

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 souls of the faithfully departed whose Anniversaries occur in March: † *Lino Advantaggiato, Marie Angell, V. Rev Canon Stuart Bathurst (built our Church), Julie Bailey, Lileth Biggs, Cecilia Bridgwater, William Alfred Davies, Margaret Davies, Harold Davis, Kate Dennis, Kenneth Thomas Gibbs, Monica Green, Marjorie Harrison, Dorothy Ilsley, Theresa Ingamels, James Mason, Dawn Ann Mattocks, Rev George Montgomery (founder of our Church), Thomas Moran, 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:

If you would like flowers on an altar or by a certain statue or window in memory of a loved one for Easter, or just make a donation towards flowers, please see Anne or Cate.

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

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 **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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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

24TH MARCH 2024

Saturday Mar 23	5.00pm Mass (Frances McGinley RIP) (Blessing of Palms)
Sunday Mar 24	<u>9.50am Blessing of Palms at Parish Hall & Procession</u> 10.00am Mass (People of the Parish)
Monday Mar 25	<u>NO MASS</u>
Tuesday Mar 26	<u>NO MASS</u>
Wednesday Mar 27	<u>No Mass in Church –</u> Wednesday of Holy Week <u>Chrism Mass St Chads Cathedral 11.30am</u>
Thursday Mar 28	<u>7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper & Watching with</u> Maundy Thursday <u>the Lord at the Altar of Repose, Compline 9pm</u>
Friday Mar 29	<u>3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Veneration of</u> Good Friday <u>the Cross & Holy Communion</u> <u>7pm Stations of the Cross</u>
Saturday Mar 30	<u>10.00am Blessing of Easter Food</u> Holy Saturday <u>7.00pm Easter Vigil Mass (People of the Parish)</u>
Sunday Mar 31	10.00am Mass (Canon Brian Withers RIP - Anniversary) Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord (Former Parish Priest)

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.

LUCKY SQUARE:

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

March Winners:

- 1st 31 T&K Williams
- 2nd 107 P. Wilkins
- 3rd 92 P. Morris

TEA/COFFEE & TOAST EVERY THURSDAY AFTER MASS.

TEA & COFFEE AFTER MASS ON SUNDAYS.

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

FR MICHAEL'S PERSONAL WEBSITE:

www.frmichaelvaughan.com

DIARY:

BLESSING OF FOOD BASKETS:
10AM SATURDAY 30TH MARCH
MASS OF INITIATION & RECEPTION INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: SATURDAY 13TH APRIL 11AM
SPRING FAIR: SAT 20TH APRIL 12NOON
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: 19TH MAY 10AM MASS PENTECOST
CONFIRMATIONS: THURS 6TH JUNE 6PM CANON MCNALLY, EPISCOPAL VICAR FOR STAFFORDSHIRE & THE BLACK COUNTRY
WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE:
8-12th July 2024

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

EVERY WEEK, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED.
(PLEASE NOTE NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY EASTER SUNDAY 31ST MARCH) PLEASE NOTE THAT IT WILL NOW BE HELD IN THE PARISH HALL
GARY, CHRISTINE & JOE

SPRING FAIR:

SATURDAY 20TH APRIL IN THE PARISH HALL. 12 NOON. DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

PARISH NEWS:

Offertory: £364.52 (Week)

Attendance: 58 + 99 = 157

Standing Orders: (MONTHLY):

£710 (JAN) Thank you for your continued generosity.

Second Collection Church & Hall Restoration Fund: £375.30

The Easter Offering is for your Parish Priest.

BLESSING OF FOOD BASKETS:

THE TRADITIONAL BLESSING OF FOOD BASKETS POPULAR IN THE POLISH COMMUNITY, WILL BE HELD ON HOLY SATURDAY MORNING 30TH MARCH AT 10AM IN CHURCH.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED AND SUPPORTED THE IRISH NIGHT WHICH RAISED £75 WHICH WILL BE USED FOR A CHILD PROTECTION GATE FOR THE KITCHEN IN THE PARISH HALL.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO GAVE THEIR TIME AND HELPED CLEAN OUR CHURCH FOR EASTER.

LENT: THROUGHOUT LENT THERE WILL BE SIMPLE ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSIONS 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.

ST MARY'S SCHOOL IS LOOKING TO RECRUIT 2 NEW FOUNDATION GOVERNORS. PLEASE SEE POSTER IN CHURCH PORCH. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE PLEASE CONTACT AMY PRITCHARD, SCHOOL PRINCIPAL ON 0121 505 3595

MAUNDY THURSDAY:

FR MICHAEL WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE FOOTWASHING AT THE MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER ON MAUNDY THURSDAY. ANY NUMBER OF MEN UP TO A TOTAL OF 12 WOULD BE MOST WELCOME TO HAVE A FOOT WASHED AS PART OF THE LITURGY.

IF ANYONE IS WILLING TO BE A SPONSOR FOR ONE OF THE CANDIDATES WHO ARE BEING RECEIVED INTO THE CHURCH ON SATURDAY 13TH APRIL 11AM (PROPOSED DATE - TO BE CONFIRMED). PLEASE SEE FR MICHAEL.

RCIA:

Those who are doing the Catechetical course on a Tuesday evening.

Proposed date for Mass of Initiation and Reception into the Catholic Church - SATURDAY 13TH APRIL 11AM - those who are preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation or to be received into the Catholic Church - there will be an extra Mass on 13th April - Everyone is welcome to come and support the adults and children on this day.