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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.

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**HYMNS**

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<b>LENT 3</b>		
<b>7<sup>th</sup> March 2026/8<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>		
<b>Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup></b> Lent Feria.		<b>4.15pm - 4.50pm.</b> Confession. <b>5pm</b> Phylis Mary Woodward (RIP)
<b>Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Third Sunday of Lent.</b>		<b>9.30am - 9.50am.</b> Confession. (Request) <b>10am</b> People of the Parish.
<b>Monday March 9<sup>th</sup></b> Lent Feria.		<b>10am No Mass.</b>
<b>Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup></b> Lent Feria.		<b>9.15am – No Adoration, Rosary, Confession.</b> <b>(Request)</b> <b>10am No Mass.</b>
<b>Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup></b> Lent Feria.		<b>9.15am</b> Adoration, Rosary. Confession. (Request) <b>10am</b> Michael Leonard Peach (RIP)
<b>Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup></b> Lent Feria.		<b>9.15am</b> Adoration, Rosary. Confession. <b>10am</b> Mass intentions of the Perpetual mass fund.
<b>Friday March 13<sup>th</sup></b> Lent Feria.		<b>9am</b> Adoration. Benediction. Divine Mercy. Confession. <b>10am</b> Phylis Mary Woodward. (RIP) <b>10.30am</b> Stations of the Cross.
<b>Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup></b> Lent Feria.		<b>4.15pm - 4.50pm.</b> Confession. <b>5pm</b> Intentions of Aquila Gambin (Birthday)
<b>Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Laetare Sunday.</b>		<b>9.30am - 9.50am.</b> Confession. (Request) <b>10am</b> People of the Parish.

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Piggott who died on February 14<sup>th</sup>, and for his family at this time. There will be a funeral service in Church on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 11am followed by committal at Sandwell Crematorium at 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.	£58.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Coll	£328.18
Piety	£20.00
Occasional Income	£174.71
<b>Total</b>	<b>£580.89</b>

**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.

### **Card Reader.**

**Thank you to parishioners who have suggested to me about getting a card reader for those who no longer use money. I can now confirm that we shall soon have a card reader and once I know how it works it will be available to those who prefer to use a card.**

### **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 47  
Sunday 100  
**Total 147**

### **Local Elections 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **RETIRING COLLECTION**

**THERE WILL BE A RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR CATHEDRAL MAINTENANCE.**

### **For your Diary.**

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

**Easter Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> April. Mass 10am.**

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



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.

### **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.

**Of your Charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Anthony (Tony) Enoch Alexander (RIP) and for his family at this difficult time. The funeral service will be held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 12pm in Church, followed by committal at Sandwell Crematorium at 1pm. Please note, there will not be mass at 10am that morning. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**

The fourth Sunday of Lent is known as Laetare Sunday, a day of celebration and relaxation within the solemn Lenten season. Derived from the Latin word for "rejoice," it signifies a joyful pause in fasting, marked by rose-coloured vestments and often called Mothering Sunday, when we give thanks to God for our Mother Mary, our own Mother, and our Mother, the Church.

### **PASSIONTIDE AND EASTER SERVICES.**

#### **Passion (Palm) Sunday.**

**Saturday 5pm. 28<sup>th</sup> March.** Mass and blessing of Palms in Church.

**Sunday 10am. 29<sup>th</sup> March. Mass.** Beginning in the Church Hall. Please go straight to the hall, where Mass will begin and the palms will be blessed. We shall then process into Church.

#### **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March.**

There will be no mass in Church on these days.

#### **Spy Wednesday. 1<sup>st</sup> April.**

**Chrism Mass. 11.30am St Chads Cathedral.** Parishioners welcome. Please note, there will not be mass in church today.

#### **Maundy Thursday. 2<sup>nd</sup> April.**

No 10am Mass today.

Mass of the Lords Supper 7pm.

8.30pm Watching at the Altar of Repose & Stripping of the Altars.

9pm Night Prayer.

#### **Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.**

Mass is not said on Good Friday. The Sacraments are not celebrated at all today except for those in danger of death.

3pm. Celebration of the Lord's passion. Veneration of the Holy Cross, and Holy Communion, followed around 4.30pm by Stations of the Cross. There is no evening service.

#### **Holy Saturday. 4<sup>th</sup> April.**

**10am** Blessing of the Easter food.

**7.30pm** Mass for the Easter Vigil.

1. Liturgy of Light.
2. Liturgy of the word.
3. Liturgy of Baptism.
4. Liturgy of the Eucharist.

#### **Easter Sunday. 5<sup>th</sup> April. Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord.**

**10am** Easter Sunday Mass and renewal of baptismal promises.

#### **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April.**

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

**5pm** Mass.

#### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April. Divine Mercy Sunday.**

**10am** Mass.

**3pm** Divine Mercy.

Please support these services during the most solemn time before Easter. Please also use this time to prepare to celebrate Easter by going to Confession, either here, or in another Church. There may be a service of Reconciliation you could attend if you prefer, in Saint Michael's, or Holy Cross.

## 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.

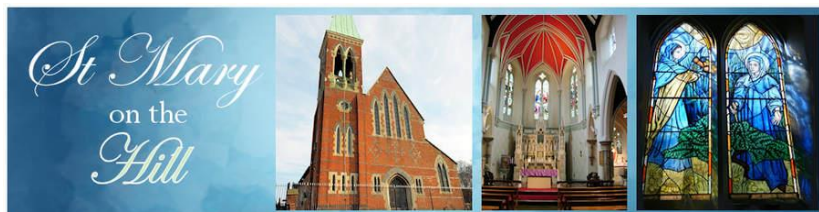
The Sanctuary lamp in Our Lady's Chapel burns for:  
**WILLIAM ALFRED DAVIES (MARCH 15<sup>th</sup>) Remembrance.**

The Sanctuary lamp in the Sacred Heart Chapel burns for:  
**JULIE BAILEY. ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE. Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March.**

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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