

**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, Lynne Harper, Alan Hill, 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 February: †**

*Peter Bailey, Stanley E.H, Brookes, Cyril Dicken, Michael Groves, Derek Hadley, Irene Harper, Collette Hinz, Graham Humphrey, Ivor J. Ilsley, W.J. Ilsley, Fr Frederick William Keating (former PP), Ita Lane, Terry Langley Jnr, Faye Mason, John Moran, Edna Peach, Verity Perry, Gary Piddock, William Piggott, Brian Powell, Leon Purcell, Harold Scott, Maria Severn, Sarah Shinton, Christopher Slater, Anthony Brian Smith, Evelyn Stokes, Hilda Taylor, William Ward, Betty Wright.*

**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:**

*Marian Whitehouse RIP (Anniversary 13<sup>th</sup> February)*

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

*Intentions of the Borg Family  
Patrick O'Connor RIP*

**The Flowers on Our Lady's Altar this weekend are in Memory of the Sambrooks Family RIP**

**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.saintmarvswednesbury.org.uk](http://www.saintmarvswednesbury.org.uk)

Please note the cut-off is Wednesday lunchtime

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OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PRAY FOR US

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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.**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

**16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025**

Saturday Feb 15	5.00pm Mass ( <i>Moya Wells RIP – Birthday Remembrance</i> )
<i>Feria</i>	<i>14<sup>th</sup> February</i>
Sunday Feb 16	10.00am Mass ( <i>Molly Midgley Hellend RIP - Anniv</i> )
<i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	
Monday Feb 17	<b>NO MASS</b>
<i>Feria</i>	
Tuesday Feb 18	<u>9.30am Holy Rosary</u>
<i>Feria</i>	10.00am Mass ( <i>Private Intention</i> )
Wednesday Feb 19	<u>9.30am Holy Rosary</u>
<i>Feria</i>	10.00am Mass ( <i>Holy Souls</i> )
Thursday Feb 20	<u>9.30am Holy Rosary</u>
<i>Feria</i>	10.00am Mass ( <i>Cicilia Castelino RIP</i> )
Friday Feb 21	<u>9.00-9.45am Adoration &amp; Benediction</u>
<i>Feria</i>	<u>9.15am Holy Rosary</u>
	10.00am Mass ( <i>Private Intention</i> )
Saturday Feb 22	5.00pm Mass ( <i>Dec'd Members of the Sambrooks Family RIP</i> )
	<i>Feast of the Chair of St Peter, Apostle</i>
Sunday Feb 23	10.00am Mass ( <i>Collette Hinz RIP – Anniv 26<sup>th</sup> Feb</i> )
<i>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</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](http://www.frmichaelvaughan.com)



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

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

**EVERY WEEK, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED. HELD IN THE CHURCH PORCH AND WHEN THE SACRISTY IS FINISHED, IT WILL BE HELD IN THERE. GARY, CHRISTINE & JOE**

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

### DIARY:

**FAMILY MASS: SUN 2<sup>ND</sup> MAR**

**MON 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH: ST PATRICK'S DAY**

**SAT 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 12 NOON – MARRIAGE**

**MASS AT ST CHADS**

**PARISH VISITATION: 5<sup>TH</sup>/6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**FHC: SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 10AM**

**CONFIRMATIONS: WED 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 6PM**

**TUES SEPT 30<sup>TH</sup>: MAC PILGRIMAGE IN**

**CHURCH 8AM-4PM**

**85<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY ST MARY'S**

**SCHOOL: MASS SUN 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

### BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE:

**THE NEXT MEETING FOR THOSE THAT WANT THEIR CHILDREN BAPTISED WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH HALL ON TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY AT 7PM.**

**RCIA:** Those who wish to know more about the Catholic faith with the intention of becoming a Catholic at Easter are welcome to attend the Adult course being held in the presbytery every Saturday at 10am. Children who wish to become Catholics will be prepared by Mr. G. Linford, parents please have a word with Fr Michael who will inform Mr. Linford your child's wish to become Catholic or receive the other Sacraments if they're not in a Catholic School.

