

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 MOYA WELLS RIP, 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, 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.

KATHLEEN MOYA WELLS RIP FUNERAL DETAILS:

RECEPTION INTO CHURCH THURSDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 4PM

FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 10AM REQUIEM MASS

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 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 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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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

14TH JANUARY 2024

Saturday Jan 13	5.00pm Mass (<i>Eileen Mole RIP-Birthday Remembrance</i>)
Sunday Jan 14	10.00am Mass (<i>Cynthia Lorraine Black RIP – Birthday Remembrance</i>) <u>Baptism – 12 noon – Oliver John Wallett</u>
Monday Jan 15	<u>NO MASS</u>
Tuesday Jan 16	<u>9.30am Holy Rosary</u> <i>Feria</i> 10.00am Mass (<i>Private Intention A.C.</i>)
Wednesday Jan 17	<u>NO MASS</u> <i>Memorial of St Anthony, Abbot</i>
Thursday Jan 18	10.00am Mass (<i>Norman Morris RIP</i>) <i>Feria</i> <u>St Mary's Schoolchildren in Attendance</u>
Friday Jan 19	<u>9.00am – 9.45am Adoration & Benediction</u> <i>Feast of St Wulstan, Bishop</i> 10.00am Mass (<i>Gordon Holt RIP – Anniv 18th Jan</i>)
Saturday Jan 20	5.00pm Mass (<i>Kathleen Pedley RIP</i>)
Sunday Jan 21	10.00am Mass (<i>People of the Parish</i>) <i>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</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.

DIARY:
ST JOHN BOSCO MASS:
WEDNESDAY 31ST JANUARY 10AM
CANDLEMASS: FRIDAY 2ND FEB 7PM
BLESSING OF THROATS: AT 5PM MASS SAT 3RD FEB AND SUNDAY 10AM 4TH FEB MASS
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 FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE FROM SUSAN OR BARBARA ALEXANDER 01902 633959 OR 07946 611376

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.

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. PROCEEDS TO THE CHURCH RESTORATION FUND. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH.

FOOD BANK: THERE IS A BOX IN THE CHURCH PORCH FOR ANY DONATIONS OF TINNED OR DRIED FOODS, TOILETRIES ETC WHICH WILL BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED. **THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THIS TIME OF NEED**

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

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

PARISH NEWS:

Offertory: £306.49 (Week)
Attendance: 129
Standing Orders: (MONTHLY): £690 (DEC) Thank you for your continued generosity.

CANDLEMASS THIS YEAR IS ON FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY, UNFORTUNATELY WE HAVE A REQUIEM MASS THAT FRIDAY AT 10AM, THEREFORE THERE WILL BE THE TRADITIONAL **CANDLEMASS AT 7PM.** THE FEAST OF ST BLAISE IS ON SATURDAY 3RD FEBRUARY, AND THE **TRADITIONAL BLESSING OF THROATS WILL TAKE PLACE AT BOTH THE SATURDAY VIGIL MASS AND SUNDAY MORNING MASS THAT WEEKEND.**

Roman Catholic Initiation of Adults & Children:
Fr Michael is to begin catechesis of adults & children wishing to become full members of the Catholic Church. The next meeting is Tuesday 16th January at 7pm in the Church Hall, and every Tuesday continuing until Easter. Those who wish, will be received into the Church during the Easter season. All welcome.

FEAST OF ST JOHN BOSCO:
The St John Bosco Multi Academy Company would like to join us for Mass in our beautiful Church on Wednesday 31st January at 10am. **Staff and Pupils from all of the MAC schools will be in attendance.** It will be a wonderful occasion and a perfect way to showcase our school and parish community. Fr Michael/Amey Pritchard

LENT BEGINS THIS YEAR WITH ASH WEDNESDAY ON WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14TH, I LIKE TO PREPARE THE ASHES IN THE TRADITIONAL WAY BY BURNING THE PALM CROSSES GIVEN OUT AT LAST YEAR'S PALM SUNDAY MASS. THEREFORE, I ASK PARISHIONERS TO PLEASE RETURN THEIR PALM CROSSES, WHICH WILL BE BURNED TO MAKE THE ASHES FOR USE ON ASH WEDNESDAY, THANK YOU.
FR MICHAEL

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!
WE KNOW HOW HARD IT IS IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES BUT YOUR CHURCH IS SUFFERING TOO WITH HIGH ENERGY AND RUNNING COSTS ETC. **PLEASE CONSIDER IF YOU COULD BE A GIFT AIDER, BECAUSE THIS COULD BRING EXTRA INCOME INTO THE CHURCH AT NO EXTRA COST TO YOURSELF.** IF YOU ARE AN INCOME TAX PAYER (OR YOUR SPOUSE /PARTNER IS) – WE COULD RECLAIM ON THE TAX THAT YOU ARE ALREADY PAYING. THIS MEANS THAT INSTEAD OF GIVING £1 TO THE CHURCH YOU CAN IN FACT BE GIVING £1.25! **YOU CAN GIVE WHATEVER YOU WANT, WHENEVER YOU WANT, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO SIGN UP FOR A CERTAIN AMOUNT. YOU COULD HAVE ENVELOPES OR PAY BY STANDING ORDER.** IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THIS, PLEASE SEE CATE.