

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.

Mary Sheila Cashmore (Noon), Sheila Cooney, Cath Crump, Terry Dixon, Eileen Hall, Sean Hooper, Barbara Jarvis, Norma Jeynes, Betty Joynes, Lee Potts, Michelle Price, Matthew Pritchett, Kathleen Riley, Dave Wallett, Moya Wells, Pat Wilkins, Dawn Wood.

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Dennis Murphy RIP, Paddy Churchill RIP, Joan Swift RIP, Stuart Roper RIP & Ann Foster (nee Turner) RIP, all recently deceased, and for the souls of the faithfully departed whose anniversaries occur in DECEMBER:-

Gordon Bacon, Baby Bennett, Basil Bridgwater, Peg Byrne, Martha Cowley, Albert Diggett, William Fairless, Catherine Gallagher, George Green, Kevin Groves, Michael Haken, Graham Harper, Simon Harper, Jean Hunter, Mrs Jennings, Brenda Jennings, James Lambley, Betty Langford, Arthur Maddox, Raymond Mason, Eileen Mole, Christopher Morris, Elizabeth Morris, Fr Michael O'Meara – former PP, Leonard William Peach, Magdalene Perkins nee Churchill, Catherine Rose Piggott, Maria Sylvania Rossi, Joseph Ryan, Winifred Ward.

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

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

Ann Foster (nee Turner) RIP

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

William Whorriskey RIP (Birthday Remembrance 12th December)

For all the victims and those who have suffered through Covid

Archbishop Bernard Longley celebrates his 40th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on Sunday 12th December



FR PAUL INVITES YOU ON A JOURNEY TO SHARE WITH HIM THE WAYS OF PRAYER ON HIS YOUTUBE CHANNEL [“IN MONTEM SANCTUM”](#) TO GIVE HOPE AND ENCOURAGEMENT IN THE WAYS OF FAITH. **FR PAUL LESTER - YOUTUBE CHANNEL - IN MONTEM SANCTUM**

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

www.saintmaryswednesbury.org.uk

Please note the cut-off is Wednesday 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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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

12TH DECEMBER 2021

- Saturday Dec 11** Baptism – 12 noon – Lottie Anne Thorpe
5.00pm Mass (Dec'd Members of the Moran Family RIP)
- Sunday Dec 12** 10.00am Mass (Archbishop Bernard Longley
40th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood)
11.30am Traditional Latin Mass (People of the Parish)
- Tuesday Dec 14** 9.30am Holy Rosary
Memorial of St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church 10.00am Mass (Deceased Members of the Holt & Ryan Families RIP)
- Wednesday Dec 15** 10.00am Mass (Mollie & Albert Diggett RIP)
11.45am Funeral Service – Dennis Murphy RIP
- Thursday Dec 16** 10.00am Mass in Church (Malcolm Ward RIP)
- Friday Dec 17** 9.15am-9.45am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
10.00am Mass (Dec'd Members of the Le Family RIP)
- Saturday Dec 18** Baptism – 11am - Ryan Walker
Baptism – 4pm - Lazea Sejhal
5.00pm Mass (Fr Michael O'Meara RIP – Anniv. Former PP)
- Sunday Dec 19** 10.00am Mass (People of the Parish)
4th Sunday of Advent 11.30am Traditional Latin Mass (Holy Souls)

USUAL PROCEDURES WILL BE FOLLOWED. SANITISING. STEWARDS. ONE-WAY SYSTEM. FACE COVERINGS TO BE WORN. SOCIAL DISTANCING AT ALL TIMES ETC. CHURCH IS SANITISED. TOILETS ARE NOW OPEN BUT MUST BE SANITISED AFTER EVERY USE. HOLY COMMUNION AT THE ALTAR RAILS IF SEATED ON LEFT GO ON LEFT, IF SEATED ON RIGHT, GO TO RIGHT. THOSE RECEIVING ON TONGUE RECEIVE LAST. NO STEWARDS DURING WEEK BUT USUAL GUIDELINES APPLY.

PARISH NEWS:

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Below is an extract of correspondence sent to all parishes within the Diocese from the Vicar General.

You will be pleased to note that our current arrangement for the safe participation in Mass accord with this advice.

