

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 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, William Alfred Davies, Margaret Davies, Harold Davis, Kate Dennis, Kenneth Thomas Gibbs, Monica Green, Marjorie Harrison, Dorothy Ilsley, Theresa Ingamels, James Mason, Dawn Ann Mattocks, Rev George Montgomery (founder of our Church), Thomas Moran, 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:
William Alfred Davies RIP (Anniversary 16th March)

If you would like flowers on an altar or by a certain statue or window in memory of a loved one for Easter, or just make a donation towards flowers, please see Anne or Cate.

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

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.

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 **Thursday 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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

17TH MARCH 2024

Saturday Mar 16	<u>12.00 noon Wedding:</u> <u>Beth Kate Wilson & Richard Charlie Waterhouse</u> 5.00pm Mass (Private Int for Sheila Dewhurst)
Sunday Mar 17 <i>St Patrick's Day</i>	10.00am Mass (People of the Parish) 12.00 noon – Baptisms – Ophelia Niamh O'Gorman Florence Sylvie O'Gorman
Monday Mar 18	<u>NO MASS</u>
Tuesday Mar 19 <i>Solemnity of St. Joseph</i> <i>Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<u>9.30 Holy Rosary</u> 10.00am Mass (James Mason & Monica Green RIP) (Anniversaries)
Wednesday Mar 20 <i>Feria</i>	10.00am Mass
Thursday Mar 21 <i>Feria</i>	10.00am Mass (Holy Souls)
Friday Mar 22 <i>Feria</i>	<u>9.00am – 9.45am Adoration & Benediction</u> 10.00am Mass <u>Stations of the Cross</u>
Saturday Mar 23	5.00pm Mass (Priest's Intention) (Blessing of Palms)
Sunday Mar 24 <i>Palm Sunday of the</i> <i>Passion of the Lord</i>	<u>9.50am Blessing of Palms & Procession from Parish Hall</u> 10.00am Mass (People of the Parish)

PARISH NEWS:

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.

LUCKY SQUARE:

Proceeds to Church Restoration Fund, 3 cash prizes, if you wish to join, please see Tracey. Thank you for your support of our Parish.

TEA/COFFEE & TOAST EVERY THURSDAY AFTER MASS.

TEA & COFFEE AFTER MASS ON SUNDAYS.

FOOD BANK: BOX IN PORCH PLEASE SUPPORT IF YOU CAN.

FR MICHAEL'S PERSONAL WEBSITE:

www.frmichaelvaughan.com

LIFE CHARITY SHOP & LIFE CARING OUTREACH – HELP NEEDED:

Could you spare a few hrs to help us deliver baby clothes and equipment to needy families? Requests for help keep coming and we find it hard to keep up with them. Extra help in taking items to our Charity Shop in Lichfield Street would also be Welcome. If you might be able to assist please ring Rosalie on 01902 330553 or email wolverhampton@lifecharity.org.uk to find out more about what is involved.

DIARY:

IRISH NIGHT: SAT 16TH MARCH 6PM

CHURCH CLEAN: TUES 19TH MARCH

BLESSING OF FOOD BASKETS: 10AM

SATURDAY 30TH MARCH

MASS OF INITIATION & RECEPTION

INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

SATURDAY 13TH APRIL 11AM

SPRING FAIR: SAT 20TH APRIL 12NOON

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

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

EVERY WEEK, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED.

(PLEASE NOTE NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY EASTER SUNDAY 31ST MARCH) PLEASE NOTE THAT IT WILL NOW BE HELD IN THE PARISH HALL GARY, CHRISTINE & JOE

SPRING FAIR:

SATURDAY 20TH APRIL IN THE PARISH HALL. 12 NOON. DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

CHURCH CLEAN FOR EASTER:

TUESDAY 19TH MARCH AFTER MASS. IF YOU CAN SPARE 1/2HR, PLEASE COME AND HELP US TO CLEAN OUR BEAUTIFUL CHURCH FOR EASTER. ANY HELP WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

PARISH NEWS:

Offertory: £283.78 (Week)

Attendance: 48 + 97 = 145

Standing Orders: (MONTHLY):

£710 (JAN) Thank you for your continued generosity.

Second Collection this weekend for Church & Hall Restoration Fund.



CONGRATULATIONS TO BETH & RICHARD ON THEIR MARRIAGE THIS WEEKEND.



ST PATRICK'S NIGHT

SATURDAY 16TH MARCH AT 6PM IN THE PARISH HALL. EVERYONE WELCOME, A SIMPLE GET TOGETHER, PLEASE BRING IRISH MUSIC AND OWN DRINK AND SUPPER.

BLESSING OF FOOD BASKETS: THE TRADITIONAL BLESSING OF FOOD BASKETS POPULAR IN THE POLISH COMMUNITY, WILL BE HELD ON HOLY SATURDAY MORNING 30TH MARCH AT 10AM IN CHURCH.

LENT: THROUGHOUT LENT THERE WILL BE **SIMPLE ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSIONS BETWEEN 9.15AM AND 9.45AM TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND THURSDAY**, WITH LATIN ADORATION, AND CONFESSION, AND BENEDICTION AS NORMAL ON A FRIDAY 9AM-9.45AM.

ST MARY'S SCHOOL IS LOOKING TO RECRUIT 2 NEW FOUNDATION GOVERNORS. PLEASE SEE POSTER IN CHURCH PORCH. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE PLEASE CONTACT AMY PRITCHARD, SCHOOL PRINCIPAL ON 0121 505 3595

MAUNDY THURSDAY:

FR MICHAEL WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE FOOTWASHING AT THE MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER ON MAUNDY THURSDAY. ANY NUMBER OF MEN UP TO A TOTAL OF 12 WOULD BE MOST WELCOME TO HAVE A FOOT WASHED AS PART OF THE LITURGY

LENT:

EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT – STATIONS OF THE CROSS AFTER MASS. (DAY OF PRAYER, FASTING & ABSTINENCE) PALM SUNDAY MASSES: SAT 23RD MARCH 5PM (SIMPLE ENTRANCE AND BLESSING OF PALMS) SUN 24TH MARCH: BLESSING OF PALMS AND SOLEMN PROCESSION.

PALM SUNDAY 24TH MARCH:

THERE WILL BE BLESSING OF PALMS STARTING AT THE PARISH HALL, WE WILL THEN PROCESS TO CHURCH LED BY THE CHILDREN AND BATHURST THE DONKEY. (IF YOU ARE NOT DOING THE PROCESSION, PLEASE GO STRAIGHT INTO CHURCH). PLEASE MEET AT THE PARISH HALL AT 9.50AM. THANK YOU. R MICHAEL.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE NEW FISCAL YEAR

RCIA:

Those who are doing the Catechetical course on a Tuesday evening. Proposed date for Mass of Initiation and Reception into the Catholic Church – SATURDAY 13TH APRIL 11AM – those who are preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation or to be received into the Catholic Church – there will be an extra Mass on 13th April – Everyone is welcome to come and support the adults and children on this day.