

**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, Lynne Harper, Alan Hill, 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 February: †**

*Peter Bailey, Stanley E.H, Brookes, Cyril Dicken, Michael Groves, Derek Hadley, Irene Harper, Collette Hinz, Graham Humphrey, Ivor J.Ilsley, W.J. Ilsley, Fr Frederick William Keating (former PP), Ita Lane, Terry Langley Jnr, Faye Mason, John Moran, Edna Peach, Verity Perry, Gary Piddock, William Piggott, Brian Powell, Leon Purcell, Harold Scott, Maria Severn, Sarah Shinton, Christopher Slater, Anthony Brian Smith, Evelyn Stokes, Hilda Taylor, William Ward, Betty Wright.*

**Anniversaries occur in March: †** *Lino Advantaggiato, Marie Angell, V. Rev Canon Stuart Bathurst (built our Church), Julie Bailey, Lileth Biggs, Cecilia Bridgwater, Ann (Dolly) Davies, William Alfred Davies, Margaret Davies, Harold Davis, Kate Dennis, Terry Dixon, Margaret Durkin, Kenneth Thomas Gibbs, Monica Green, Sheila Hadley, Marjorie Harrison, Dorothy Ilsley, Theresa Ingamels, James Mason, Dawn Ann Mattocks, Rev George Montgomery (founder of our Church), Thomas Moran, Patrick Mulvaney, Pop Pallet, Albert Peach, Maureen Peach, Michael Leonard Peach, Tony Piggott, David Severn, Monica Severn, Kathleen Small, Joan Smith, Catherine Varley, Elvira Watson, Terry & Jenny Wilks, Canon Brian Withers former Parish Priest, Dawn Wood.*

**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:**

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

*Jan Gough 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](http://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](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.

### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2025

Saturday Feb 22	5.00pm Mass ( <i>Dec'd Members of the Sambrooks Family RIP</i> ) <i>Feast of the Chair of St Peter</i>
Sunday Feb 23	10.00am Mass ( <i>Collette Hinz RIP – Anniv 26<sup>th</sup> February</i> ) <i>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>
Monday Feb 24	<b>NO MASS</b> <i>Feria</i>
Tuesday Feb 25	<i>9.30am Holy Rosary</i> <i>Feria</i> 10.00am Mass ( <i>Joe Boyle Ints</i> ) ( <i>Dudley</i> )
Wednesday Feb 26	<i>9.30am Holy Rosary</i> <i>Feria</i> 10.00am Mass ( <i>Holy Souls</i> )
Thursday Feb 27	<i>9.30am Holy Rosary</i> <i>Feria</i> 10.00am Mass ( <i>Aida Frate RIP</i> ) ( <i>Dudley</i> ) <b>Schoolchildren in Attendance</b>
Friday Feb 28	<i>9.00-9.45am Adoration &amp; Benediction</i> <i>Feria</i> <i>9.15am Divine Mercy Chaplet</i> 10.00am Mass ( <i>Mary Coppock RIP</i> )
Saturday Mar 1	5.00pm Mass ( <i>Ama Serwaah RIP</i> ) <i>Feast of St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales</i>
Sunday Mar 2	10.00am Mass ( <i>People of the Parish</i> ) <i>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i> <b>Family Mass</b>

## 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.

**LUCKY SQUARE: Proceeds to Church & Hall Restoration Fund, 3 cash prizes, if you wish to join, please see Tracey.**

**February Winners:**  
1<sup>st</sup> 7 T&K Williams  
2<sup>nd</sup> 110 P. Wilkins  
3<sup>rd</sup> 52 J. Dalloway

FR MICHAEL'S PERSONAL WEBSITE:

[www.frmichaelvaughan.com](http://www.frmichaelvaughan.com)



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

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

**EVERY WEEK, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED. HELD IN THE CHURCH**

**PORCH AND WHEN THE SACRISTY IS FINISHED, IT WILL BE HELD IN THERE. GARY, CHRISTINE & JOE**

### DIARY:

**FAMILY MASS: SUN 2<sup>ND</sup> MAR**

**ASH WEDNESDAY: 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH MASSES & ASHES 10AM & 6PM**

**MON 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH: ST PATRICK'S DAY**

**SAT 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 12 NOON - MARRIAGE**

**MASS AT ST CHADS**

**PARISH VISITATION: 5<sup>TH</sup>/6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**FHC: SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 10AM**