With respect to the current situation with the omicron variant it is important to ensure the following points are followed in our churches:

- That people displaying any symptoms of covid-19 should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person.
- That hand sanitiser is available to those attending the Church.
- That there is a strong recommendation for people to wear a face covering (both nose and mouth) during the act of worship. There is now very strong evidence to support that the main mode of transmission is through breath and nasal aerosols... *(At St Mary's, please ensure you bring a face covering and wear it throughout Mass)*
- That there is good ventilation and air throughout in the building; in this case, because of climatic conditions, it would be important to remind people to wrap up well in church!
- That a positive message encouraging people to get vaccinated and have the booster jab when able is delivered whenever possible.
- That people who are engaged in a form of pastoral ministry which involves ministry to the housebound, sick and vulnerable, should take regular lateral flow tests to ensure they are safe to do so. These are free from the NHS.

As such, the strict regimes of church cleaning that were recommended at the beginning of the opening of churches for public worship are no longer necessary.....and that the risk from surface and touch transmission is very small indeed. General church cleaning is sufficient. *(We will be making some minor changes at St Marys).* If these guidance points are supported, then the churches will continue to be safe places for people to gather for acts of public worship, including over the Christmas period.....

You will see that there is little change from our current practices.

Fr Paul, Stewards and Sanitisers thank you for your continued co-operation.

CHURCH CLEAN FOR CHRISTMAS: AFTER MASS ON THURSDAY 16TH DECEMBER – ALL WELCOME – ANY HELP WOULD BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. CHURCH CLEANING WILL THEN BE AFTER EVERY MASS ON THE FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH, COMMENCING 7TH JANUARY 2022.

PARISH NEWS CONT'D:

DUE TO CURRENT RESTRICTIONS, COULD YOU PLEASE REFRAIN FROM LEAVING CHRISTMAS CARDS ON THE TABLE IN THE PORCH, THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION.

IF ANYONE CAN HELP WITH HOLLY OR GREENERY TO DECORATE THE CHURCH AT CHRISTMAS, PLEASE SEE ANNE. THANK YOU.

GRAND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: TICKETS NOW ON SALE.
PROCEEDS FOR ST MARY'S RESTORATION FUND. TO BE DRAWN ON SUNDAY 19TH DECEMBER.

CHRISTMAS MASSES & BOOKINGS:

FORMS ARE IN THE PORCH FOR YOU TO BOOK FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES:-

CHRISTMAS EVE: 4PM & 6PM CHRISTMAS MORNING: 10AM & 11.30AM (LATIN)
(NO NEED TO BOOK FOR LATIN MASS, JUST CHECK IN ON THE DAY)

IF YOU BOOK AND HAVE TO AMEND OR CANCEL, COULD YOU PLEASE LET CATE KNOW ASAP PLEASE.

WHILST CONCERNING LEVELS OF COVID INFECTION REMAINS LOCALLY, PLEASE WEAR A FACE COVERING.

CHRISTMAS DAY FALLS ON A SATURDAY THIS YEAR, THIS MEANS THAT THERE WILL BE NO SATURDAY VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY. THE FEAST OF ST STEPHEN IS REPLACED ON SUNDAY 26TH DECEMBER BY THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY. MASS WILL BE AT 10AM AS NORMAL WITH USUAL PROCEDURES IN PLACE.

**** PLEASE NOTE PIETY WILL BE CLOSED DURING CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY SO COULD YOU PLEASE ARRANGE TO GET ANY REQUIREMENTS BEFOREHAND ****

If you would like to book flowers in memory of a loved one, or a special intention for Christmas, or if you want to make a donation towards flowers, please see Anne or Cate.

CRIB OFFERINGS: THE CRIB OFFERINGS THIS YEAR WILL BE FOR THE CATHOLIC SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM.

THE CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS AT THE CHRISTMAS MASSES ARE FOR YOUR PARISH PRIEST, ENVELOPES WILL BE PROVIDED IF YOU NEED THEM.

YOUR PARISH STILL NEEDS YOUR HELP FINANCIALLY.
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONSIDER SETTING UP A STANDING ORDER, PLEASE CONTACT CATE ON 07773 712936 THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT AT THIS TIME.
IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN BECOMING A GIFTAIDER AT NO EXTRA COST TO YOURSELF, PLEASE CATE. THE GIFT AID IS A VALUABLE EXTRA SOURCE OF INCOME TO THE CHURCH
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