

CHRISTMAS MASSES (BOOKINGS ONLY)

CHRISTMAS EVE 5PM & 7PM PLEASE NOTE THAT 5PM MASS IS FULLY BOOKED

CHRISTMAS MORNING 8AM (LATIN) & 10AM

DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTED NUMBERS, WE APOLOGISE FOR ANY DISAPPOINTMENT. FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL, WE MUST FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES. PLEASE ALLOW PLENTY OF TIME TO ALLOW FOR SEATING BEFORE MASS STARTS, THERE WILL BE A SEATING PLAN, PLEASE FOLLOW THE STEWARD'S INSTRUCTIONS. AT THE END OF MASS ON THE STEWARDS' INSTRUCTIONS, EVERYONE WILL LEAVE VIA FR PAUL FOR EITHER HOLY COMMUNION OR A BLESSING (PLEASE INDICATE YOU WANT A BLESSING BY CROSSING YOUR ARMS OVER YOUR CHEST) AND EXIT VIA THE SACRISTY. THE STEWARDS & SANITISERS ALL WISH YOU A HAPPY & BLESSED CHRISTMAS.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, MAY GOD BLESS AND COMFORT THEM.

Mary Sheila Cashmore (Noon), Sheila Cooney, Terry Dixon, Lorraine Haken, Carl Hickman, Gordon Holt, Sean Hooper, Barbara Jarvis, Gary Piddock, Michelle Price, Matthew Pritchett, Rose Ratcliffe, Glen Smickersgill, Dave Wallett, Moya Wells, Pat Wilkins, Dawn Wood.

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of MARGARET BERESFORD RIP and for the souls of the faithfully departed whose anniversaries occur in DECEMBER:† (Please give Fr Paul details of any additions to the list) Gordon Bacon, Baby Bennett, Basil Bridgwater, Patrick Byrne, Peg Byrne, Martha Cowley, Albert Diggett, William Fairless, Catherine Gallagher, George Green, Kevin Groves, Michael Haken, Graham Harper, Simon Harper, Jean Hunter, Mrs. Jennings, Arthur Maddox, Eileen Mole, James Lambley, Betty Langford, Raymond Mason, Elizabeth Morris, Fr Michael O'Meara (former Parish Priest), Christopher Morris, John O'Connell, Leonard William Peach, Magdalene Perkins (nee Churchill) Catherine Rose Piggott, Maria Sylvana 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 - £10 - please see Fr Paul or Cate.

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

Deceased Members of the Agg & Taylor Families RIP

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

Fr Michael O'Meara RIP Former Parish Priest (Anniversary 18th December)

If anyone would like to have flowers in Church at a place of your choice in memory of a loved one or for any other occasion during Christmas, the intention will be on the newsletter. Please see Anne or Cate to arrange. Also if anyone can donate holly or evergreen to help with the decorations, please let Anne know. Any donations towards Christmas flowers for Church will be gratefully received. Thank you.



OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PRAY FOR US
Saint Mary's Catholic Church, Wednesbury
Saint Mary's Road, WS10 9DL
0121-505-7927 <http://www.saintmaryswednesbury.org.uk>
Parish Priest: Fr Paul Lester

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
13TH DECEMBER 2020

Saturday Dec 12	5.00pm Mass (<i>Deceased Members of the Holt Family RIP</i>)
Sunday Dec 13	8.00am Traditional Latin Mass** (<i>People of the Parish</i>)
	10.00am Mass (<i>Deceased Members of the Spray & Carless Families RIP</i>)
Tuesday Dec 15	10.00am Mass (<i>Deceased Members of the Fairless Family RIP</i>)
Thursday Dec 17	10.00am Mass (<i>Fr Michael O'Meara RIP – Anniv 18th Dec</i>) (<i>former Parish Priest of St Mary's</i>)
Saturday Dec 19	5.00pm Mass (<i>Margaret Beresford RIP</i>)
Sunday Dec 20	** 8.00am Traditional Latin Mass (<i>Santo & Angelo Avola RIP</i>)
4 th Sunday of Advent	10.00am Mass (<i>Christopher Morris RIP</i>)

USUAL PROCEDURES WILL BE FOLLOWED RE HOLY COMMUNION ON THE HAND ONLY, SANITISING, STEWARDS, ONE-WAY SYSTEM, FACE COVERINGS TO BE WORN, SOCIAL DISTANCING AT ALL TIMES ETC. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TOILETS ARE NOT IN USE.
PLEASE REFER TO SPECIAL EDITION NEWSLETTER OR PARISH WEBSITE FOR GUIDELINES.

