

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, Sheila Cooney, Bridget Cooper, Joan Dixon, Sean Hooper, Barbara Jarvis, Michelle Price, Veronica Smith, Pat Wilkins.*

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of MARY THERESA MILLETT RIP & PATRICIA JEYNES (Nee Heskin) RIP & GRAHAM DIGGETT RIP all recently deceased, and for the souls of the faithfully departed whose Anniversaries occur in January: † *Trudie Burns, Archie Burrows, William Clarke, Michaela Cole, Margaret Cousins, Mary P. Dalton, Sid Davies, Joan Derry, Albert Diggett, Kathleen Garbett nee Mason, George Garmston, Raymond Gayden, Rose Giddins, Lola Haken, Rene Hall, Gordon Holt, Betty Joynes, John Patrick Kelly, Con Kiley, Mary Kirk, John Joseph Lane, Joyce Maddox, James McNally, Marian Maczka, Monica & Joseph Moran, Norman Morris, Patrick O'Connor, Alan Payne, George Payne, Albert Peach, Bernard George Peach, John Peach, Fr John Piris – former PP, Mary Stanley, Roland Vernon, Bridget Ward, Derek Wilkins, Clara Withers, Margaret Woodcock, William Whorriskey.*

FUNERALS: †

MARY THERESA MILLETT RIP – FUNERAL SERVICE – 16TH JANUARY AT 1.30PM

PATRICIA JEYNES RIP – REQUIEM MASS – 30TH JANUARY AT 10AM

(RECEPTION 4PM 29TH JANUARY)

GRAHAM DIGGETT RIP – REQUIEM MASS – 31ST JANUARY AT 11.30AM

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:

The candle lamp on the Sacred Heart Altar burns this week for:

CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE SATURDAYS 4.15PM-4.50PM AND FRIDAYS DURING ADORATION. TUESDAY-THURSDAY BY REQUEST UP TO 10 MINUTES BEFORE EACH MASS

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 Wednesday lunchtime

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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.

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

12TH JANUARY 2025

Saturday Jan 11 <i>Christmas Feria</i>	5.00pm Mass (<i>Fr John Piris RIP - Anniversary former Parish Priest</i>)
Sunday Jan 12 <i>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</i>	10.00am Mass (<i>Eileen Mole RIP – Birthday Remembrance – 16th January</i>)
Monday Jan 13 <i>Feria</i>	NO MASS
Tuesday Jan 14 <i>Feria</i>	NO ROSARY OR MASS
Wednesday Jan 15 <i>Feria</i>	9.15am <i>Holy Rosary</i> 10.00am Mass (<i>In Thanksgiving – Anna</i>)
Thursday Jan 16 <i>Feria</i>	9.15am <i>Holy Rosary</i> 10.00am Mass (<i>Cynthia Black RIP – Birthday Remembrance</i>) Schoolchildren in Attendance 14 th January) 1.30pm <i>Funeral Service – Mary Theresa Millett RIP</i>
Friday Jan 17 <i>Mem of St Anthony, Abbott</i>	9.00am – 9.45 <i>Adoration & Benediction</i> 9.15am Holy Rosary 10.00am Mass (<i>Norman Morris RIP</i>)
Saturday Jan 18 <i>Feria</i>	5.00pm Mass (<i>Albert Peach RIP</i>)
Sunday Jan 19 <i>2nd Sunday of the Year</i>	10.00am Mass (<i>Gordon Holt RIP</i>)

PARISH NEWS:

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION:

IF YOU WISH TO JUST HAVE A BLESSING FROM FR MICHAEL, PLEASE PUT YOUR HAND ACROSS YOUR CHEST. THANK YOU.

HEALTH & SAFETY MESSAGE:

PARISHIONERS ARE ADVISED TO TAKE CARE WHEN ACCESSING CHURCH WHEN THERE IS FROST OR SNOW AS THERE ARE POTENTIALLY A NUMBER OF HAZARDS BENEATH WITH DAMAGED SLABS. WE CANNOT ALWAYS ENSURE THAT THE AREA IS GRITTED AS WE RELY ON THE GOODWILL OF VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST. THANK YOU.

TEA/COFFEE & TOAST EVERY THURSDAY AFTER MASS.

