

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

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of the faithfully departed whose

Anniversaries occur in December: † *Gordon Bacon, Baby Bennett, Basil Bridgwater, Peg Byrne, Patrick Byrne, Martha Cowley, Albert Diggett, William Fairless, Catherine Gallagher, George Green, Kevin Groves, Michael Haken, Graham Harper, Jean Hunter, Brenda Jennings, James Lambley, Betty Langford, Arthur Maddox, Raymond Mason, Eileen Mole, Christopher Morris, Elizabeth Morris, Fr Michael O'Meara (former PP), John O'Connell, Leonard William Peach, Helen Pennings, Magdalene Perkins nee Churchill, Catherine Rose Piggott, Roy Probert, Lee Potts, Stuart Roper, Maria Sylvana Rossi, Joseph Ryan, Ronald Turner, Pauline Walsh, Winifred Ward, Moya Wells, Mary Wilmore.*

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:

Brian Jennings RIP

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

Roger Monckton RIP (Anniversary 1st December)

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

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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.**

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1ST DECEMBER 2024

Saturday Nov 30 <i>Feria</i>	5.00pm Mass (<i>Dec'd Members of the Sambrooks Family RIP</i>)
Sunday Dec 1 <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	10.00am Mass (<i>Eileen Mole RIP - Anniversary</i>)
Monday Dec 2 <i>Feria</i>	<u>NO MASS</u>
Tuesday Dec 3 <i>Mem of St Francis Xavier</i>	<u>9.30am Holy Rosary</u> 10.00am Mass (<i>Private Intention – Edward Castelino</i>)
Wednesday Dec 4 <i>Feria</i>	10.00am Mass (<i>Holy Souls</i>)
Thursday Dec 5 <i>Feast of St Birinus, Bishop</i>	10.00am Mass
Friday Dec 6 <i>Feria</i>	<u>9.00am – 9.45am Adoration & Benediction</u> 10.00am Mass (<i>People of the Parish</i>)
Saturday Dec 7 <i>Mem of St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	5.00pm Mass (<i>James Lambley RIP – Anniversary</i>)
Sunday Dec 8 <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	10.00am Mass (<i>Eileen & Wilf Garrett RIP</i>)
Monday Dec 9	<u>10.00AM MASS</u> <u>SCHOOLCHILDREN IN ATTENDANCE</u> <u>SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</u>

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.

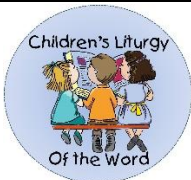
HEALTH & SAFETY MESSAGE:

PARISHIONERS ARE ADVISED TO TAKE CARE WHEN ACCESSING CHURCH WHEN THERE IS FROST OR SNOW AS THERE ARE POTENTIALLY A NUMBER OF HAZARDS BENEATH WITH DAMAGED SLABS. WE CANNOT ALWAYS ENSURE THAT THE AREA IS GRITTED AS WE RELY ON THE GOODWILL OF VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST. 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.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

STARTS PROMPT AT 10AM, DOORS OPEN FROM 9.50AM.

EVERY WEEK, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED. HELD IN PARISH HALL GARY, CHRISTINE & JOE

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

DIARY:

SCHOOL ADVENT SERVICE: MON 2ND DEC 2.00PM IN SCHOOL - Parishioners Welcome

CHURCH CLEAN: FRI 6TH DEC

SOVEREIGN CHRISTMAS CONCERT: FRI 13TH DEC 7.30PM

SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE: IN CHURCH WED 18TH DECEMBER 1.30PM

PARISH VISITATION: 5TH/6TH APR 2025

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS: SUN 18TH MAY 10AM

CONFIRMATIONS: WEDNESDAY 4TH JUNE 2025 6PM

SIMPLE ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT BETWEEN 9.15AM-9.45AM TUES, WED AND THURS, WITH LATIN ADORATION, AND CONFESSION, AND BENEDICTION AS NORMAL ON A FRIDAY 9AM-9.45AM.

Baptisms. It is usual for infants to be baptised in the Catholic Church by the age of reason, which is 7 years of age. Preparation for this is usually a month. After the age of reason your child will be baptised similar to how adults are baptised, and in many cases they will receive Confirmation and communion at the same time. For this reason the child will need to be prepared, and the priest needs permission from the Archbishop to administer the sacraments. This could take up to 3 months or longer. Parents: Please give serious thought to your child's baptism. Your child cannot receive first holy communion or Confirmation without first having been baptised. Children and parents wishing to have their children baptised are required to attend church regularly at the weekend. **Becoming a Catholic.** If anyone is interested in becoming Catholic, please have a word with Fr Michael and he will get you to fill in a form and let you know more.

SOVEREIGN BRASS CHRISTMAS CONCERT: FRI 13TH DEC 7.30PM
TICKETS ON SALE: ADULT £7.50
CONCESION £5.00 (Under 18/Student/Senior Citizen)
FAMILY TICKET £18 (2 adults plus child/children)
TICKETS ALSO AVAILABLE TO BUY ONLINE AT TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/ SOVEREIGN BRASS

PARISH NEWS:

Offertory: £265.56 (Week)

Attendance: 28 + 68 = 96

Fayre (clothes): 24.70

Lucky Square: £69 Church Heating £10

Votives: £ 128.31 Candles: £40

CTF: £40

Catholic Youth Service: £76.30

Standing Orders: (MONTHLY):

£813 (SEPT) Thank you for your continued generosity.

Next weekend: Retiring diocese

collection for Poor Parishes

Next collection for Church & Hall

Restoration Fund is: 14/15th December

CHRISTMAS FAYRE FINAL FIGURE: £1,526.32

IMPORTANT NOTICE: WORK WILL COMMENCE ON THE RAMP ON THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER. WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER WILL BE THE LAST DAY WE CAN USE THE FRONT DOOR FOR ABOUT 3 WEEKS (WEATHER PERMITTING) SO WE WILL HAVE TO USE THE BACK DOOR TO ENTER THE CHURCH. SORRY FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE DURING THIS TIME.

CHURCH CLEAN:

FRI 6TH DEC AFTER MASS.

ANY HELP WOULD BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

THERE WILL BE A MASS ON MON 9TH DECEMBER 10AM (WITH SCHOOL CHILDREN ATTENDING) FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THERE WILL BE NO MASS ON TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY 10/11TH DECEMBER.

*On behalf of all Parishioners, I would like to thank Fr Michael for his hard work and determination to get all the approvals through for the long awaited ramp - its finally becoming a reality after so long.
Cate*

DURING ADVENT WE WILL HAVE A MEMORY TREE, YOU CAN PLACE ON THE TREE NAMES OF YOUR LOVED ONES, AND THEY WILL BE REMEMBERED AT ONE OF THE CHRISTMAS MASSES. THE COST IS £1 PROCEEDS WILL BE DIVIDED BETWEEN THE CHURCH & HALL RESTORATION FUND AND THE FOOD BANK.



THE CRIB OFFERINGS THIS YEAR WILL BE FOR THE MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:

IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE FLOWERS ON AN ALTAR OR BY A STATUE OR WINDOW FOR CHRISTMAS IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES, PLEASE SEE ANNE OR CATE.

CHRISTMAS MASSES:

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDRENS' MASS 4PM

CHRISTMAS EVE CAROLS 5.30PM

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS 6PM

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS 10AM

DEC 26TH ST STEPHEN 11AM MASS

The Christmas Offering is for your Parish Priest - there will be envelopes available.