

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, Chris Dickens,
Joan & Terry Dixon, Frances Groves, Sean Hooper, Barbara Jarvis,
Norma Jeynes, Michelle Price, Dave Wallett, Moya Wells, Pat Wilkins.*

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the the souls of the faithfully departed whose anniversaries occur in Anniversaries in DECEMBER †

*Gordon Bacon, Baby Bennett, Basil Bridgwater, Peg Byrne, Martha Cowley, Albert Diggett,
William Fairless, Catherine Gallagher, George Green, Kevin Groves, Michael Haken,
Graham Harper, Simon Harper, Jean Hunter, Brenda Jennings, James Lambley,
Betty Langford, Raymond Mason, Arthur Maddox, Eileen Mole, Christopher Morris,
Elizabeth Morris, Fr Michael O'Meara former Parish Priest, Leonard William Peach,
Magdalene Perkins nee Churchill, Catherine Rose Piggott, Lee Potts, Stuart Roper,
Maria Sylvana Rossi, Joseph Ryan, Winifred Ward,*

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

Frank & Olwen Borg RIP

Michael Moore RIP

Gordon Holt RIP

In Memory of Mr & Mrs Jones

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

Patrick O'Gorman RIP

In Memory of Ken Baxter RIP & Janet Jolley RIP

William Whorriskey RIP

Dec'd Members of the Ryan Family RIP

All the Sick of our Parish

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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SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

25TH DECEMBER 2022

Saturday Dec 24	5.00pm Sung Mass with Carols (Tegwen & Patrick Devenney RIP)
Christmas Eve	9.00pm Latin Mass
Sunday Dec 25	8.30am Mass (People of the Parish)
Christmas Day	10.00am Sung Parish Mass with Carols (For Everyone Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord on the Remembrance Tree RIP)
Monday Dec 26	11.00am Mass (Mollie & Albert Diggett RIP) Feast of St Stephen, the first Martyr
Tuesday Dec 27	9.00am Mass (William Whorriskey RIP) (No Rosary) Feast of St John, Apostle, Evangelist
Wednesday Dec 28	9.30am Holy Rosary Feast of the Holy Innocents 10.00am Mass (Anne Jennings RIP)
Thursday Dec 29	10.00am Mass (Elizabeth Morris RIP) Feast of St Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr
Friday Dec 30	9.00-9.45am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Feast of the Holy Family 10.00am Mass (Jose Whiston RIP) of Jesus Mary & Joseph
Saturday Dec 31	5.00pm Mass (Norman & Margaret Beresford RIP)
Sunday Jan 1	10.00am Mass (Fr John Piris RIP – Anniv – former PP) Solemnity of Mary, 11.30am Traditional Latin Mass (People of the Parish) The Holy Mother of God

PARISH NEWS:

PLEASE NOTE: COULD THOSE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION ON THE TONGUE, PLEASE CONTINUE TO RECEIVE LAST.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY FAMILY CATECHISM:

A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES TO LEARN THE CATHOLIC FAITH TOGETHER ACCORDING TO THE CLASSIC BALTIMORE CATECHISM PLEASE VISIT: www.olffamilycatechism.com

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FR PAUL INVITES YOU ON A JOURNEY TO SHARE WITH HIM THE WAYS OF PRAYER ON HIS YOUTUBE CHANNEL "IN MONTEM SANCTUM" TO GIVE HOPE AND ENCOURAGEMENT IN THE WAYS OF FAITH. *FR PAUL LESTER - YOUTUBE CHANNEL - IN MONTEM SANCTUM*

DIARY:

WALSINGHAM 2023:
22ND - 26TH MAY

GIFT AID: IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A GIFT AIDER, PLEASE SEE CATE OR TAKE A FORM FROM THE CHURCH PORCH. IF YOU ARE ALREADY A GIFTAIDER, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

*TEA/COFFEE & TOAST EVERY THURSDAY AFTER MASS.
TEA & COFFEE AFTER MASS ON SUNDAYS.*

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

BAPTISMS:

BAPTISMS CAN NO LONGER BE BOOKED OVER THE PHONE OR VIA EMAIL, IF YOU WISH YOUR CHILD TO BE BAPTISED AT ST. MARY'S, PLEASE ATTEND MASS AND SEE FR PAUL IN PERSON EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER MASS.

FOOD BANK: THE FOOD BANK NOW MORE THAN EVER NEEDS OUR SUPPORT. 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

CHURCH CLEAN: THE NEXT CHURCH CLEAN WILL BE FRIDAY 6TH JANUARY AFTER MASS.

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. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH. DECEMBER WINNERS: 1st 103 M.Powell 2nd 110 P.Wilkins 3rd 31 T&K Williams

PARISH NEWS:

*Offertory: £257.46 (Week)
Attendance: 89
STANDING ORDERS (MONTHLY) 555
Church Heating (CS) £52.65
Thank you for your continued generosity.
The Christmas Offertory is for your Parish Priest.*

THE CRIB OFFERINGS THIS YEAR WILL BE FOR THE SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE (THE JOHNSON FUND)

THE REMEMBRANCE TREE RAISED £150 FOR THE FOOD BANK.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

STEWARDSING HOLY COMMUNION:

WE WILL BE STEWARDING THE CHRISTMAS MASSES IE CHRISTMAS EVE (5PM) AND CHRISTMAS MORNING (10AM), THEN AFTER THAT THE PROCEDURE OF STEWARDING TO HOLY COMMUNION WILL CEASE. PARISHIONERS CAN GO UP FOR HOLY COMMUNION IN ANY ORDER - LIKE PRE-COVID - BUT WE WILL RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT ANYONE RECEIVING ON THE TONGUE TO PLEASE GO UP LAST. AFTER THAT, THE STEWARDS WILL STILL MEET & GREET AT WEEKEND MASSES, AND WILL BE THERE TO HELP YOU IF NEEDED. WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE STEWARDS FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION OVER THE LAST 3 YEARS. IT IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED BY ALL AT ST. MARY'S.

FR PAUL'S CHRISTMAS

MESSAGE:

My dear friends,
It's been five years last September since our Archbishop sent me to Wednesbury, and it seems that the time has flown by. I do hope that I have tried to serve you all to the best of my abilities even though I am only too aware of my own shortcomings, and how much there yet remains to do in the future for our parish. The office of Parish Priest is a great responsibility but one of great blessing when supported by the commitment and dedication that you all have all shown so well.
But I realise that I also owe a debt of gratitude to all the past priests who have served this parish. Men of different characters but who's calling to serve gives glory to God.
May the peace of the Saviour reign in your hearts and homes. Fr Paul.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:

MAIN ALTAR: In Memory of the Devenney & Lambley Families RIP
SACRED HEART ALTAR: In Memory of Eileen Mole RIP & Joshua Clarke RIP
ST TERESA: For the Spray & Carless Families Happy & Holy Christmas
MARRIAGE FEAST WINDOW: In Memory of Margaret Moran RIP
OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM: In Memory of the Alexander & Knowles Families RIP
ST PADRE PIO: In Memory of the Mason & Maddox Families RIP
ST JOSEPH: In Memory of the Sambrooks Families RIP
ST ANTHONY: In Memory of Brian Powell RIP
THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED TOWARDS THE CHURCH FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS.