

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.

Theresa Adams, Pauline Agg, Sheila Cooney, Margaret Cooper, Joan & Terry Dixon, Frances Groves, Sean Hooper, Barbara Jarvis, Norma Jeynes, Michelle Price, Moya Wells, Pat Wilkins.

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of CHRIS DICKENS RIP recently deceased and for the souls of the faithfully departed whose anniversaries occur in July

†*Bill Allcock, Thirza Bennett, Cath Addiss, Francis Borg, Rafaela Borg, Kathleen Bowdler, Kathleen Burns, Peggy Churchill, Thomas Churchill, Peter Davies, Harry Gascoigne, Julia Green, Bertha Jane Greenhill, Carl Haken, Patrick Hanley, Simon Harper, Bernard Lally, Hilda Lally, Sister Magdalen, Evelyn Mahoney, Leslie Martin, Vera Moran, Lily Payne, Kate Raby, Kathleen Riley (nee O'Connell), Michael Ward, Chris Wilkinson, William Williams, Ernest Withers.*

**FUNERAL DETAILS FOR CHRISTOPHER DICKENS RIP:
REQUIEM MASS WEDNESDAY 26TH JULY AT 2.45PM**

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 Fr Paul or 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:

Ernest Withers RIP (Anniversary 26th July) and William Williams RIP (Anniversary 31st July)

If anyone would like flowers on an altar or near to a statue in memory of a loved one – please see Anne or Cate

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

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

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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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

23RD JULY 2023

Saturday July 22	<u>10.00am Traditional Latin Mass</u>
<i>Feast of St Mary Magdalene</i>	5.00pm Mass (People of the Parish)
Sunday July 23	10.00am Mass (Mollie & Albert Diggett RIP)
	<i>11.30am Traditional Latin Mass (Ints of the Waddelove Family)</i>
Monday July 24	<u>NO MASS</u>
Tuesday July 25	<u>9.30am Holy Rosary</u>
<i>Feast of St James, Apostle</i>	10.00am Mass (Lily Payne RIP - Anniversary)
Wednesday July 26	10.00am Mass (Catherine Bowdler RIP)
<i>Memorial of Ss Joachim & Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<u>2.45pm Requiem Mass for Christopher Dickens RIP</u>
Thursday July 27	10.00am Mass (Marion Lawton RIP)
Friday July 28	<u>9.00am – 9.45am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</u>
	10.00am Mass (Chris Dickens RIP)
Saturday July 29	<u>10.00am Traditional Latin Mass</u>
<i>Memorial of Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus</i>	5.00pm Mass (People of the Parish)
Sunday July 30	10.00am Mass (Sister Magdalen RIP – Anniversary)
<i>17th Sunday of the Year</i>	11.30am Traditional Latin Mass (Rose & Henry Shinton RIP)

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 or the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk or on 0121 230 6240 if you have any concern.

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. PROCEEDS TO THE CHURCH RESTORATION FUND. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH.

The Guild of St Clare meetings are held every 4th Saturday at 11am in the Hall, preceded by Mass at 10am. All welcome. For more info contact Julie on: julieroberts1708@hotmail.com

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.

DIARY:

PARISH MEETING: TUESDAY 25TH JULY 6PM PARISH HALL
BINGO: WEDNESDAY 26TH JULY 6.30PM PARISH HALL
CHURCH CLEAN: FRIDAY 28TH JULY AFTER MASS.
JUMBLE SALE: SATURDAY 29TH JULY 10.30AM PARISH HALL
BINGO: WEDNESDAY 2ND AUGUST 6.30PM AUGUST PARISH HALL
CHILDREN'S LITURGY: SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: 10AM SUNDAY MASS RUN BY TERESA & ANNA MULLINS. ALL WELCOME, PLEASE BRING YOUR CHILDREN TO ENJOY AND LEARN, BUT **MAY WE PLEASE ASK YOU TO BE PROMPT BEFORE MASS COMMENCES.** THANK YOU. **SEE DATES UNDER "DIARY"**
PLEASE NOTE THAT CHILDREN'S LITURGY IS FOR CHILDREN UP TO THE AGE OF 7 WHO HAVE NOT YET MADE THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION. RE-COMMENCES SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER.

PARISH MEETING: TUESDAY 25TH JULY 6PM IN THE PARISH HALL
ALL PARISHIONERS WELCOME

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.

NEXT CHURCH CLEAN:
FRIDAY 28TH JULY AFTER MASS. ANY HELP WOULD BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. THANK YOU.

PARISH NEWS:

Offertory: £306.20 (Week)
Attendance: 106
Standing Orders: (MONTHLY): £680 (JUNE) Thank you for your continued generosity.

PLEASE NOTE: TEA & TOAST ON THURSDAYS HAS BEEN SUSPENDED FOR THE HOLIDAYS, IT WILL RE-COMMENCE IN SEPTEMBER.



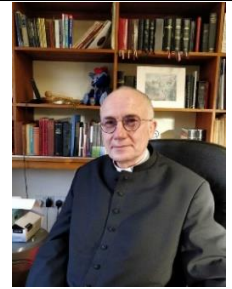
BINGO:
WEDNESDAY 26TH JULY 6.30PM START, IN THE PARISH HALL.
WEDNESDAY 2ND AUGUST, 6.30PM IN THE PARISH HALL.



JUMBLE SALE: SATURDAY 29TH JULY 10.30AM IN THE PARISH HALL. ADMISSION 50P

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING:
SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER IN THE PARISH HALL AFTER MASS. ANY DONATIONS MOST WELCOME, PLEASE SEE MARY JONES.

PILGRIMAGE TO HARVINGTON HALL:
SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER.
TO CELEBRATE 100 YEARS SINCE THE HALL'S RESCUE FROM OBLIVION.
CONFESSIONS 1.45PM-2.30PM
MASS AT 3PM PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT ARCHBISHOP BERNARD LONGLEY.
PLEASE TAKE OWN CHAIRS.
IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED, PLEASE SEE MARY JONES ASAP. THANK YOU.



My dear friends,
I am sorry that my announcement last weekend about stepping down as your parish priest has been a bit of a shock. To move on is not always an easy decision to make but I believe the good Lord has called me to carry out my priestly ministry in other ways that do not have the heavy responsibility of running a parish. With the blessing and support of the Archbishop I shall be living a life more dedicated to prayer and to be of service to others in spiritual direction and as a Confessor. So this means I will not be running another parish but will be living in accommodation that the Church has provided for me. I have always appreciated the warmth and welcome I have received here and pray that you will do all you can to support my successor. In these days of fewer priests the parish is most fortunate to have another resident priest and so I do urge you most strongly to support him and the decisions he makes for the good of all. A priest is called to service, which at times can bring challenges but it is one he seeks to live in joy for the spiritual wellbeing of all. During the month of August I shall be "winding down" as I start the process of preparing for moving in early September. Thank you and may we continue to support each other in the days ahead.
Fr Paul.