

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.

Mary Sheila Cashmore (Noon), Sheila Cooney, Terry Dixon, Eileen Hall, Lynne Harper, Sean Hooper, Barbara Jarvis, Norma Jeynes, Betty Joynes, Lee Potts, Michelle Price, Matthew Pritchett, Kathleen Riley, Dave Wallett, Moya Wells, Pat Wilkins, Dawn Wood.

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of JOAN SWIFT RIP, STUART ROPER RIP & ANN FOSTER (NEE TURNER) RIP, all recently deceased,

and for the souls of the faithfully departed whose anniversaries occur in DECEMBER:-

Gordon Bacon, Baby Bennett, Basil Bridgwater, Peg Byrne, Martha Cowley, Albert Diggett, William Fairless, Catherine Gallagher, George Green, Kevin Groves, Michael Haken, Graham Harper, Simon Harper, Jean Hunter, Mrs Jennings, Brenda Jennings, James Lambley, Betty Langford, Arthur Maddox, Raymond Mason, Eileen Mole, Christopher Morris, Elizabeth Morris, Fr Michael O'Meara – former PP, Leonard William Peach, Magdalene Perkins nee Churchill, Catherine Rose Piggott, Maria Sylvania Rossi, Joseph Ryan, Winifred Ward.

The Altar of Our Lady and the Sacred Heart – to have the 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:

Tegwen & Patrick Devenney RIP

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

Kath Quinn RIP

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



FR PAUL INVITES YOU ON A JOURNEY TO SHARE WITH HIM THE WAYS OF PRAYER ON HIS YOUTUBE CHANNEL **"IN MONTEM SANCTUM"** TO GIVE HOPE AND ENCOURAGEMENT IN THE WAYS OF FAITH. **FR PAUL LESTER - YOUTUBE CHANNEL - IN MONTEM SANCTUM**

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

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
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

19TH DECEMBER 2021

- Saturday Dec 18 *Baptism – 11am - Ryan Walker*
Baptism – 4pm - Lazea Sejhal
5.00pm Mass (Fr Michael O'Meara RIP – Anniv. Former PP)
- Sunday Dec 19
10.00am Mass (People of the Parish)
11.30am Traditional Latin Mass (Holy Souls)
- Tuesday Dec 21
9.30am Holy Rosary
10.00am Mass (Joseph & Brenda Jennings RIP)
- Wednesday Dec 22
10.00am Mass (Leonard Michael Peach RIP)
- Thursday Dec 23
10.00am Mass in Church (Florrie & Bill Lloyd RIP)
- Friday Dec 24
4.00pm Mass (for Fraser-Bacon, Finneys & Barnett Families)
- Christmas Eve
6.00pm Mass (Norman & Margaret Beresford RIP)
- Saturday Dec 25
10.00am Mass (Olwen & Frank Borg RIP)
Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord
11.30am Traditional Latin Mass
- Sunday Dec 26
10.00am Mass (Albert & Clarice Peach RIP)
Feast of the Holy Family
11.30am Traditional Latin Mass (People of the Parish)

USUAL PROCEDURES WILL BE FOLLOWED, STEWARDS ON DUTY SATURDAY & SUNDAY.

ONE-WAY SYSTEM. SOCIAL DISTANCING AT ALL TIMES ETC.

TOILETS ARE NOW OPEN BUT MUST BE SANITISED AFTER EVERY USE.

HOLY COMMUNION AT THE ALTAR RAILS. IF SEATED ON LEFT GO ON LEFT. IF SEATED ON RIGHT, GO TO RIGHT. THOSE RECEIVING ON TONGUE RECEIVE LAST.

NO STEWARDS DURING WEEK BUT USUAL GUIDELINES APPLY.

MAY WE PLEASE REMIND YOU THAT FACE COVERINGS ARE NOW MANDATORY – PLEASE BRING ONE WITH YOU. (UNLESS YOU ARE MEDICALLY EXEMPT)

PARISH NEWS:

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Below is an extract of correspondence sent to all parishes within the Diocese from the Vicar General.

You will be pleased to note that our current arrangement for the safe participation in Mass accord with this advice.

