

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, Pauline Agg, Sheila Cooney, Bridget Cooper, Margaret Cooper, Joan & Terry Dixon, Sean Hooper, Barbara Jarvis, Michelle Price, Pat Wilkins.*

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of JOHN MORAN RIP and for 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, William Alfred Davies, Margaret Davies, Harold Davis, Kate Dennis, Kenneth Thomas Gibbs, Monica Green, Marjorie Harrison, Dorothy Isley, Theresa Ingamels, James Mason, Dawn Ann Mattocks, Rev George Montgomery (founder of our Church), Thomas Moran, 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.*

The Altar of Our Lady and the Sacred Heart – to have a candle lamp burn for your intentions or loved ones for the week – please see Cate.

*The candle lamps on Our Lady's Altar burn this week for:
In Celebration of Beth & Richard's Wedding (16th March)
Julia Bailey RIP (Anniversary 12th March)
Olwen Borg RIP (Mothers' Day)*

*The candle lamps on the Sacred Heart Altar burn this week for:
Thomas Michael Wilson RIP
Deceased Members of the Sims Family RIP
In Memory of Wilma Haddock RIP*

If you would like flowers on an altar or by a certain statue or window in memory of a loved one for Easter, or just make a donation towards flowers, please see Anne or Cate.

CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE UP TO 10 MINUTES BEFORE EACH MASS – OR CONTACT FR MICHAEL

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.

PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR REGULAR UPDATES! The website is regularly updated and the newsletter is on usually every **Friday**.

www.saintmaryswednesbury.org.uk

Please note the cut-off is **Thursday lunchtime**



**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PRAY FOR US
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

10TH MARCH 2024

Saturday Mar 9	5.00pm Mass (<i>Molly Midgley-Hellend RIP</i>)
Sunday Mar 10	10.00am Mass (<i>John Corrigan RIP</i>)
Monday Mar 11	NO MASS
Tuesday Mar 12	9.30 Holy Rosary <i>Feria</i> 10.00am Mass (<i>Doris Borg RIP – 6th Anniversary</i>)
Wednesday Mar 13	10.00am Requiem Mass – John Moran RIP
Thursday Mar 14	10.00am Mass (<i>Michael Leonard Peach RIP</i>) Schoolchildren in Attendance
Friday Mar 15	9.00am – 9.45am Adoration & Benediction <i>Feria</i> 10.00am Mass (<i>V.Rev Canon Stuart Bathurst RIP</i>) (Former Parish Priest – built our Church) Stations of the Cross
Saturday Mar 16	12.00 Noon Wedding: Beth Kate Wilson & Richard Charlie Waterhouse 5.00pm Mass (<i>Private Int. for Sheila Dewhurst</i>)
Sunday Mar 17	10.00am Mass (<i>People of the Parish</i>) <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i> 12.00 noon – Baptisms – <i>Ophelia Niamh O’Gorman</i> <i>St Patrick’s Day</i> <i>Florence Sylvie O’Gorman</i>

PARISH NEWS:

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION:

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO RECEIVE COMMUNION. TO AID DISTRIBUTION, THOSE WHO RECEIVE IN THE HAND, PLEASE COME TO THE ALTAR FIRST, FOLLOWED BY THOSE WHO RECEIVE ON THE TONGUE. IF YOU WISH TO HAVE A BLESSING ONLY, PLEASE PUT YOUR HAND ACROSS YOUR CHEST AND I WILL GIVE YOU A BLESSING ONLY. THANK YOU. FR MICHAEL.

RIGHT FOR LIFE ARE ASKING FOR SUPPORT FOR AN AMENDMENT TO REDUCE OUR ABORTION LAW FROM 24 WEEKS TO 22 WEEKS. BABIES BORN PREMATURELY AT 22 WEEKS ARE THRIVING AND THERE IS A CONTRADICTION IN OUR ABORTION LAW, IF YOU WISH, PLEASE COLLECT A POSTCARD TODAY FROM THE BACK OF CHURCH AND POST IT TO YOUR MP IN SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT. CATHERINE ROBINSON, RIGHT TO LIFE.

LUCKY SQUARE:

Proceeds to Church Restoration Fund, 3 cash prizes, if you wish to join, please see Tracey. Thank you for your support of our Parish.

TEA/COFFEE & TOAST EVERY THURSDAY AFTER MASS.

TEA & COFFEE AFTER MASS ON SUNDAYS.

FOOD BANK: BOX IN PORCH PLEASE SUPPORT IF YOU CAN.

