

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 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, 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:

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

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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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

18TH FEBRUARY 2024

Saturday Feb 17	5.00pm Mass (<i>Deceased Members of the Sambrooks Family RIP</i>)
Sunday Feb 18	10.00am Mass (<i>People of the Parish</i>)
Monday Feb 19	<u>NO MASS</u>
Tuesday Feb 20	9.30am Holy Rosary
<i>Feria</i>	10.00am Mass (<i>Vincent Doherty RIP</i>)
Wednesday Feb 21	10.00am Mass (<i>Wellbeing of Lidia Chlebowska</i>)
<i>Feria</i>	
Thursday Feb 22	10.00am Mass (<i>Moya Wells RIP – Wedding Anniversary Remembrance</i>) <i>Feast of the Chair of St. Peter</i>
Friday Feb 23	<u>9.00am – 9.45am Adoration & Benediction</u>
<i>Feria</i>	10.00am Mass <u>Stations of the Cross</u>
Saturday Feb 24	5.00pm Mass (<i>John Marshall RIP- 2nd Anniversary 25th February</i>)
Sunday Feb 25	10.00am Mass (<i>People of the Parish</i>)
<i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	

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.

RIGHT FOR LIFE ARE ASKING FOR SUPPORT FOR AN AMENDMENT TO REDUCE OUR ABORTION LAW FROM 24 WEEKS TO 22 WEEKS. BABIES BORN PREMATURELY AT 22 WEEKS ARE THRIVING AND THERE IS A CONTRADICTION IN OUR ABORTION LAW, IF YOU WISH, PLEASE COLLECT A POSTCARD TODAY FROM THE BACK OF CHURCH AND POST IT TO YOUR MP IN SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT. CATHERINE ROBINSON, RIGHT TO LIFE.

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

DIARY:

MASS OF INITIATION & RECEPTION INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: SATURDAY 13TH APRIL 11AM

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.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

COMMENCES SUNDAY 18TH FEBRUARY, EVERY WEEK, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED. **(PLEASE NOTE NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY EASTER SUNDAY 31ST MARCH)** IT WILL BE HELD IN THE SACRISTY. PLEASE SUPPORT GARY, CHRISTINE & JOE IN THEIR NEW ROLES IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN BECOMING A HELPER, PLEASE SEE FR MICHAEL.

PARISH NEWS:

Offertory: £342.90 (Week)

Attendance: 37 + 112 = 149

Collection for Church Restoration

Fund: £343.57

Standing Orders: (MONTHLY):

£690 (DEC) Thank you for your continued generosity.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT TOWARDS THE CHURCH RESTORATION FUND AND FOR YOUR VERY GENEROUS DONATIONS. I'M AWAITING A PRICE FOR THE BUILDING OF THE RAMP. SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR THE FUND WILL BE EVERY MONTH. FR MICHAEL.

RCIA:

Those who are doing the Catechetical course on a Tuesday evening, please bring your Bible with you to the next meeting on the 20th February. It doesn't matter which version you have.

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.

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 TO 9.45AM.

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

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO RETURNED THEIR PALM CROSSES TO CHURCH, I WAS ABLE TO MAKE ASHES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY. THANK YOU ALSO TO EVERYONE WHO CAME AND SUPPORTED THE 10AM AND 7PM MASSES. FR MICHAEL.

MASS FOR MARRIAGE – ST CHAD'S CATHEDRAL SATURDAY 4TH MAY AT 12NOON

CELEBRANT: ARCHBISHOP BERNARD LONGLEY. FOLLOWED BY LIGHT REFRESHMENTS.

www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass

AN INVITATION TO MARRIED COUPLES, THOSE CELEBRATING A MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY AND THOSE PREPARING TO MARRY THIS YEAR.

PLEASE REGISTER BY 21ST APRIL.

CONTACT PAUL NORTHAM ON 0121

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PLEASE SEE NOTICEBOARD FOR DETAILS.