

**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.

*Theresa Adams, Pauline Agg, Sheila Cooney, Margaret Cooper, Joan & Terry Dixon, Frances Groves, Sean Hooper, Barbara Jarvis, Norma Jeynes, Michelle Price, Moya Wells, Pat Wilkins.*

**Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of CHRIS DICKENS RIP recently deceased and for the souls of the faithfully departed whose anniversaries occur in July**

†*Bill Allcock, Thirza Bennett, Cath Addiss, Francis Borg, Rafaela Borg, Kathleen Bowdler, Kathleen Burns, Peggy Churchill, Thomas Churchill, Peter Davies, Harry Gascoigne, Julia Green, Bertha Jane Greenhill, Carl Haken, Patrick Hanley, Simon Harper, Bernard Lally, Hilda Lally, Sister Magdalen, Evelyn Mahoney, Leslie Martin, Vera Moran, Lily Payne, Kate Raby, Kathleen Riley (nee O'Connell), Michael Ward, Chris Wilkinson, William Williams, Ernest Withers.*

**FUNERAL DETAILS FOR CHRISTOPHER DICKENS RIP:**

**RECEPTION INTO CHURCH TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY AT 4PM**

**REQUIEM MASS WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY AT 2.45PM**

**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 Fr Paul or Cate.**

*The candle lamp on Our Lady's Altar burns this week for:  
Peter Davies RIP (Anniversary 18<sup>th</sup> July)*

*The candle lamps on the Sacred Heart Altar burn this week for:  
Patrick, Michael & Andrew O'Gorman RIP  
Owen Fox RIP (Anniversary 16<sup>th</sup> July)*

*If anyone would like flowers on an altar or near to a statue in memory of a loved one – please see Anne or Cate*

**CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE UP TO 10 MINUTES BEFORE EACH MASS – OR CONTACT FR PAUL**

**PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR REGULAR UPDATES!** The website is regularly updated and the newsletter is on usually every Thursday.

[www.saintmaryswednesbury.org.uk](http://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**  
**Saint Mary's Catholic Church, Wednesbury**

Saint Mary's Road, WS10 9DL

0121-505-7927 <http://www.saintmaryswednesbury.org.uk>

Email: [stmarvoth.wednesbury@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stmarvoth.wednesbury@rcaob.org.uk)

**Parish Priest: Fr Paul Lester**

**Parish Secretary:**

**Cate Maddox 07773 712936**

[ca.stmaryoth.wednesbury@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:ca.stmaryoth.wednesbury@rcaob.org.uk)

**Safeguarding & Extraordinary**

**Minister for the Sick:**

**Mary Jones 07711 688413**

[sg.stmaryoth.wednesbury@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stmaryoth.wednesbury@rcaob.org.uk)

**Health & Safety:**

**Paul Piddock 07766 421402**

[hs.stmaryoth.wednesbury@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:hs.stmaryoth.wednesbury@rcaob.org.uk)

**Parish Hall Bookings:**

**Margaret Holden 07800 522236**

[stmaryoth.wednesbury@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stmaryoth.wednesbury@rcaob.org.uk)

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

**16<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023**

<b>Saturday July 15</b>	<b><u>Baptism – 12 noon – Violeta Helena Henslock</u></b> <i>Memorial of St Bonaventura, 5.00pm Mass (Joyce Mary Lander RIP – J. Association Bishop)</i>
<b>Sunday July 16</b>	<b>10.00am Mass (People of the Parish)</b> <b>11.30am Traditional Latin Mass</b>
<b>Monday July 17</b>	<b><u>NO MASS</u></b>
<b>Tuesday July 18</b>	<b><u>9.30am Holy Rosary</u></b> <b>10.00am Mass (Mr. M.E. Connelly RIP – J. Association)</b>
<b>Wednesday July 19</b>	<b>10.00am Mass (Cicilia, Maurice &amp; Magdelene Castolino RIP)</b> <b><u>6pm Mass Yr 6 Leavers' Mass</u></b>
<b>Thursday July 20</b>	<b>10.00am Mass (Private Intention)</b>
<b>Friday July 21</b>	<b><u>9.00am – 9.45am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</u></b> <b>10.00am Mass (Margaret McAteer RIP – J. Association)</b>
<b>Saturday July 22</b>	<b>5.00pm Mass (People of the Parish)</b> <i>Feast of St Mary Magdelene</i>
<b>Sunday July 23</b>	<b>10.00am Mass (Mollie &amp; Albert Diggett RIP)</b> <b>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year 11.30am Traditional Latin Mass (Ints of the Waddelove family)</b>

## PARISH NEWS:

PIETY: TONY DEVENNEY 07531 461366

LUCKY SQUARE: – THREE CASH PRIZES OF £25, £12 AND £7.  
PLEASE NOTE THE DRAW WILL BE MADE ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> 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.