TEA & COFFEE AFTER MASS ON SUNDAYS.

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

LUCKY SQUARE: Proceeds to Church & Hall Restoration Fund, 3 cash prizes, if you wish to join, please see Tracey.

FR MICHAEL'S PERSONAL WEBSITE:

www.frmichaelvaughan.com



CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

STARTS PROMPT AT 10AM, DOORS OPEN FROM 9.50AM.

EVERY WEEK, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED. HELD IN PARISH HALL GARY, CHRISTINE & JOE

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

DIARY:

RCIA CLASSES: BEGIN SAT 11TH JAN FRI 24TH JAN 2.30PM LAUNCH OF JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMS OF HOPE IN SCHOOL - ALL WELCOME

FAMILY MASS: SUN 2ND FEB

IN SCHOOL: CANDLEMAS SERVICE

MON 3RD FEB 2.30PM ALL WELCOME

SUN 9TH FEB SOVEREIGN BRASS

CONCERT IN HALL 3-4PM SEE NOTICE

PARISH VISITATION:

5TH/6TH APR 2025

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:

SUNDAY 18TH MAY 10AM

CONFIRMATIONS:

WEDNESDAY 4TH JUNE 2025 6PM

Baptisms. It is usual for infants to be baptised in the Catholic Church by the age of reason, which is 7 years of age. Preparation for this is usually a month. After the age of reason your child will be baptised similar to how adults are baptised, and in many cases they will receive Confirmation and communion at the same time. For this reason the child will need to be prepared, and the priest needs permission from the Archbishop to administer the sacraments. This could take up to 3 months or longer. Parents: Please give serious thought to your child's baptism. Your child cannot receive first holy communion or Confirmation without first having been baptised. Children and parents wishing to have their children baptised are required to attend church regularly at the weekend.

Becoming a Catholic. If anyone is interested in becoming Catholic, please have a word with Fr Michael and he will get you to fill in a form and let you know more.

RCIA CLASSES WILL BEGIN IN THE NEW YEAR. THE FIRST ADULT COURSE WILL BEGIN ON SATURDAY 11TH JANUARY AND WILL CONTINUE UNTIL APRIL 12TH 2025.

PARISH NEWS:

Offertory: £286.27 £182.27 (Week)

Attendance:

29.12.24 35 + 63 = 98

5.1.25 30 + 41 = 71

Bingo £30 Restoration Fund £5

Standing Orders: (MONTHLY):

£828 (NOV) Thank you for your continued generosity.

THE NEXT SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE C&H RESTORATION FUND WILL BE THE WEEKEND OF 25TH/26TH JAN 2025

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE:

ALL PARENTS WISHING TO HAVE THEIR CHILDREN, UNDER THE AGE OF 7, BAPTISED IN THIS CHURCH WILL NEED TO ATTEND A BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE. THE COURSE WILL BE HELD ON THE LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH FOR BAPTISMS THE FOLLOWING MONTH. PARENTS CAN ATTEND ANY MONTH AS THEY WISH, THE COURSE WILL LAST ABOUT AN HOUR AND WILL INFORM AND PREPARE PARENTS FOR THE BAPTISM OF THEIR CHILD.

THE FIRST MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE PRESBYTERY 20, ST MARY'S ROAD. (TUES 28TH JAN 7PM) ANY PARENT WHO WISHES THEIR CHILD TO BE BAPTISED IN THE COMING MONTHS WILL BE MOST WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETING. PARENTS WITH CHILDREN OVER THE AGE OF 7 ARE WELCOME TO COME TO THE MEETING TO REGISTER THE BAPTISM



THE JUBILEE PRAYER

*Father in Heaven,
may the faith you have given us
In your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your kingdom.
May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of
the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation of a new
heaven and a new earth, when, with
the powers of Evil vanquished, your
glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
AMEN POPE FRANCIS*

PARISH VISITATION:

Bishop Timothy Menezes is to visit our parish on the weekend of the 5th and 6th April 2025. During his time here he will say mass, speak to the congregation, and meet with people informally after mass in Saint Mary's Hall and have refreshments. It will give everyone a chance to speak to Bishop Timothy. The Bishop will also visit the sick, visit the school, parents, staff, and governors. He will also meet formally with Fr Michael