

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 souls of the faithfully departed whose anniversaries occur in February: †*Peter Bailey, Stanley E.H, Brookes, Cyril Dicken, Michael Groves, Derek Hadley, Irene Harper, Collette Hinz, Graham Humphrey, Ivor J.Ilsley, W.J. Ilsley, Fr Frederick William Keating (former PP), Ita Lane, Terry Langley Jnr, Faye Mason, Edna Peach, Verity Perry, Gary Piddock, William Piggott, Brian Powell, Leon Purcell, Harold Scott, Maria Severn, Sarah Shinton, Christopher Slater, Anthony Brian Smith, Evelyn Stokes, Hilda Taylor, William Ward, Betty Wright.*

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 lamp on Our Lady's Altar burns this week for:

Intentions of the Borg Family

The candle lamps on the Sacred Heart Altar burn this week for:

Brian Bailey RIP (Birthday Remembrance 13th February)

Ann (Dolly) Davies RIP (Birthday Remembrance 13th February)

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

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**

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



OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PRAY FOR US
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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11TH FEBRUARY 2024

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| Saturday Feb 10 | 5.00pm Mass (<i>People of the Parish</i>) <i>Mem of St. Scholastica, Virgin</i> |
| Sunday Feb 11 | 10.00am Mass (<i>Moya Wells RIP</i>) |
| Monday Feb 12 | NO MASS |
| Tuesday Feb 13 | NO ROSARY <i>Feria</i> 9.00am Mass (<i>Ints of Pat Morris</i>) PLEASE NOTE TIME |
| Wednesday Feb 14 | 10.00am Mass (<i>Moya Wells RIP–Birthday Remembrance</i>) <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 7.00pm Mass Distribution of Ashes at both Masses Day of Fasting & Abstinence |
| Thursday Feb 15 | 10.00am Mass (<i>Moya Wells RIP</i>) <i>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</i> |
| Friday Feb 16 | 9.00am – 9.45am Adoration & Benediction <i>Friday after Ash</i> 10.00am Mass (<i>For the Wellbeing of Marylka</i>) <i>Wednesday</i> Stations of the Cross <i>Wisniowska</i> |
| Saturday Feb 17 | 5.00pm Mass (<i>Deceased Members of the Sambrooks</i> <i>Family RIP</i>) |
| Sunday Feb 18 | 10.00am Mass (<i>People of the Parish</i>) <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i> |

PARISH NEWS:

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.

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.

*TEA/COFFEE & TOAST EVERY THURSDAY AFTER MASS.
TEA & COFFEE AFTER MASS ON SUNDAYS.*

No tea & toast on Thursday 15th Feb

DIARY:

POT LUCK SUPPER: 6.30PM
SHROVE TUESDAY, 13TH
FEBRUARY

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.

FR MICHAEL'S PERSONAL WEBSITE:
www.frmichaelvaughan.com

LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY
MASSES AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES 10AM & 7PM.
EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT – STATIONS OF THE CROSS AFTER MASS. (DAY OF PRAYER, FASTING & ABSTINENCE)
PALM SUNDAY MASSES:
SATURDAY 23RD MARCH 5PM (SIMPLE ENTRANCE AND BLESSING OF PALMS)
SUNDAY 24TH MARCH: BLESSING OF PALMS AND SOLEMN PROCESSION

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:
COMMENCES SUNDAY 18TH FEBRUARY, EVERY WEEK, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED.
IT WILL BE HELD IN THE SACRISTY. PLEASE SUPPORT GARY, CHRISTINE & JOE IN THEIR NEW ROLES IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN BECOMING A HELPER, PLEASE SEE FR MICHAEL.

FOOD BANK: THERE IS A BOX IN THE PORCH FOR DONATIONS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

PARISH NEWS:

Offertory: £298.32 (Week)
Attendance: 51 + 69 = 120
Standing Orders: (MONTHLY): £690 (DEC) Thank you for your continued generosity.
Donations in memory of Moya Wells RIP: £162
Crib Donations for Compton hospice: £125.12
Second Collection this weekend for the Church Restoration Fund

CHURCH RESTORATION FUND:
COMMENCING THIS WEEKEND WE WILL BE HAVING A SECOND COLLECTION EACH MONTH FOR THE CHURCH RESTORATION FUND, TO ENABLE US TO START RESTORATION WORK THIS YEAR. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH.

POT LUCK SUPPER:
THERE WILL BE A POT LUCK SUPPER IN THE PARISH HALL ON SHROVE TUESDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY AT 6.30PM, ALL WELCOME, PLEASE BRING SOMETHING TO SHARE.

Roman Catholic Initiation of Adults & Children:
Fr Michael is now doing a course for anyone wishing to become full members of the Catholic Church. The next meeting is on **Tuesday 20th Feb at 7pm in the Church porch,** and every Tuesday continuing until Easter. Those who wish, will be received into the Church during the Easter season. All welcome.

CAFOD:
CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH. PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE CATHOLIC AGENCY FOR OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT DURING LENT, AND RETURN THE ENVELOPES IN THE COLLECTION DURING THE SEASON OF LENT. THANK YOU.
WALK WITH ME:
AS LENT APPROACHES, THE WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH. A JOURNEY OF PRAYER FOR LENT 2024. PLEASE TAKE A COPY FOR YOUR OWN PERSONAL REFLECTION AND PRAYER. THERE IS NO FEE FOR THEM DESPITE THE FEE PRINTED ON THEM, BUT IF YOU'D LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION, THIS WILL OFFSET COSTS TO THE PARISH. THANK YOU.

MASS FOR MARRIAGE – ST CHAD'S CATHEDRAL SATURDAY 4TH MAY AT 12NOON
CELEBRANT: ARCHBISHOP BERNARD LONGLEY. FOLLOWED BY LIGHT REFRESHMENTS.
www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass
AN INVITATION TO MARRIED COUPLES, THOSE CELEBRATING A MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY AND THOSE PREPARING TO MARRY THIS YEAR.
PLEASE REGISTER BY 21ST APRIL. CONTACT PAUL NORTHAM ON 0121 321 5148 OR EMAIL marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk PLEASE SEE NOTICEBOARD FOR DETAILS.

DEANERY MONTH FOR PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS: In February, the Dudley & Wolverhampton Deanery will be hosting a series of vocation events. "Listening to God's Call". There will be 3 online sessions on Tuesday evenings at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to join the sessions. Please see notice board.