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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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LENT 2		
28th FEBRUARY 2026/1st March 2026		
Saturday February 28th Lent Feria.		4.15pm - 4.50pm. Confession. 5pm John Marshal (RIP) 5 th Anniversary.
Sunday March 1st Second Sunday of Lent.		9.30am - 9.50am. Confession. (Request) 10am Collette Hinz 4th Anniversary (RIP)
Monday March 2nd Feast. St Chad.		10am No Mass.
Tuesday March 3rd Lent Feria.		9.15am – Adoration, Rosary, Confession. (Request) 10am Albert Peach (RIP)
Wednesday March 4th Lent Feria.		9.15am Adoration, Rosary. Confession. (Request) 10am Phylis Mary Woodward (RIP)
Thursday March 5th Lent Feria.		9.15am No Adoration, Rosary. Confession. 10am No Mass
Friday March 6th Lent Feria.		9am Adoration. Benediction. Divine Mercy. Confession. 10am Intentions of the Perpetual Mass Fund. 10.30am Stations of the Cross.
Saturday March 7th Lent Feria.		4.15pm - 4.50pm. Confession. 5pm Phylis Mary Woodward (RIP)
Sunday March 8th Third Sunday of Lent.		9.30am - 9.50am. Confession. (Request) 10am People of the Parish.

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Piggott who died on February 14th, and for his wife Norah, daughter Moya and son John. Funeral service in Church Wednesday 18th March 11am followed by internment at Sandwell Crematorium 12.15pm. Please note there will not be Mass that morning because of the Funeral Service. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. 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.

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.

G.A.	£74.00
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Piety	£60.00
Occasional Income	£108.25
CFT Regular	£5.00
Total	£529.77

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.

Meter Readers.

My thanks to Kris Moseley and Margaret Holden who have agreed to help with monthly readings of the utility's meters. God bless. Fr Michael.

Church Hall Bookings.

If you would like to hire the Church Hall, please email Margaret Holden using the hall email address.

Last Week's Attendance.

Saturday 49

Sunday 69

Total 118

Local Elections 7th May.

Congratulations to Margaret Holden and all those involved in registering St Mary's hall to hold the local elections. Sandwell Council is moving away from using schools and approached us to use the hall for the elections. I received confirmation that the hall will be used for voting this year. The council will need the hall from 6.30am to 10pm, therefore it will not be in general use on that day to parishioners or organisations/groups. Thank you. Fr Michael.

Fr Michael is available to parishioners Tuesday to Sunday but please note that he is not available on Mondays. Thank you.

CHURCH/HALL RESTORATION FUND

THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR THE RESTORATION FUND. PLEASE BE AS GENEROUS AS YOU CAN. WORK IS ONGOING BEHIND THE SCEANS AND WE'RE COLLECTING FOR NEW CARPETS FOR THE SACRISTRY AND ORGAN GALLERY. THANK YOU.

For your Diary.

Sunday 15th March. Blessing of new Chasuble in honour of St Patrick. Statue to be blessed on St Patrick's day.

Easter Triduum. Thursday 2nd April to Saturday 4th April. Mass times to be announced.

Easter Sunday, 5th April. Mass 10am.

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

CHURCH CLEANING.

Many thanks to everyone who helped to clean the church last week. It was wonderful to see so many people turning up. My thanks to Kris Moseley for coordinating the cleaning. Fr Michael.

Parish Clustering.

Father Michael is to meet with Fr Daniel from St Michael's West Bromwich during the season of Lent. Gradually we will move towards greater cooperation between St Marys, Holy Cross and St Michael's. Things need to be agreed, but changes could occur allowing priests to cover for each other. We greatly appreciate your support as we move forward. Thank you. God Bless. Fr Michael.

Meet and greet. We are currently looking for people who would like to greet and welcome people as they enter church and give them a newsletter and hymn and Mass books. If you think you'd like to help, then please have a word with Mary Jones, or Fr Michael.

Church Hall Heating. Thank you to Gary Linford for agreeing to take on the responsibility of programming the heating in the Church Hall. Fr Michael.

SOCIAL EVENTS.

Easter Raffle 14th & 21st March Prizes out 28th March.

Sunday 15th March whisky cake and Irish coffee in celebration of St Patrick's day.

11th 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 maybe with cream tea.

Proposed quiz evening.



These are just some of the parish events we hope to be holding this year, please support if you can. Many Thanks. Margaret Holden and the Belles of St Mary's.



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.



March for Life UK Presents
COMMISSIONED
PRO-LIFE MENS CONFERENCE



10am - 5pm
Saturday 18th April
Birmingham Christian College
info@marchforlife.co.uk
07885 505116

Ticket Price
£25
BRING A PACKED LUNCH

Did you know that based on our running costs last year it cost every adult person £10 a week to keep this church open. It costs £300 a week just to heat it. Churches are struggling now more than ever, with 200 parishes due to disappear in the next few years, and some churches sure to close. Please give some real thought into how we as people who love our church building contribute to its upkeep, maintenance and running costs. It is through your generous support why you have a parish priest; at least 200 churches do not have a priest living in the parish presbytery today. Please remember this when the collection bag comes to you. Thank you.

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 faithfully departed whose Anniversaries occur in **March**: Melina Simpson (Nee Borg), 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 Ilsley, 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:

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.



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