With respect to the current situation with the omicron variant it is important to ensure the following points are followed in our churches:

- That people displaying any symptoms of covid-19 should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person.
- That hand sanitiser is available to those attending the Church.
- That there is a strong recommendation for people to wear a face covering (both nose and mouth) during the act of worship. There is now very strong evidence to support that the main mode of transmission is through breath and nasal aerosols... *(At St Mary's, please ensure you bring a face covering and wear it throughout Mass)*
- That there is good ventilation and air throughout in the building; in this case, because of climatic conditions, it would be important to remind people to wrap up well in church!
- That a positive message encouraging people to get vaccinated and have the booster jab when able is delivered whenever possible.
- That people who are engaged in a form of pastoral ministry which involves ministry to the housebound, sick and vulnerable, should take regular lateral flow tests to ensure they are safe to do so. These are free from the NHS.

As such, the strict regimes of church cleaning that were recommended at the beginning of the opening of churches for public worship are no longer necessary.....and that the risk from surface and touch transmission is very small indeed. General church cleaning is sufficient. *(We will be making some minor changes at St Marys).* If these guidance points are supported, then the churches will continue to be safe places for people to gather for acts of public worship, including over the Christmas period.....

You will see that there is little change from our current practices.

Fr Paul, Stewards and Sanitisers thank you for your continued co-operation.

CHURCH CLEAN: THANK YOU TO OUR TEAM OF CLEANERS WHO GAVE THEIR TIME TO CLEAN THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS.

NEXT CHURCH CLEANING WILL BE AFTER MASS ON 7TH JANUARY AND ON THE FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH THEREAFTER.

PARISH NEWS CONT'D:

THAN YOU TO ALL WHO ORGANISED, HELPED AND SUPPORTED THE CONCERT ON 10TH DECEMBER, WE RAISED £400 FOR CHURCH FUNDS. SPECIAL THANKS TO THE SOVEREIGN BRASS BAND FOR PUTTING ON THE EXCELLENT CONCERT.

Fr Paul and all the Parishioners of St Mary's would like to offer their thanks to Paul Piddock who has served on the Board of Governors of St Mary's Primary School for 25 years. Well done Paul – what an achievement! Paul is retiring from his role as Chair of Governors, and his successor will be Dominic Cooper, Good Luck in your new role Dominic. May God Bless you both.

CHRISTMAS MASSES:

CHRISTMAS EVE: 4PM & 6PM CHRISTMAS MORNING: 10AM & 11.30AM (LATIN)

WHILST CONCERNING LEVELS OF COVID INFECTION REMAINS LOCALLY, PLEASE WEAR A FACE COVERING.

COULD WE PLEASE ASK THAT YOU ALLOW PLENTY OF TIME TO ARRIVE AND BE SEATED BEFORE MASSES COMMENCE.

STEWARDS WILL BE ON DUTY TO ASSIST YOU AND TO LEAD YOU TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION/BLESSINGS. COULD WE PLEASE ASK THAT YOU REMAIN IN YOUR SEAT AT THE END OF MASS TO ALLOW STEWARDS TO LEAD YOU OUT IN AN ORDERLY AND SAFE MANNER.

PLEASE CAN WE ALSO REMIND YOU THAT IF YOU ARE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION ON THE TONGUE, PLEASE REMAIN IN YOUR SEAT AND GO UP TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION LAST. THANK YOU.

CHRISTMAS DAY FALLS ON A SATURDAY THIS YEAR, THIS MEANS THAT THERE WILL BE NO SATURDAY VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY. THE FEAST OF ST STEPHEN IS REPLACED ON SUNDAY 26TH DECEMBER BY THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY. MASS WILL BE AT 10AM AS NORMAL WITH USUAL PROCEDURES IN PLACE.

** PLEASE NOTE PIETY WILL BE CLOSED DURING CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY SO COULD YOU PLEASE ARRANGE TO GET ANY REQUIREMENTS BEFOREHAND **

THE STEWARDS & SANITISERS WISH YOU A HOLY & BLESSED CHRISTMAS.

CRIB OFFERINGS: THE CRIB OFFERINGS THIS YEAR WILL BE FOR THE CATHOLIC SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM.

THE CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS AT THE CHRISTMAS MASSES ARE FOR YOUR PARISH PRIEST, ENVELOPES WILL BE PROVIDED IF YOU NEED THEM.