

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, Bridgitt Cooper, Joan Dixon, Lynne Harper, Sean Hooper, Barbara Jarvis, Michelle Price, Veronica Smith, Pat Wilkins.*

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of MELINA SIMPSON (Nee BORG) RIP Recently Deceased, and for the souls of the faithfully departed whose Anniversaries occur in March: † *Lino Advantaggiato, Marie Angell, V. Rev Canon Stuart Bathurst (built our Church), Julie Bailey, Lileth Biggs, Cecilia Bridgwater, Ann (Dolly) Davies, William Alfred Davies, Margaret Davies, Harold Davis, Kate Dennis, Terry Dixon, Margaret Durkin, Kenneth Thomas Gibbs, Monica Green, Sheila Hadley, Marjorie Harrison, Dorothy Ilsley, Theresa Ingamels, James Mason, Dawn Ann Mattocks, Rev George Montgomery (founder of our Church), Thomas Moran, Patrick Mulvaney, Pop Pallet, Albert Peach, Maureen Peach, Michael Leonard Peach, Tony Piggott, David Severn, Monica Severn, Kathleen Small, Joan Smith, Catherine Varley, Elvira Watson, Terry & Jenny Wilks, Canon Brian Withers former Parish Priest, Dawn Wood.*

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:

Geraldine O'Connor RIP (Anniversary 17th March)

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

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

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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 or the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk or on 0121 230 6240 if you have any concern.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

16TH MARCH 2025

Saturday Mar 15	5.00pm Mass (<i>Canon Stuart Bathurst RIP</i>) <i>Lent Feria</i>	(<i>Anniv 15th March – Built our Church</i>)
Sunday Mar 16	10.00am Mass (<i>William Davies RIP – Anniv</i>) <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	
Monday Mar 17	10.00am Mass (<i>May Nickless RIP – Anniv</i>) <i>Feast of St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland</i>	
Tuesday Mar 18	NO ROSARY OR MASS <i>Lent Feria</i>	
Wednesday Mar 19	9.30am Holy Rosary <i>Solemnity of St Joseph</i>	10.00am Mass (<i>James Mason RIP & Monica Green RIP</i>) <i>Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Anniversaries 19th March)</i> Schoolchildren in Attendance
Thursday Mar 20	9.30am Holy Rosary <i>Lent Feria</i>	10.00am Mass (<i>Holy Souls</i>)
Friday March 21	9.00-9.45am Adoration & Benediction <i>Lent Feria</i>	9.15am Divine Mercy Chaplet 10.00am Mass (<i>Dec'd Members of the Spray & Carless Stations of the Cross Families RIP</i>)
Saturday Mar 22	5.00pm Mass (<i>Priest's Intention</i>) <i>Lent Feria</i>	
Sunday Mar 23	10.00am Mass (<i>People of the Parish</i>) <i>Third Sunday of Lent</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.

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 THE CHURCH PORCH AND WHEN THE SACRISTY IS FINISHED, IT WILL BE HELD IN THERE.
GARY, CHRISTINE & JOE

DIARY:

CHURCH CLEAN: TUES 25TH MARCH
PARISH VISITATION: 5TH/6TH APRIL
DEANERY VISITATION MTG: WED 9TH APRIL 7PM KINGSWINFORD
SAT 3RD MAY 12 NOON – MARRIAGE MASS AT ST CHADS
FHC: SUNDAY 18TH MAY 10AM
CONFIRMATIONS: WED 4TH JUNE 6PM
APPEAL FOR MISSIO: 13/14TH SEPT
TUES SEPT 30TH: MAC PILGRIMAGE IN CHURCH 8AM-4PM
MISSION FOR MSP FATHERS 4/5TH OCT
85TH ANNIVERSARY ST MARY'S SCHOOL: MASS SUN 26TH OCTOBER

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE:
THE NEXT MEETING FOR THOSE THAT WANT THEIR CHILDREN BAPTISED WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH HALL ON TUESDAY 25TH MARCH 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 - 11th Jan - Introduction & Welcome.
Week 2 - 18th Jan Unit 1 Our Story
Week 3 - 25th Jan Unit 2 The Journey
Week 4 - 1st Feb Unit 3 The Conversion
Week 5 - 8th Feb Unit 4 Jesus the Christ
Week 6 - 15th Feb - Unit 5 Jesus and Us
Week 7 - 22nd Feb - Unit 6 Sacred Scripture - Introduction to the Bible & The Old Testament
Week 8 - 1st March - Unit 7 Sacred Scripture - The New Testament
Week 9 - 8th Mar - Unit 8 The Holy Spirit and the Church
Week 10 - 15th Mar - Unit 9 The Church's Story

PARISH NEWS:

Offertory: £333.22 (Week)
Attendance: 44 + 98 = 142
Candles £20 Piety £305
Cathedral Maintenance £16
Standing Orders: (MONTHLY): £833 (JAN) Thank you for your continued generosity.
This Weekend: Second Collection for Church & Hall Restoration Fund
Next weekend one-off diocese retiring collection for Walsingham Shrine.

I'm happy to say that after checks for asbestos on the organ, it was found that there was none. Therefore, work to fix the organ should commence in a short time. I'd like to thank everyone who gave donations towards the work needed to repair the organ. We have to date received donations totalling £1,260 from parishioners who wished to remain anonymous. Thank you all very much. I hope we'll have it working again very soon. God bless. Fr Michael.

CHURCH CLEAN:
AFTER MASS TUESDAY 25TH MARCH, IF YOU CAN SPARE AN HR WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY HELP.

"PHILOSOPHY AS DISCIPLESHIP, A CAMINO STORY & THE JUBILEE YEAR"
READ THE EXCITING NEWS COMING FROM OSCOTT COLLEGE IN THEIR NEWSLETTER:
SIGN UP TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER EVERY MONTH:
<https://www.oscott.org/signup>

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. BOTH SATURDAY EVENING AND SUNDAY MORNING. IT WILL GIVE EVERYONE A CHANCE TO SPEAK TO BISHOP TIMOTHY, AND GIVE YOUR VIEWS ON CLUSTERING ETC. THE BISHOP WILL ALSO VISIT THE SICK, MEET THE SCHOOLCHILDREN, PARENTS, STAFF, AND GOVERNORS. HE WILL ALSO MEET FORMALLY WITH FR MICHAEL

DEANERY VISITATION CLOSING MEETING: WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL 7PM AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH, KINGSWINFORD – ALL WELCOME. EVENING CONSISTS OF ADDRESS BY THE ARCHBISHOP AND THERE WILL BE EVENING PRAYER.



EASTER FLOWERS:
ANY DONATIONS FOR THE EASTER FLOWERS, WE WOULD BE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR, PLEASE SEE ANNE. WE ARE NOT STIPULATING AN ALTAR/STATUE/WINDOW FOR ANY PARTICULAR DONATION, BUT THERE WILL BE A BOARD IN THE CHURCH PORCH WHERE YOU CAN PUT THE NAMES OF YOUR LOVED ONES. THIS IS TO MAKE THINGS EASIER FOR ANNE AND HER TEAM. THEY WILL THEN ARRANGE THE FLOWERS TO ENHANCE THE BEAUTY OF OUR CHURCH. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY, AS ALWAYS, IT IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.