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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 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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28th March 2026/29th March 2026		
Saturday April 4th Holy Saturday.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10am. Blessing of the Easter Food. 7.30pm – 9pm. Easter Vigil. Mass. Michael Piggott RIP. NO CONFESSIONS.
Sunday April 5th SOLEMNITY OF THE RESSURECTION OF THE LORD.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9.30am - 9.50am. NO CONFESSIONS. 10am Alison Southcombe RIP birthday remembrance.
Easter Monday April 6th	<input type="checkbox"/>	10am NO MASS.
Easter Tuesday April 7th	<input type="checkbox"/>	10am NO MASS.
Easter Wednesday April 8th	<input type="checkbox"/>	10am NO MASS.
Easter Thursday April 9th	<input type="checkbox"/>	10am. NO MASS.
Easter Friday April 10th	<input type="checkbox"/>	10am. NO MASS. 1.15pm Funeral Service Colin Joseph Jennings. RIP. Followed by burial at Fallings Heath Cemetery.
Easter Saturday April 11th Holy Saturday.	<input type="checkbox"/>	10am. Mass with the Sacraments of Initiation and Reception into the Catholic Church. 4.15pm – 4.50pm Confessions. 5pm Mass – Tegwen Mary Devenney. RIP. Anniversary.
Sunday April 12th DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.30am - 9.50am. Confession by request. 10am Cynthia and Malcolm Black (RIP) 2.30pm – ADORATION AND CONFESSION. 3pm – DIVINE MERCY. FOLLOWED BY BENEDICTION. No confessions please after 2.50pm.

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.

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 31st March at 7pm**. All parents wishing for their children to be baptised should attend this meeting to help you prepare for your child's baptism.

Finance.

1 st Coll G.A.	£83.00
1 st Coll Loose	£327.96
Restoration Fund	£286.77
Exceptional/Cemetery	£100.00
Votives	£30.00
Occasional Income	£77.00
Repository	£150.00
Cemetery	£100.00
CTF	£5.00
Total	£1059.73

Thank you all for your generous offerings.

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.

Last Week's Attendance.

Saturday 46

Sunday 120

Total 166

Fr Michael will not be available this week. Thank you.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

There will be a collection on Good Friday for the Holy Places.

Dates For your Diary.

Sacraments of Initiation and Reception into the Catholic Church. Saturday 11th April 10.00am.

Corpus Christi and First Holy Communion, Sunday the 7th of June. Mass 10am.

SOCIAL EVENTS.

4th April Bingo 2.30pm

9th May. Spring Fair

Barn Dance April date to be confirmed.

Cream Tea in May date to be confirmed.

Summer Fair 4th July

Bingo through August

Proposed concert.

Proposed quiz evening.

HYMNS FOR SATURDAY VIGIL.

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Kathleen Ann Hill (RIP) 17 July 1949 - 1 March 2026. Funeral service: 10.30 am at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Stowheath Lane, Wolverhampton, WV1 2QN followed by committal at Crematorium: 12.15 pm, Sandwell Valley Crematorium, Newton Road, West Bromwich, B71 3SX. Kathleen's Family invites you to join them in celebrating the life of Kath on Friday 17 April 2026.



RCIA

All those who are to be baptised and confirmed next week, please ensure you have a Catholic Sponsor/Godparent. Those to be Confirmed, please ensure that you have chosen a Saints name as your Patron for Confirmation. 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.

HAPPY EASTER

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Easter. May the Risen Lord Bless every one of you now and always. Fr Michael.

“Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth her song begin: let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein; invisible and visible, their notes let all things blend, for Christ the Lord has risen, Our joy that hath no end.” Saint John of Damascus.

CHRISTUS SURREXIT! SURREXIT VERE!

ALLELUIA!!!

Easter Sunday. 5th April. Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord.

10am Easter Sunday Mass and renewal of baptismal promises.

Saturday 11th April.

10am Mass, Sacraments of Initiation, and Reception into the Church.

5pm Mass.

Sunday 12th April. Divine Mercy Sunday.

10am Mass.

2.30pm Exposition, and Divine Mercy at 3pm followed by Benediction.

EASTER FLOWERS IN MEMORY.

Thank you to everyone who donated towards the Easter Flowers in memory of your loved ones.

DAISY AND LILY FRASER – BACON.

JOYCE, PATRICK AND MICHAEL O'CONNOR.

SAMBROOKS FAMILY.

BRIAN AND VALERIE HUMPRIES.

WILLIAM WHORRISKEY.

ALEXANDER AND KNOWLES FAMILIES.

GORDON HOLT.

SHEILA DEWHURST.

WILLIAM AND MAY NICKLESS.

SHEILA AND NORMAN BURDEN.

NORMAN AND ELIZABETH MORRIS.

THOMAS WILSON.

JOAN SWIFT.

BETTY LANGFORD.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF BAILEY AND LANGFORD FAMILIES.





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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 **March**: Lino Advantaggiato, Marie Angell, V. Rev Canon Stuart Bathurst (built our Church), Julie Bailey, Lileth Biggs, Cecilia Bridgwater, Ann (Dolly) Davies, William Alfred Davies, Margaret Davies, Harold Davis, Kate Dennis, Terry Dixon, Margaret Durkin, Kenneth Thomas Gibbs, Monica Green, Sheila Hadley, Marjorie Harrison, Dorothy Ilsey, Theresa Ingamels, James Mason, Dawn Ann Mattocks, Rev George Montgomery (founder of our Church), Thomas Moran, Patrick Mulvaney, Pop Pallet, Albert Peach, Maureen Peach, Michael Leonard Peach, Tony Piggott, David Severn, Monica Severn, Kathleen Small, Joan Smith, Catherine Varley, Elvira Watson, Terry & Jenny Wilks, Canon Brian Withers former Parish Priest, Dawn Wood. Collette Hinz.

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 AND WENDY BUCKBY

WILLIAM WHORRISKEY RIP.

The Sanctuary lamp in the Sacred Heart Chapel burns for:

ROSINA BAILEY ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE

ANDREA McCARTHY RIP 4TH - 11TH APRIL 2026

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.