*Week 1 - 11<sup>th</sup> Jan - Introduction & Welcome.*

*Week 2 - 18<sup>th</sup> Jan Unit 1 Our Story*

*Week 3 - 25<sup>th</sup> Jan Unit 2 The Journey*

*Week 4 - 1<sup>st</sup> Feb Unit 3 The Conversion*

*Week 5 - 8<sup>th</sup> Feb Unit 4 Jesus the Christ*

*Week 6 - 15<sup>th</sup> Feb - Unit 5 Jesus and Us*

*Week 7 - 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb - Unit 6 Sacred*

*Scripture - Introduction to the Bible & The Old Testament*

*Week 8 - 1<sup>st</sup> March - Unit 7 Sacred*

*Scripture - The New Testament*

*Week 9 - 8<sup>th</sup> Mar - Unit 8 The Holy*

*Spirit and the Church*

*Week 10 - 15<sup>th</sup> Mar - Unit 9 The Church's Story*

## PARISH NEWS:

**Offertory: £264.70 (Week)**

**Attendance: 33 + 86 = 119**

**Candles £20**

**Second Collection for the Church & Hall Restoration Fund this weekend.**

**Standing Orders: (MONTHLY):**

**£838 (DEC) Thank you for your continued generosity.**

**BIRD ORGAN:** MY DEAR FRIENDS, AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, THE ORGAN BROKE DOWN LAST WEEK, AND IT APPEARS THAT THE ORGAN BLOWER MOTOR MAY HAVE FAILED. HAWKINS, WHO LOOKS AFTER OUR ORGAN, HAS GOT TO INVESTIGATE AND GIVE US A PRICE ON THE WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. UNFORTUNATELY, THEY WILL NEED AN ASBESTOS CHECK TO BE DONE ON THE ORGAN, AND INDEED THE CHURCH SHOULD HAVE BEEN CHECKED SOME TIME AGO. THIS WILL INEVITABLY INCUR MORE COSTS TO THE PARISH I'M AFRAID. I DO BELIEVE THAT FOR SUCH A GRAND BUILDING, AND TO BE ABLE TO HAVE A FUNCTIONING ORGAN AS OLD AS THE BIRD ORGAN, IT IS A PRICE WORTH PAYING FOR. THE THOUGHT OF HAVING TO USE A BOOM BOX EVERY SUNDAY FILLS ME WITH DREAD. PAUL PIDDOCK HAS WRITTEN TO 4, WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF A 5<sup>TH</sup> COMPANY, TO GET A QUOTE FOR THE ASBESTOS CHECK. IN THE FUTURE WE'LL NEED A LEGIONNAIRES CHECK DONE. THESE CHECKS WILL PROBABLY NEED TO BE DONE TOO BEFORE WE CAN START WORK ON THE TOILETS. THEREFORE, WE ALL HAVE A PART TO PLAY, AND I KNOW THINGS ARE REALLY DIFFICULT FOR US ALL AT THE MOMENT, BUT I DO ASK THAT YOU BE AS GENEROUS AS YOU POSSIBLY CAN WHEN WE HAVE THE NEXT COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH & HALL RESTORATION FUND BECAUSE IT'S THIS THAT MAKES ALL THE NECESSARY WORK ON THE CHURCH & HALL POSSIBLE. THANK YOU ALL IN ANTICIPATION.  
FR MICHAEL.

## PRAY TO END ABORTION WITH 40DAYS FOR LIFE:

To find out more about our friendly team or join in this campaign of peaceful legal prayer near an abortion centre contact:  
**Isabel 07773 501721 [izzyvs@gmail.com](mailto:izzyvs@gmail.com)**  
Vigil location: outside St Joseph and St Helen's RC Church, Station Rd, Kings Norton. B30 13G. 8am-8pm daily March 5<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> April.  
You will need to sign a Statement of Peace before attending. Please get in touch for any questions or come to our kick-off event on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Angela Costley will give a talk at masses on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

WE ARE PLANNING A MEMORIAL SERVICE TO MARK THE 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIV & REMEMBER THE VICTIMS OF THE TUNISIA TRAGEDY. PATRICK EVANS, ADRIAN EVANS AND JOEL RICHARDS RIP, IN JUNE - DETAILS TBA WHEN CONFIRMED.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** THE NEW ENVELOPES FOR THE NEW FISCAL YEAR ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE PORCH.

THE NEXT FAMILY MASS IS SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 10AM

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE A MASS ON MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 10AM (ST. PATRICK'S DAY)

## FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:

**DUDLEY & WOLVERHAMPTON DEANERY VOCATIONS PRAYER:**

O Holy Spirit of wisdom and divine love, Impart your knowledge, understanding and counsel to our young people, that they may know the vocation wherein they can best serve God. Give them courage and strength to follow God's holy will.  
O Mary, Mother of all vocations, PRAY FOR US