The Guild of St Clare meetings are held every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 11am in the Hall, preceded by Mass at 10am. All welcome. For more info contact Julie on:  
[julieroberts1708@hotmail.com](mailto:julieroberts1708@hotmail.com)

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.

## DIARY:

YR 6 LEAVER'S MASS: 6PM WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY  
PARISH MEETING: TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY 6PM PARISH HALL  
BINGO: WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY 6.30PM PARISH HALL  
CHURCH CLEAN: FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY AFTER MASS.  
JUMBLE SALE: SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JULY 10.30AM PARISH HALL  
BINGO: WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST 6.30PM AUGUST PARISH HALL  
CHILDREN'S LITURGY: SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: 10AM SUNDAY MASS RUN BY TERESA & ANNA MULLINS. ALL WELCOME, PLEASE BRING YOUR CHILDREN TO ENJOY AND LEARN, BUT MAY WE PLEASE ASK YOU TO BE PROMPT BEFORE MASS COMMENCES. THANK YOU. SEE DATES UNDER "DIARY"  
PLEASE NOTE THAT CHILDREN'S LITURGY IS FOR CHILDREN UP TO THE AGE OF 7 WHO HAVE NOT YET MADE THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION. RE-COMMENCES SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER.

PARISH MEETING: TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY 6PM IN THE PARISH HALL  
ALL PARISHIONERS WELCOME


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.

## PARISH NEWS:

Offertory: £423.58 (Week) 2.7.23  
£317.91 (Week) 9.7.23  
Apostleship of the Sea £3.50  
Attendance: 126 2.7.23  
115 9.7.23  
Standing Orders: (MONTHLY):  
£680 (JUNE) Thank you for your continued generosity.

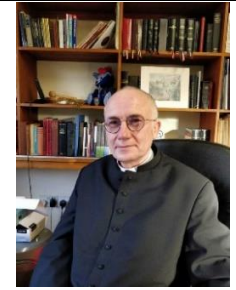
SUMMER FAIR: THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ORGANISED, HELPED AND SUPPORTED THE SUMMER FAIR. WE RAISED £691.58 FOR CHURCH FUNDS.

  
BINGO:  
WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY 6.30PM START, IN THE PARISH HALL.  
WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST, 6.30PM IN THE PARISH HALL.

  
JUMBLE SALE: SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JULY 10.30AM IN THE PARISH HALL.  
ADMISSION 50P

NEXT CHURCH CLEAN:  
FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY AFTER MASS. ANY HELP WOULD BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. THANK YOU.

PILGRIMAGE TO HARVINGTON HALL: SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER.  
TO CELEBRATE 100 YEARS SINCE THE HALL'S RESCUE FROM OBLIVION.  
CONFESSIONS 1.45PM-2.30PM  
MASS AT 3PM PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT ARCHBISHOP BERNARD LONGLEY.  
PLEASE TAKE OWN CHAIRS.  
IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED, PLEASE SEE MARY JONES ASAP. THANK YOU.



My dear friends,  
I am sorry that my announcement last weekend about stepping down as your parish priest has been a bit of a shock. To move on is not always an easy decision to make but I believe the good Lord has called me to carry out my priestly ministry in other ways that do not have the heavy responsibility of running a parish. With the blessing and support of the Archbishop I shall be living a life more dedicated to prayer and to be of service to others in spiritual direction and as a Confessor. So this means I will not be running another parish but will be living in accommodation that the Church has provided for me. I have always appreciated the warmth and welcome I have received here and pray that you will do all you can to support my successor. In these days of fewer priests the parish is most fortunate to have another resident priest and so I do urge you most strongly to support him and the decisions he makes for the good of all. A priest is called to service, which at times can bring challenges but it is one he seeks to live in joy for the spiritual wellbeing of all. During the month of August I shall be "winding down" as I start the process of preparing for moving in early September. Thank you and may we continue to support each other in the days ahead.  
Fr Paul.