

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 lamps on Our Lady's Altar burn this week for:

In Memory of the Bailey & Langford Families RIP

Frank & Olwen Borg RIP

Moya Wells RIP (First Anniversary 27th December)

Alison Chambers RIP

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

George James RIP (Birthday Remembrance 21st December)

William Whorriskey RIP

Patrick, Michael, Andrew & Philip O'Gorman RIP

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

22ND DECEMBER 2024

Saturday Dec 21 <i>Feria</i>	5.00pm Mass (<i>Tegwen & Patrick Devenney RIP</i>)
Sunday Dec 22 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	10.00am Mass (<i>Leonard William Peach RIP</i>)
Monday Dec 23 <i>Feria</i>	NO MASS
Tuesday Dec 24 <i>Christmas Eve – Solemnity of the Nativity</i>	4.00pm Children's Mass (<i>Patrick O'Connor RIP</i> <i>Birthday Remembrance</i>) 5.30pm Carols 6.00pm Mass (<i>Mollie & Albert Diggett RIP</i>)
Wednesday Dec 25 <i>Christmas Day – Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord</i>	10.00am Mass (<i>In Remembrance of all on Memory Tree</i>)
Thursday Dec 26 <i>Feast of St Stephen, the first Martyr</i>	11.00am Mass (<i>Ryszard Gagla RIP – Anniversary</i>)
Friday Dec 27 <i>Feast of St John, Apostle, Evangelist</i>	9.00am – 9.45am Adoration & Benediction 10.00am Mass (<i>Moya Wells RIP – 1st Anniversary</i>)
Saturday Dec 28 <i>Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>	5.00pm Mass (<i>Ruby Joan Horan RIP</i>)
Sunday Dec 29 <i>Feast of the Holy Family</i>	10.00am Mass (<i>Elizabeth Morris RIP</i>) 12.30pm – Baptism – Maximilian Edvard Ngadjou Tchoujoue

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:

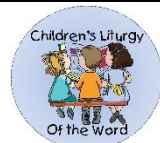
PARISHIONERS ARE ADVISED TO TAKE CARE WHEN ACCESSING CHURCH WHEN THERE IS FROST OR SNOW AS THERE ARE POTENTIALLY A NUMBER OF HAZARDS BENEATH WITH DAMAGED SLABS. WE CANNOT ALWAYS ENSURE THAT THE AREA IS GRITTED AS WE RELY ON THE GOODWILL OF VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST.

THANK YOU.

TEA/COFFEE & TOAST EVERY THURSDAY AFTER MASS. (NONE DURING CHRISTMAS WEEK)

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.

**Dec Winners: 1st 110 P. Wilkins
2nd 48 J. Moran 3rd 55 R. Jeynes**

BIRMINGHAM DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025 - JUBILEE YEAR SAT 24TH MAY-FRI 30TH MAY

BOOKING NOW OPEN:

CONTACT: TANGNEY TOURS 01732 886666 OR EMAIL sales@tangney-tours.com FOR DETAILS.

DIARY:

BINGO: SAT 4TH JAN 3PM IN

PARISH HALL

RCIA CLASSES: BEGIN SAT 11TH JAN 2025

PARISH VISITATION:

5TH/6TH APR 2025

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:

SUNDAY 18TH MAY 10AM

CONFIRMATIONS:

WEDNESDAY 4TH JUNE 2025 6PM

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.

RCIA CLASSES WILL BEGIN IN THE NEW YEAR. THE FIRST ADULT COURSE WILL BEGIN ON SATURDAY 11TH JANUARY AND WILL CONTINUE UNTIL APRIL 12TH 2025.

FR MICHAEL'S PERSONAL WEBSITE:
www.frmichaelvaughan.com

PARISH NEWS:

Offertory: £302.76 (Week)

Attendance: 37 + 88 = 125

Restoration Fund: £269.47

Candles: £30 Votives: £95.54

Standing Orders: (MONTHLY): £813

(SEPT) Thank you for your

continued generosity.

The offertory at Christmas is to say thank you to your Parish

Priest

FR MICHAEL'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE:

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SHEET

Make-A-Wish
UNITED KINGDOM

OUR CRIB OFFERINGS THIS YEAR WILL GO TOWARDS THE "MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION".

THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED THE SOVEREIGN BRASS CONCERT.

BINGO:

SATURDAY 4TH JAN AT 3PM IN THE PARISH HALL.

THANK YOU TO JOHN BRADLEY & STAFF OF THE BLUE BALL FOR HOSTING A CHRISTMAS RAFFLE (HAMPER) FOR CHURCH FUNDS. TICKETS ON SALE AT THE PUB.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

High Altar Front: In memory of Tegwen & Patrick Devenney RIP

High Altar Either Side: In Memory of Eileen Mole, Joshua Clarke & Terry Wellings RIP

Our Lady Altar (in front of crib): In Memory of Agnes & William Davies RIP

Sacred Heart Altar: In Memory of James Lambley RIP & Dec'd of Lambley Family RIP & William Whorriskey RIP

Our Lady of Walsingham:

In Memory of the Alexander Family RIP

St Padre Pio: In Memory of the Mason & Maddox Families RIP

St Teresa: In Memory of the Carless & Spray Families RIP

St Joseph: In Memory of Family & Friends of the Bailey & Langford Families RIP

Windows:

Holy Family: In Memory of Frank & Olwen Borg RIP

Marriage of Cana: In Memory of Etienne Achcinkeng RIP

St Patrick's: In Memory of Ken Baxter & Dec'd Family RIP

Last Supper: In Memory of the Sambrooks Family RIP

St John Fisher & Thomas More: In Memory of Michael Moore RIP

St Clare: In Memory of the McNally Family RIP

Lourdes: In Memory of the Williams & Withers Families RIP

Jesus & the Children: In Memory of Marian Whitehouse RIP

Thank you to all who donated to the Christmas Flowers for our Church.