

CHRISTMAS MASSES (BOOKINGS ONLY)

CHRISTMAS EVE 5PM & 7PM PLEASE NOTE THAT 5PM MASS IS FULLY BOOKED

CHRISTMAS MORNING 8AM (LATIN) & 10AM

DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTED NUMBERS, WE APOLOGISE FOR ANY DISAPPOINTMENT. FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL, WE MUST FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES. PLEASE ALLOW PLENTY OF TIME TO ALLOW FOR SEATING BEFORE MASS STARTS, THERE WILL BE A SEATING PLAN, PLEASE FOLLOW THE STEWARD'S INSTRUCTIONS. AT THE END OF MASS ON THE STEWARDS' INSTRUCTIONS, EVERYONE WILL LEAVE VIA FR PAUL FOR EITHER HOLY COMMUNION OR A BLESSING (PLEASE INDICATE YOU WANT A BLESSING BY CROSSING YOUR ARMS OVER YOUR CHEST) AND EXIT VIA THE SACRISTY.

PLEASE NOTE THAT PIETY WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT CHRISTMAS MASSES.

THE STEWARDS & SANITISERS ALL WISH YOU A HAPPY & BLESSED CHRISTMAS.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, MAY GOD BLESS AND COMFORT THEM.

Mary Sheila Cashmore (Noon), Sheila Cooney, Terry Dixon, Lorraine Haken, Carl Hickman, Gordon Holt, Sean Hooper, Barbara Jarvis, Gary Piddock, Michelle Price, Matthew Pritchett, Rose Ratcliffe, Glen Smickersgill, Dave Wallett, Moya Wells, Pat Wilkins, Dawn Wood.

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of MARGARET BERESFORD RIP and for the souls of the faithfully departed whose anniversaries occur in DECEMBER:† (Please give Fr Paul details of any additions to the list) Gordon Bacon, Baby Bennett, Basil Bridgwater, Patrick Byrne, Peg Byrne, Martha Cowley, Albert Diggitt, William Fairless, Catherine Gallagher, George Green, Kevin Groves, Michael Haken, Graham Harper, Simon Harper, Jean Hunter, Mrs. Jennings, Arthur Maddox, Eileen Mole, James Lambley, Betty Langford, Raymond Mason, Elizabeth Morris, Fr Michael O'Meara (former Parish Priest), Christopher Morris, John O'Connell, Leonard William Peach, Magdalene Perkins (nee Churchill) Catherine Rose Piggott, Maria Sylvana 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 - £10 - please see Fr Paul or Cate.

The candle lamps on Our Lady's Altar burn this week for: (for Christmas)

Tegwen & Patrick Devenney RIP Sylvia Leek RIP (4th Anniversary)

James Lambley RIP & Deceased Members of the Lambley Family RIP

Deceased Members of the Payne Family RIP

Deceased Members of the Mason & Maddox Families RIP

The candle lamps on the Sacred Heart Altar burn this week for: (for Christmas)

Frank & Olwen Borg RIP Patrick & Michael O'Gorman RIP



The Christmas flowers this year are for:

Main Altar: In memory of Ken Baxter RIP & Janet Jolley RIP

Our Lady's Altar: Sylvia Leek RIP (4th Anniversary)

Sacred Heart Altar: Joseph Ryan RIP (Anniversary)

St Padre Pio: For Absent Family & Friends at Christmas (Cate & John)

Thank you to all to contributed towards the flowers & evergreens to decorate our beautiful Church at Christmas.



**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PRAY FOR US
Saint Mary's Catholic Church, Wednesbury**

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Parish Priest: Fr Paul Lester

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

20TH DECEMBER 2020

- Saturday Dec 19** 5.00pm Mass (*Margaret Beresford RIP*)
- Sunday Dec 20** ** 8.00am Traditional Latin Mass (*Santo & Angelo Avola RIP*)
10.00am Mass (*Christopher Morris RIP*)
- Tuesday Dec 22** 10.00am Funeral Mass for Margaret Beresford RIP
Please note that funerals are by family invitation only due to current restrictions.
- Thursday Dec 24** 5.00pm Mass (*Deceased Members of the Ryan Family RIP*)
Christmas Eve 7.00pm Mass (*Tegwen & Patrick Devenney RIP*)
- Friday Dec 25** 8.00am Traditional Latin Mass (*Ints of the Fahey Family*)
Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord 10.00am Mass (*Frank & Olwen Borg*)
- Sunday Dec 27** ** 8.00am Traditional Latin Mass (*People of the Parish*)
Feast of the Holy Family 10.00am Mass (*Joseph Jennings RIP*)

