

**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 soul of MOYA WELLS RIP, & GEORGE GARMSTON RIP both recently deceased, and for the souls of the faithfully departed whose anniversaries occur in January †** *Trudie Burns, Archie Burrows, William Clarke, Michaela Cole, Margaret Cousins, Mary P. Dalton, Sid Davies, Joan Derry, Albert Diggett, Kathleen Garbett nee Mason, Raymond Gayden, Rose Giddins, Lola Haken, Rene Hall, Gordon Holt, Betty Joynes, John Patrick Kelly, Con Kiley, Mary Kirk, John Joseph Lane, Elsie Langley, Joyce Maddox, James McNally, Marian Maczka, Monica & Joseph Moran, Norman Morris, Patrick O'Connor, Alan Payne, George Payne, Albert Peach, Bernard George Peach, John Peach, Fr John Piris – former PP, Mary Stanley, Roland Vernon, Bridget Ward, Derek Wilkins, Clara Withers, Margaret Woodcock, William Whorriskey.*

**KATHLEEN MOYA WELLS RIP FUNERAL DETAILS:**

**RECEPTION INTO CHURCH THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 4PM**

**FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 10AM REQUIEM MASS**

**GEORGE GARMSTON RIP FUNERAL DETAILS:**

**WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY FUNERAL SERVICE 12.15PM**

**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:**

**Deceased Members of the Haken Family RIP**

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

**The Flowers on the Sacred Heart Altar this weekend are in memory of Elsie Langley RIP (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)**

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

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

**[www.saintmaryswednesbury.org.uk](http://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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### **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2024**

Saturday Jan 20	5.00pm Mass ( <i>Kathleen Pedley RIP</i> )
Sunday Jan 21	10.00am Mass ( <i>People of the Parish</i> )
Monday Jan 22	<b><u>NO MASS</u></b>
Tuesday Jan 23	<b><u>9.30am Holy Rosary</u></b> <i>Feria</i> 10.00am Mass ( <i>Holy Souls</i> )
Wednesday Jan 24	10.00am Mass <i>Memorial of St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>
Thursday Jan 25	10.00am Mass <i>Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, the Apostle</i> <b><u>St Mary's Schoolchildren in Attendance</u></b>
Friday Jan 26	<b><u>9.00am – 9.45am Adoration &amp; Benediction</u></b> <i>Mem of Ss Timothy &amp; Titus, Bishops</i> 10.00am Mass
Saturday Jan 27	5.00pm Mass ( <i>Derek Wilkins RIP (Anniv &amp; Birthday Remembrance (29<sup>th</sup> January)</i> )
Sunday Jan 28	10.00am Mass ( <i>People of the Parish</i> ) <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>

## **PARISH NEWS:**

**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](mailto:sg.stmaryoth.wednesbury@rcaob.org.uk) or the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted at [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) or on 0121 230 6240 if you have any concern.

**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.

**DIARY:**  
**ST JOHN BOSCO MASS:**  
WEDNESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 10AM  
**CANDLEMASS:** FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEB 7PM  
**BLESSING OF THROATS:** AT 5PM MASS SAT 3<sup>RD</sup> FEB AND SUNDAY 10AM 4<sup>TH</sup> FEB MASS  
**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY 10AM MASS PENTECOST  
**CONFIRMATIONS:** THURS 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 6PM CANON MCNALLY, EPISCOPAL VICAR FOR STAFFORDSHIRE & THE BLACK COUNTRY  
**WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE:**  
8-12<sup>th</sup> July 2024 FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE FROM SUSAN OR BARBARA ALEXANDER 01902 633959 OR 07946 611376

**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.

**LUCKY SQUARE: – THREE CASH PRIZES OF £25, £12 AND £7.** PLEASE NOTE THE DRAW WILL BE MADE ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> 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. PROCEEDS TO THE CHURCH RESTORATION FUND. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH.

**FOOD BANK:** THERE IS A BOX IN THE CHURCH PORCH FOR ANY DONATIONS OF TINNED OR DRIED FOODS, TOILETRIES ETC WHICH WILL BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THIS TIME OF NEED

TEA/COFFEE & TOAST EVERY THURSDAY AFTER MASS.  
TEA & COFFEE AFTER MASS ON SUNDAYS.

**FR MICHAEL'S PERSONAL WEBSITE:**  
[www.frmichaelvaughan.com](http://www.frmichaelvaughan.com)

## **PARISH NEWS:**

**Offertory:** £330.90 (Week)  
**Attendance:** 125  
**Standing Orders: (MONTHLY):** £690 (DEC) Thank you for your continued generosity.

**CANDLEMASS THIS YEAR IS ON FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY, UNFORTUNATELY WE HAVE A REQUIEM MASS THAT FRIDAY AT 10AM, THEREFORE THERE WILL BE THE TRADITIONAL CANDLEMASS AT 7PM. THE FEAST OF ST BLAISE IS ON SATURDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY, AND THE TRADITIONAL BLESSING OF THROATS WILL TAKE PLACE AT BOTH THE SATURDAY VIGIL MASS AND SUNDAY MORNING MASS THAT WEEKEND.**

**Roman Catholic Initiation of Adults & Children:**  
Fr Michael is now doing a course for anyone wishing to become full members of the Catholic Church. The next meeting is on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 7pm in the Church Hall, and every Tuesday continuing until Easter. Those who wish, will be received into the Church during the Easter season. All welcome.

LENT BEGINS THIS YEAR WITH ASH WEDNESDAY ON WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>, I LIKE TO PREPARE THE ASHES IN THE TRADITIONAL WAY BY BURNING THE PALM CROSSES GIVEN OUT AT LAST YEAR'S PALM SUNDAY MASS. **THEREFORE, I ASK PARISHIONERS TO PLEASE RETURN THEIR PALM CROSSES, WHICH WILL BE BURNED TO MAKE THE ASHES FOR USE ON ASH WEDNESDAY, THANK YOU.** FR MICHAEL

## **FEAST OF ST JOHN BOSCO:**

The St John Bosco Multi Academy Company would like to join us for Mass in our beautiful Church on **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 10am.** **Staff and Pupils, Directors and Governors from all of the MAC schools will be in attendance.** It will be a wonderful occasion and a perfect way to showcase our school and parish community. **Refreshments in the hall afterwards.**  
Fr Michael/Amy Pritchard

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:**  
TERESA MULLINS CAN NO LONGER RUN THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY, BUT WE THANK HER FOR ALL HER HARD WORK. CHRISTINE CADMAN WILL SHORTLY BE TAKING OVER, ONCE A MONTH TO START WITH. PLEASE SUPPORT CHRISTINE IN HER NEW ROLE. LATER WE HOPE TO HAVE MORE HELPERS TO ENABLE US TO HAVE A ROTA TO HOPEFULLY RUN IT EVERY WEEK, IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN BECOMING A HELPER, PLEASE SEE FR MICHAEL.