FR MICHAEL'S PERSONAL WEBSITE:

www.frmichaelvaughan.com

DIARY:

IRISH NIGHT: SAT 16TH MARCH 6PM
CHURCH CLEAN: TUES 19TH MARCH
MASS OF INITIATION & RECEPTION INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: SATURDAY 13TH APRIL 11AM
SPRING FAIR: SAT 20TH APRIL 12NOON
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: 19TH MAY 10AM MASS PENTECOST
CONFIRMATIONS: THURS 6TH JUNE 6PM CANON MCNALLY, EPISCOPAL VICAR FOR STAFFORDSHIRE & THE BLACK COUNTRY
WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE: 8-12th July 2024

HEALTH & SAFETY MESSAGE:

PARISHIONERS ARE ADVISED TO TAKE CARE WHEN ACCESSING CHURCH AS THERE ARE POTENTIALLY A NUMBER OF TRIP HAZARDS WITH DAMAGED MORTAR AND SLABS. AS THERE ARE MANY JOBS, IT IS ON THE "TO DO" LIST. THANK YOU.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

EVERY WEEK, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED.
(PLEASE NOTE NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY EASTER SUNDAY 31ST MARCH) PLEASE NOTE THAT IT WILL NOW BE HELD IN THE PARISH HALL GARY, CHRISTINE & JOE

SPRING FAIR:

SATURDAY 20TH APRIL IN THE PARISH HALL. 12 NOON. DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

CHURCH CLEAN FOR EASTER:

TUESDAY 19TH MARCH AFTER MASS. IF YOU CAN SPARE AN HR, PLEASE COME AND HELP US TO CLEAN OUR BEAUTIFUL CHURCH FOR EASTER. ANY HELP WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

PARISH NEWS:

Offertory: £302.14 (Week)
Attendance: 44 + 77 = 121
Standing Orders: (MONTHLY): £710 (JAN) Thank you for your continued generosity.
Cathedral Maintenance: £52.16
Retiring Collection next weekend for Church Restoration Fund.

PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE NO REFRESHMENTS IN THE HALL AFTER MASS THIS WEEKEND



ST PATRICK'S NIGHT
SATURDAY 16TH MARCH AT 6PM IN THE PARISH HALL.
EVERYONE WELCOME, A SIMPLE GET TOGETHER, PLEASE BRING IRISH MUSIC AND OWN DRINK AND SUPPER.

LENT:

THROUGHOUT LENT THERE WILL BE SIMPLE ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSIONS BETWEEN 9.15AM AND 9.45AM TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND THURSDAY, WITH LATIN ADORATION, AND CONFESSION, AND BENEDICTION AS NORMAL ON A FRIDAY 9AM TO 9.45AM.

MAUNDY THURSDAY:

FR MICHAEL WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE FOOTWASHING AT THE MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER ON MAUNDY THURSDAY. ANY NUMBER OF MEN UP TO A TOTAL OF 12 WOULD BE MOST WELCOME TO HAVE A FOOT WASHED AS PART OF THE LITURGY

The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham registered Charity No. 234216

LENT:

EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT – STATIONS OF THE CROSS AFTER MASS. (DAY OF PRAYER, FASTING & ABSTINENCE) PALM SUNDAY MASSES: SAT 23RD MARCH 5PM (SIMPLE ENTRANCE AND BLESSING OF PALMS) SUN 24TH MARCH: BLESSING OF PALMS AND SOLEMN PROCESSION.

PALM SUNDAY 24TH MARCH:

THERE WILL BE BLESSING OF PALMS STARTING AT THE PARISH HALL, WE WILL THEN PROCESS TO CHURCH LED BY THE CHILDREN AND BATHURST THE DONKEY. (IF YOU ARE NOT DOING THE PROCESSION, PLEASE GO STRAIGHT INTO CHURCH).
PLEASE MEET AT THE PARISH HALL AT 9.50AM. THANK YOU.
FR MICHAEL.

LIFE CHARITY SHOP & LIFE CARING OUTREACH – HELP NEEDED:

Could you spare a few hrs to help us deliver baby clothes and equipment to needy families? Requests for help keep coming and we find it hard to keep up with them. Extra help in taking items to our Charity Shop in Lichfield Street would also be Welcome. If you might be able to assist please ring Rosalie on 01902 330553 or email wolverhampton@lifecharity.org.uk to find out more about what is involved.

RCIA:

Those who are doing the Catechetical course on a Tuesday evening. Proposed date for Mass of Initiation and Reception into the Catholic Church – SATURDAY 13TH APRIL 11AM – those who are preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation or to be received into the Catholic Church – there will be an extra Mass on 13th April – Everyone is welcome to come and support the adults and children on this day.