

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 soul of HELEN FOLLOS (NEE TURNER) RIP & DAVID TURNER RIP both recently deceased, and for the souls of the faithfully departed whose Anniversaries occur in September: † *Jeffrey Addis, Brian Bailey, Norman Beresford, Anthony Borg, Elsie Bridgwater, Bob Collins, Syd Davies, Mollie Diggett, Doreen Gayden, Mary Hadley, Christine Haken, Eamonn Kelly, William Lambley, Maria Moran, Jennifer Page (nee Ilsley), Janet Phillips, Paul Robinson, Alison Southcombe, Sheila Turner, Agnes Williams, Baby Noah Woodhall.*

Funeral of Helen Follos (nee Turner) RIP – Friday 27th September 12.15pm at Sandwell Crematorium

Funeral Service for David Turner RIP 12.15pm Friday 25th October in Church

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 victims of the Stuart Bathurst tragedy 40th

Anniversary 24th September

Frank & Olwen Borg RIP - Wedding Anniversary Remembrance

22nd September

Joan Swift RIP (Birthday Remembrance)

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

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

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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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

22ND SEPTEMBER 2024

Saturday Sept 21 <i>Feast of St Matthew</i>	2pm Wedding – Laura Louise Hadley & Aiden Patrick Gadd 5.00pm Mass (Mollie & Albert Diggett RIP)
Sunday Sept 22 <i>25th Sunday of the Year</i>	10.00am Mass (In Thanksgiving (Thokozani Chirimanzi) <u>(Dedication of our Church in 1874)</u>
Monday Sept 23 <i>Mem of St Pius of Pietreleina</i>	NO MASS
Tuesday Sept 24 <i>Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	9.30am Holy Rosary 10.00am Mass (Norman Beresford RIP – Anniversary)
Wednesday Sept 25 <i>Feria</i>	10.00am Mass (Patricia Morris – for a speedy recovery)
Thursday Sept 26 <i>Feria</i>	10.00am Mass (Schoolchildren in Attendance)
Friday Sept 27 <i>Mem of St Vincent de Paul, Priest</i>	9.00am – 9.45am Adoration & Benediction 10.00am Mass (People of the Parish)
Saturday Sept 28	5.00pm Mass (Louise, Michael & Stephen Vickerman RIP)
Sunday Sept 29 <i>26th Sunday of the Year</i>	10.00am Mass (Alison Southcombe RIP – Anniv 30th Sept)

PARISH NEWS:

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.

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.

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.

TEA/COFFEE & TOAST EVERY THURSDAY AFTER MASS.

TEA & COFFEE AFTER MASS ON SUNDAYS.

FOOD BANK: BOX IN PORCH PLEASE SUPPORT IF YOU CAN.

BLESSING OF GRAVES: SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 11AM FALLINGS HEATH CEMETERY.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER

DIARY:

FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER: BARN DANCE IN PARISH HALL 6.30PM 7PM
CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER
ALTAR SERVERS MASS AT ST CHADS: SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER 12 NOON
SOVEREIGN BRASS CONCERT: SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER IN PARISH HALL 3PM
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CHRISTMAS FAIR: SAT 9TH NOVEMBER

LUCKY SQUARE:

Proceeds to Church & Hall Restoration Fund, 3 cash prizes, if you wish to join, please see Tracey. Thank you for your support of our Parish.

*Sept winners: 1st 21 W. Smith
2nd 72 G.Cox 3rd 75 C. Spray*

SIMPLE ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT BETWEEN 9.15AM AND 9.45AM TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND THURSDAY, 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.

PARISH NEWS:

Offertory: £ (Week)
Altar Lamps: £
Catholic Evangelisation: £
Attendance: 33 + 68 = 101
Standing Orders: (MONTHLY): £868 (JULY) Thank you for your continued generosity.
This Weekend: Retiring Diocesan Collection: Fr Hudsons
Next Weekend: Second Collection Church & Hall Restoration Fund



BARN DANCE - FRIDAY 27TH SEPT IN PARISH HALL 6.30PM FOR 7PM START. ADMISSION £5 BRING YOUR OWN FOOD & DRINKS



PLEASE SUPPORT THE MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER AFTER MASS IN THE PARISH HALL. MARY/ANNE.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER IN PARISH HALL. MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

PILGRIMAGE GROUP:

IT WOULD BE GOOD TO HAVE PARISH PILGRIMAGES TO PLACES SUCH AS WALSINGHAM, ROME, ASSISI, AND SO FORTH. WE COULD TEAM UP WITH FR MICHAEL'S PREVIOUS PARISHES IN BIRMINGHAM. IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN JOINING SUCH AS GROUP, PLEASE SPEAK TO CATE, SO WE CAN HAVE AN IDEA OF NUMBERS. THANK YOU.

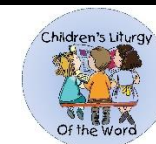
THANK YOU

We would like to thank Fr Michael and all parishioners for your very kind wishes & cards etc on the occasion of our Golden Wedding Anniversary last weekend, and even more so for the special Papal blessing from Pope Francis. We were both overwhelmed when Fr also presented Cate with the Benemerenti medal from the Holy Father. God bless.

Cate & John xx

I feel humbled, proud and privileged to receive such an honour from the Holy Father Pope Francis, thank you to Fr Michael, Archbishop Bernard, Mary & Teresa for making it possible. I am truly grateful. God bless.

Cate xx



CHILDREN'S LITURGY: STARTS PROMPT AT 10AM, DOORS OPEN FROM 9.50AM. EVERY WEEK, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED. HELD IN PARISH HALL GARY, CHRISTINE & JOE

SOVEREIGN BRASS CONCERT: SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER 3PM IN THE PARISH HALL - PLEASE SEE NOTICE BOARD.

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