**CONFIRMATIONS: WED 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 6PM**

**TUES SEPT 30<sup>TH</sup>: MAC PILGRIMAGE IN CHURCH 8AM-4PM**

**85<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY ST MARY'S**

**SCHOOL: MASS SUN 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

### BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE:

**THE NEXT MEETING FOR THOSE THAT WANT THEIR CHILDREN BAPTISED**

**WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH HALL ON TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY AT 7PM.**

**RCIA:** Those who wish to know more about the Catholic faith with the intention of becoming a Catholic at Easter are welcome to attend the Adult course being held in the presbytery every Saturday at 10am.

Children who wish to become Catholics will be prepared by Mr. G. Linford, parents please have a word with Fr Michael who will inform Mr. Linford your child's wish to become Catholic or receive the other Sacraments if they're not in a Catholic School.

*Week 1 - 11<sup>th</sup> Jan - Introduction & Welcome.*

*Week 2 - 18<sup>th</sup> Jan Unit 1 Our Story*

*Week 3 - 25<sup>th</sup> Jan Unit 2 The Journey*

*Week 4 - 1<sup>st</sup> Feb Unit 3 The Conversion*

*Week 5 - 8<sup>th</sup> Feb Unit 4 Jesus the Christ*

*Week 6 - 15<sup>th</sup> Feb - Unit 5 Jesus and Us*

*Week 7 - 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb - Unit 6 Sacred*

*Scripture - Introduction to the Bible & The Old Testament*

*Week 8 - 1<sup>st</sup> March - Unit 7 Sacred*

*Scripture - The New Testament*

*Week 9 - 8<sup>th</sup> Mar - Unit 8 The Holy*

*Spirit and the Church*

*Week 10 - 15<sup>th</sup> Mar - Unit 9 The Church's Story*

## PARISH NEWS:

**Offertory: £295.25 (Week)**

**Attendance: 42 + 83 = 125**

**Church & Hall Restoration Fund: £389.17**

**Standing Orders: (MONTHLY):**

**£838 (DEC) Thank you for your continued generosity.**

**Next Weekend: Retiring Diocese Collection for Cathedral Maintenance**

### PRAY TO END ABORTION WITH 40DAYS FOR LIFE:

To find out more about our friendly team or join in this campaign of peaceful legal prayer near an abortion centre contact:

Isabel 07773 501721 [izzysvs@gmail.com](mailto:izzysvs@gmail.com)

Vigil location: outside St Joseph and St Helen's RC Church, Station Rd, Kings Norton, B30 13G. 8am-8pm daily March 5<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> April.

You will need to sign a Statement of Peace before attending. Please get in touch for any questions or come to our kick-off event on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Angela Costley will give a talk at masses on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

PLEASE BRING IN YOUR OLD PALMS TO BE BURNT FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

WE ARE PLANNING A MEMORIAL SERVICE TO MARK THE 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY & REMEMBER THE VICTIMS OF THE TUNISIA TRAGEDY. PATRICK EVANS, ADRIAN EVANS AND JOEL RICHARDS RIP, IN JUNE - DETAILS TBA WHEN CONFIRMED.

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



**THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET WILL BE RECITED EVERY FRIDAY MORNING**

### OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:

THE NEW ENVELOPES FOR THE NEW FISCAL YEAR ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE PORCH.

THE NEXT FAMILY MASS IS SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 10AM

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE A MASS ON MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 10AM (ST. PATRICK'S DAY)

### "PHILOSOPHY AS DISCIPLESHIP, A CAMINO STORY & THE JUBILEE YEAR"

READ THE EXCITING NEWS COMING FROM OSCOTT COLLEGE IN THEIR NEWSLETTER: SIGN UP TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER EVERY MONTH: <https://www.oscott.org/signup>

### FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:

**DUDLEY & WOLVERHAMPTON DEANERY VOCATIONS PRAYER:**

O Holy Spirit of wisdom and divine love, Impart your knowledge, understanding and counsel to our young people, that they may know the vocation wherein they can best serve God. Give them courage and strength to follow God's holy will. O Mary, Mother of all vocations, PRAY FOR US