USUAL PROCEDURES WILL BE FOLLOWED RE HOLY COMMUNION ON THE HAND ONLY, SANITISING, STEWARDS, ONE-WAY SYSTEM, FACE COVERINGS TO BE WORN, SOCIAL DISTANCING AT ALL TIMES ETC. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TOILETS ARE NOT IN USE.

PLEASE KEEP TO THE 2 METRE DISTANCING AT ALL TIMES (INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF CHURCH) STAY SAFE.

**** Please note that Holy Communion WILL NOT be given at this Mass while the current guidelines are in force****

The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham registered Charity No. 234216

MASSES THAT HAVE BEEN BOOKED WILL BE SAID DURING THE FORTHCOMING WEEKS.

WE ARE STILL TAKING MASS INTENTIONS AND ALSO THE ALTAR LAMPS WHICH ARE LIT FOR THE WHOLE WEEK FOR INTENTIONS. YOU CAN PUT ANY MASS STIPENDS THROUGH THE PRESBYTERY LETTER BOX OR HAND TO A STEWARD TO PASS ON TO FR PAUL. THANK YOU.



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

YOUR PARISH STILL NEEDS YOUR HELP FINANCIALLY .

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONSIDER SETTING UP A STANDING ORDER, PLEASE CONTACT CATE ON 07773 712936

IF ANYONE HAS ANY ENVELOPES THEY WOULD LIKE COLLECTING, PLEASE CONTACT CATE TO ARRANGE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT AT THIS TIME

FUNDRAISING UPDATE:

LUCKY SQUARE – THREE CASH PRIZES OF £25, £12 AND £7.

PLEASE NOTE THE DRAW WILL BE MADE ON THE 3RD 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. CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE NOW, AND WILL BE DRAWN ON 20TH DECEMBER.

THE FUNDRAISING WILL BE ON-GOING FOR MORE PROJECTS, WHICH WILL BE IN FORTHCOMING NEWSLETTERS.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH.

PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR REGULAR UPDATES!

The website is regularly updated and the newsletter is on usually every Thursday or Friday.

www.saintmaryswedesbury.org.uk

Please note the cut-off is Wednesday lunchtime

PARISH NEWS:

CRIB OFFERINGS:

THIS YEAR'S CRIB OFFERINGS WILL BE FOR MARY'S MEALS, THIS CHARITY PROVIDES CHRONICALLY HUNGRY CHILDREN WITH ONE MEAL EVERY SCHOOL DAY, ENCOURAGING EDUCATION THAT CAN LIFT THEM OUT OF POVERTY IN LATER LIFE.

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

IS THERE ANYONE YOU KNOW WHO WOULD LIKE A NEWSLETTER? COULD YOU PLEASE PICK UP A COPY FOR THEM AND POST IT THROUGH THEIR LETTERBOX? SOME PARISHIONERS DO NOT HAVE A COMPUTER AND THIS WOULD BE REALLY HELPFUL. THANK YOU.

FR PAUL'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE:

My dear friends,

In the Christmas carol, "O Little Town of Bethlehem" are these words: "The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight".

The birth of our Saviour, we will bring the hopes and fears of this year before Him. It has been a year like no other. Living each day knowing that our Faith will help and guide us gives hope in the human spirit to rise above any difficulty and make something positive out of it.

That ability to rise above problems has been shown so clearly by our parish community coming closer together. In particular the teams of stewards who have enabled our Church to open for worship. For all those who are raising money to help our Church Restoration Fund, a special thank you as well.

We will update you about what has been done so far and plans for ongoing work in a quarterly fund raising newsletter, which will be available in the New Year.

I have missed having the amount of personal contact with you all because of the restrictions, but I am doing my best to keep in touch any way I can.

May the peace of Jesus in his coming at Christmas bless you and all your loved ones. Fr Paul.