**** Please note that Holy Communion WILL NOT be given at this Mass while the current guidelines are in force** This Mass will be at the Sacred Heart Altar**

MASSES THAT HAVE BEEN BOOKED WILL BE SAID DURING THE FORTHCOMING WEEKS.

WE ARE STILL TAKING MASS INTENTIONS AND ALSO THE ALTAR LAMPS WHICH ARE LIT FOR THE WHOLE WEEK FOR INTENTIONS. YOU CAN PUT ANY MASS STIPENDS THROUGH THE PRESBYTERY LETTER BOX OR HAND TO A STEWARD TO PASS ON TO FR PAUL. THANK YOU.



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

YOUR PARISH STILL NEEDS YOUR HELP FINANCIALLY - WE URGE YOU PLEASE TO PUT YOUR OFFERTORY ENVELOPES THROUGH THE PRESBYTERY LETTER BOX OR BRING THEM TO CHURCH. THANK YOU. FR PAUL. 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 HAS ANY ENVELOPES THEY WOULD LIKE COLLECTING, PLEASE CONTACT CATE TO ARRANGE.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: SOME PARISHIONERS LIKE TO SEND & RECEIVE CHRISTMAS CARDS, BUT THIS YEAR YOU HAVE A CHOICE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TOWARDS THE CHURCH RESTORATION FUND IN LIEU OF SENDING CARDS, THERE IS A FORM AVAILABLE NOW FOR YOU TO SIGN AND PUT A MESSAGE TO YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS, AND A BOX PROVIDED FOR YOUR DONATION. PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO PROVISION FOR CARDS TO BE LEFT ON THE TABLE IN THE PORCH.

PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR REGULAR UPDATES!

The website is regularly updated and the newsletter is on usually every Thursday or Friday. www.saintmaryswednesbury.org.uk

Please note the cut-off is Wednesday lunchtime

PARISH NEWS:

NEARLY NEW SALE: THERE WILL BE AN OUTDOORS NEARLY NEW SALE BEFORE AND AFTER MASSES THIS WEEKEND, IDEAL FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS. ALL PROCEEDS TO THE CHURCH RESTORATION FUND.

CHRISTMAS MASSES: (SEE OVER PAGE FOR DETAILS)

ANYONE WHO HAS BOOKED FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES UP UNTIL 6TH DECEMBER HAVE ALL BEEN ACCOMMODATED. ANY NEW BOOKINGS, PLEASE SEE CATE OR A STEWARD.

CRIB OFFERINGS:

THIS YEAR'S CRIB OFFERINGS WILL BE FOR MARY'S MEALS, THIS CHARITY PROVIDES CHRONICALLY HUNGRY CHILDREN WITH ONE MEAL EVERY SCHOOL DAY, ENCOURAGING EDUCATION THAT CAN LIFT THEM OUT OF POVERTY IN LATER LIFE.

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

IF YOU WISH TO PURCHASE ANY CARDS, CANDLES, GIFTS CHRISTMAS CARDS, CALENDARS ETC FROM PIETY, PLEASE ARRANGE BY CONTACTING TONY DEVENNEY 07531 461366 COULD YOU PLEASE PURCHASE ANYTHING YOU NEED FOR CHRISTMAS BECAUSE PIETY WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT CHRISTMAS MASSES.

IS THERE ANYONE YOU KNOW WHO WOULD LIKE A NEWSLETTER? COULD YOU PLEASE PICK UP A COPY FOR THEM AND POST IT THROUGH THEIR LETTERBOX? SOME PARISHIONERS DO NOT HAVE A COMPUTER AND THIS WOULD BE REALLY HELPFUL. THANK YOU.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE:

LUCKY SQUARE - THREE CASH PRIZES OF £25, £12 AND £7.

PLEASE NOTE THE DRAW WILL BE MADE ON THE 3RD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH, SO PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL MONIES ARE PAID PRIOR TO THIS, OTHERWISE THE NUMBER WILL NOT BE INCLUDED.

IF ANYONE WISHES TO JOIN THE LUCKY SQUARE, PLEASE SEE TRACEY OR ONE OF THE STEWARDS. CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE NOW, AND WILL BE DRAWN ON 20TH DECEMBER.

THE FUNDRAISING WILL BE ON-GOING FOR MORE PROJECTS, WHICH WILL BE IN FORTHCOMING NEWSLETTERS.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH.

MARGARET BERESFORD RIP FUNERAL MASS: TUESDAY 22ND DECEMBER AT 10AM
Please note that funerals are by family invitation only due to current restrictions.