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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**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY – 213 215 143 194**

<b>30th/31st May 2026</b>	
Saturday May 30th Feria.	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="width: 20px; height: 20px; background-color: green; margin-right: 10px;"></div> <div> <p>11am – First Confessions. Parish FHC group. 4.15pm – 4.50pm Confession. 5pm Mass – Phylis Mary Woodward (RIP)</p> </div> </div>
Sunday May 31st Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity.	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="width: 20px; height: 20px; background-color: white; border: 1px solid black; margin-right: 10px;"></div> <div> <p>9.30am - 9.50am. Confession. 10am - Repose of the Soul of Lucy Chirmanzi (RIP) 12.30pm – Baptism. Isabelle Waterhouse.</p> </div> </div>
Monday June 1st Memorial. Saint Justin. Martyr.	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="width: 20px; height: 20px; background-color: red; margin-right: 10px;"></div> <div> <p>10am - NO MASS. Fr Michael is not available today.</p> </div> </div>
Tuesday June 2nd Feria.	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="width: 20px; height: 20px; background-color: green; margin-right: 10px;"></div> <div> <p>9.15am Adoration, Rosary, Confession. 10am – MASS – Phylis Mary Woodward. (RIP) 11am – Communions. Fr Michael.</p> </div> </div>
Wednesday June 3rd Memorial. St Charles Lwanga and Companions. SCHOOL MASS.	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="width: 20px; height: 20px; background-color: red; margin-right: 10px;"></div> <div> <p>9.15am Adoration, Rosary, Confession. 10am – MASS – Phylis Mary Woodward. (RIP) 11am – School First Confessions. 12pm – FHC Rehearsal. SCHOOL.</p> </div> </div>
Thursday June 4th Feria.	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="width: 20px; height: 20px; background-color: green; margin-right: 10px;"></div> <div> <p>9.15am Adoration, Rosary, Confession. 10am - MASS – Phylis Mary Woodward. (RIP) 3pm – Communions Kelvedon House.</p> </div> </div>
Friday June 5th Memorial. St Boniface. Bishop. Martyr.	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="width: 20px; height: 20px; background-color: red; margin-right: 10px;"></div> <div style="background-color: yellow;"> <p>10am – NO MASS, BENEDICTION, CONFESSION.</p> </div> <div> <p>1.45pm – Internment of Ashes. Fallings Heath – Maureen and Brian Haddock. (RIP)</p> </div> </div>
Saturday June 6th Feria.	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="width: 20px; height: 20px; background-color: green; margin-right: 10px;"></div> <div> <p>10am – Gardening Party. All meet at Church Hall. 4.15pm – 4.50pm Confession. 5pm Mass – Anthony Moran. (RIP)</p> </div> </div>
Sunday June 7th Solemnity of the most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. CORPUS CHRISTI. CHILDRENS FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="width: 20px; height: 20px; background-color: red; margin-right: 10px;"></div> <div> <p>9.30am - 9.50am. Confession. 10am - Phylis Mary Woodward. (RIP) 12.30pm – Baptism. Tamara &amp; Bianka Buda.</p> </div> </div>

### **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. Everyone is most welcome to join us in the hall after Mass for tea, coffee, and biscuits.**

**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. Sofia Florea, Elsie Burton, Mary Gallegher.

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.**

**Going into Hospital.** If you find yourself having to go into hospital, then please ask the nursing staff that you'd like to see the Catholic Chaplain. Fr Michael appreciates people like to see their own priest, but a chaplain is appointed to the hospital to administer the sacraments. Thank you.

### **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 Opportunities.**

The parish website now has a page advertising positions available in the Diocese, or local job opportunities in the school, care, or other areas. Please check our website for details, and if you know of any positions vacant, please email them to the parish and we will advertise them. Thank you.

### **GARDENING PARTY.**

**Thank you to the 10 volunteers who have already offered to help tidy the church and hall gardens!**

To keep our grounds looking beautiful at a minimum cost, we would love to establish this as a regular gardening group.

Our first session will be next Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> June at 10:00 am. Please bring your own gardening equipment; refreshments will be provided. As the saying goes, many hands make light work!

Thank you for your support, Fr Michael.

### **CHURCH CLEANING.**

**Thank you to those who helped clean the church last Tuesday.** the Next cleaning day is Tuesday 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: £55**

**Loose: £240.72**

#### **2nd collection**

**Occasional Fundraising income: £220.68**

**Piety. £210.00**

**Total: £726.40**

#### **Attendance**

**Saturday: 47**

**Sunday: 78**

**Total 125**

### Flowers.

The flowers on Our Lady of Walsingham starting week Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May are in memory of Glen Harper (RIP). His anniversary is Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May.

### Church & Hall Restoration Update

A lot of vital work and maintenance is currently underway to keep our parish safe. Recent updates include:

Church: The lightning rod has been fully inspected and secured.

Parish Hall: Lighting and emergency safety lights are being updated.

Amenities: Automated sensor lights are being installed in all toilets.

This essential upkeep is only possible because of your wonderful generosity. You can donate to this worthwhile cause by using the donation envelopes, putting your donation in the Restoration Fund box on the wall, or you can donate by card, Bacs, or QR code. Thank you for your ongoing support of our parish. 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](mailto:hall.stmaryoth.wednesbury@rcaob.org.uk). Thank you.

### Second Collections.

20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> June – Day for Life.

27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> June – Peters Pence.

11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> July – Mission Appeal – The Holy Family Sisters of the Needy.

### Volunteer Announcement.

Thank you to everyone who gives their time to our church! To comply with current guidelines, all new and existing volunteers will soon receive a safeguarding leaflet from Mary Jones. Leaders and youth volunteers will also complete a Level 2/3 training course. Fr Michael and Mary Jones will assist everyone with these updates.

### Church Toilets.

**The left-hand toilet in the sacristy is OUT OF ORDER. It appears that we have a problem with the drains. We are to have them inspected, and if necessary Fixed. I therefore ask people to use the Right-hand toilet for the time being. There are additional toilets in the Church Hall. Thank you.**

### 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.

**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.**

In line with Diocesan policy, all volunteer roles are now appointed by the Parish Priest.  
We deeply appreciate everyone who steps forward to serve our parish. Thank you.

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed whose Anniversaries occur in **JUNE**: Ann Winnie Paxford, Michael Huskisson, Martha Abbotts, Anthony Burns, Jenny Clarke, Patrick Cooney, Margaret Davis, Jean Dixon, Adrian Evans, Patrick Evans, Sarah Fobka, Baby Daisy Fraser-Bacon, Baby Lily Fraser-Bacon, Carl Furnival, Mary Giles, Albert Green, Ronald Harrison, Fr Stephen Johnson (former PP), John Henry McNally, Anthony Mumford, Francis Peach, Joel Richards, Maureen Smith, Norman Speake, Dave Wallett.

### 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:  
**IN CELEBRATION OF ISABELLE'S BAPTISM. (29<sup>TH</sup> MAY)**  
**JOAN EVA SHENTON (24<sup>TH</sup> MAY)**

The Sanctuary lamp in the Sacred Heart Chapel burns for:  
**In Loving Memory of Patrick, Michael, Andrew and Philip O'Gorman.**  
**JACK BERESFORD. SALOMEA CHLEBOWSKA. (13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 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.

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 to the Church and Hall restoration fund, 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.

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