

**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 the faithfully departed whose**

**Anniversaries occur in December:** † *Gordon Bacon, Baby Bennett, Basil Bridgwater, Peg Byrne, Patrick Byrne, Martha Cowley, Albert Diggett, William Fairless, Catherine Gallagher, George Green, Kevin Groves, Michael Haken, Graham Harper, Jean Hunter, Brenda Jennings, James Lambley, Betty Langford, Arthur Maddox, Raymond Mason, Eileen Mole, Christopher Morris, Elizabeth Morris, Fr Michael O'Meara (former PP), John O'Connell, Leonard William Peach, Helen Pennings, Magdalene Perkins nee Churchill, Catherine Rose Piggott, Roy Probert, Lee Potts, Stuart Roper, Maria Sylvana Rossi, Joseph Ryan, Ronald Turner, Pauline Walsh, Winifred Ward, Moya Wells, Mary Wilmore.*

**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:**

***Betty Langford RIP (Anniversary 18<sup>th</sup> December)***

**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](http://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](mailto:sg.stmaryoth.wednesbury@rcaob.org.uk) or the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted at [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) or on 0121 230 6240 if you have any concern.

### **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

<b>Saturday Dec 14</b>	<b>5.00pm Mass</b> ( <i>Chris Dickens RIP – Birthday Mem of St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church Remembrance</i> )
<b>Sunday Dec 15</b>	<b>10.00am Mass</b> ( <i>Frank Malcolm Wright RIP</i> ) <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i> <b><u>12.30pm Baptism – Luciano Andres Balaz</u></b>
<b>Monday Dec 16</b>	<b><u>NO MASS</u></b> <i>Feria</i>
<b>Tuesday Dec 17</b>	<b><u>9.30am Holy Rosary</u></b> <i>Feria</i> <b>10.00am Mass</b> ( <i>People of the Parish</i> )
<b>Wednesday Dec 18</b>	<b>10.00am Mass</b> ( <i>Fr Michael O'Meara RIP – 25<sup>TH</sup> Anniv former Parish Priest</i> ) <b><u>1.30PM SCHOOL CAROL CONCERT IN CHURCH</u></b>
<b>Thursday Dec 19</b>	<b>10.00am Mass</b> ( <i>Wendy Leatham Ints</i> ) <i>Feria</i>
<b>Friday Dec 20</b>	<b><u>NO BENEDICTION OR MASS</u></b> <i>Feria</i>
<b>Saturday Dec 21</b>	<b>5.00pm Mass</b> ( <i>Tegwen &amp; Patrick Devenney RIP</i> ) <i>Feria</i>
<b>Sunday Dec 22</b>	<b>10.00am Mass</b> ( <i>Leonard William Peach RIP</i> ) <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</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.

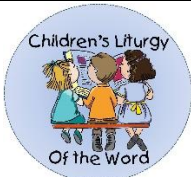
### HEALTH & SAFETY MESSAGE:

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.



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

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

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

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

### BIRMINGHAM DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025 - JUBILEE YEAR

SAT 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY-FRI 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY

BOOKING NOW OPEN:

CONTACT: TANGNEY TOURS 01732 886666 OR EMAIL [sales@tangney-tours.com](mailto:sales@tangney-tours.com) FOR DETAILS.

## DIARY:

### SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE:

IN CHURCH WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 1.30PM

### PARISH VISITATION:

5<sup>TH</sup>/6<sup>TH</sup> APR 2025

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:

SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 10AM

### CONFIRMATIONS:

WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025 6PM

### SIMPLE ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT BETWEEN 9.15AM-9.45AM

TUES, WED AND THURS, WITH LATIN ADORATION, AND CONFESSION, AND BENEDICTION AS NORMAL ON A FRIDAY 9AM-9.45AM.

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.

## PARISH NEWS:

Offertory: £221.20 (Week)

Attendance: 29 + 79 = 108

Poor Parishes: £70.12

Standing Orders: (MONTHLY): £813

(SEPT) Thank you for your

continued generosity. *This*

*weekend: Second collection for Church & Hall Restoration Fund.*

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:

LAST YEAR I OPENED THE RCIA UP TO ANYONE WHO WISHED TO TAKE PART, THIS MEANT I HAD A LARGE GROUP OF OVER 20 PEOPLE, ALL AT DIFFERENT STAGES OF THEIR FAITH. THIS YEAR, I'M DOING IT A LITTLE DIFFERENTLY. I'M ASKING FOR THOSE ONLY TO ATTEND THE MEETING WHO WISH TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS. I WILL TAKE ADULTS, ANYONE 18 OR OVER, AND GARY LINFORD HAS VERY KINDLY AGREED TO TAKE CHILDREN WHO ARE NOT IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS. CHILDREN IN ST. MARY'S, OR OTHER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WILL BE PREPARED BY THE SCHOOL. THE CLASSES WILL BEGIN IN THE NEW YEAR. THE FIRST ADULT COURSE WILL BEGIN ON SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY AND WILL CONTINUE UNTIL APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>. THANK YOU ALSO TO DARREN DEWFIELD WHO HAS KINDLY OFFERED TO HELP WITH BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR INFANTS. ANYONE WHO HAS EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ENROL NOW BY SEEING FR MICHAEL WHO WILL FILL IN AN APPLICATION FORM. MY THANKS TO THOSE PARISHIONERS WHO ATTENDED THE COURSE LAST YEAR, THIS YEAR IS JUST FOR THOSE WHO ARE TO BE PREPARED FOR THE SACRAMENTS. THANK YOU. FR MICHAEL.

DURING ADVENT WE WILL HAVE A MEMORY TREE, YOU CAN PLACE ON THE TREE NAMES OF YOUR LOVED ONES, AND THEY WILL BE REMEMBERED AT ONE OF THE CHRISTMAS MASSES. THE COST IS £1 PROCEEDS WILL BE DIVIDED BETWEEN THE CHURCH & HALL RESTORATION FUND AND THE FOOD BANK.

OUR CRIB OFFERINGS THIS YEAR WILL GO TOWARDS THE "MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION". IT'S A CHARITY THAT ALLOWS CHILDREN WITH TERMINAL ILLNESSES TO HAVE THEIR WISHES COME TRUE. IT'S VERY DIFFICULT FOR PARENTS WHO HAVE CHILDREN WITH SUCH ILLNESSES, THIS CHARITY TRIES IN SOME SMALL PART TO BRING SOME JOY AND HAPPINESS INTO THE LIVES OF CHILDREN AND PARENTS DURING THIS VERY DIFFICULT TIME. IF YOU CANNOT MAKE A DONATION, THEN PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL THOSE WHO ARE AFFECTED BY HAVING CHILDREN WITH TERMINAL ILLNESSES. THANK YOU.



### CHRISTMAS MASSES:

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDRENS' MASS 4PM

CHRISTMAS EVE CAROLS 5.30PM

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS 6PM

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS 10AM

DEC 26<sup>TH</sup> ST STEPHEN 11AM MASS

The Christmas Offering is for your Parish Priest - there will be envelopes available.

FR MICHAEL'S PERSONAL WEBSITE:

[www.frmichaelvaughan.com](http://www.frmichaelvaughan.com)