal sin), observing a one-hour fast from food and drink (except water/medicine), and believing in the Real Presence. It is typically received kneeling, making the sign of the cross beforehand, receiving either on the tongue or in the hand.

Essential Requirements for Reception

State of Grace: A person conscious of grave (mortal) sin must not receive Communion without prior sacramental confession.

Eucharistic Fast: One must abstain from all food and drink (except water and medicine) for at least one hour before Holy Communion.

Belief: One must believe in the real presence of Jesus, Body soul and divinity in the blessed sacrament, and in the doctrine of Transubstantiation—that the bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ.

Frequency: Catholics are encouraged to receive communion frequently but are mandated to do so at least once a year, typically during the Easter season.

Normal Manner of Receiving Communion.

Approach the Altar respectfully, crossing yourself before receiving the Sacrament as a sign of reverence.

Posture: The norm is kneeling, although you may stand if kneeling is difficult.

Reception in the Hand: Form a "throne" for the Lord by placing one hand on top of the other. The Host is taken to the mouth with the other hand **immediately** before moving away.

Reception on the Tongue: The Host is placed directly on the tongue by the Priest.

Response: Say "**Amen**" to the proclamation "The Body of Christ" (or "The Blood of Christ").

Intinction: In the Roman Rite, it is not the norm for communicants to dip the Host into the chalice themselves.

Exceptions and Notes

Non-Catholics: Generally, Catholics do not share Communion with those not in full union with the Catholic Church.

Confession: If a person is in a state of mortal sin, they must go to confession before receiving communion, unless they have a grave reason to receive, cannot go to confession, and have made an act of perfect contrition.

Genuflection. It is normal to Genuflect (go down on one knee) making the sign of the cross **before** entering the pew, and when **leaving** the pew, and when going to the Altar to receive Communion.

In the Catholic Church, the bishop is the primary custodian of the Eucharist within his diocese, and the Parish Priest holds this responsibility within his parish. As ordained clergy, priests and deacons are the ordinary ministers responsible for the protection, celebration, and distribution of the Blessed Sacrament.



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 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:](#)

[In Loving Memory of Patrick, Michael, Andrew and Philip O'Gorman.](#)

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. Bacs. Acc. 6581 6357 Sort. 04 14 50