

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 souls of the faithfully departed whose

Anniversaries occur in August: † *John Borg, Michael Churchill, Marina Coates, Bridie Collins, Betty Cowley, Frank Dennis, Patrick Devenney, Arthur Diggett, Bernard Diggett, Eamonn Gallagher, Carl Hickman, Canon Hogarty, George James, Norma Jeynes, Colin Lally, Terry Langley, Lee McNally, Margaret Moran, David Newell, Dawn Rutherford.*

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.*

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:

Betty Langford RIP (Birthday Remembrance 29th August)

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

The flowers on Our Lady's Altar this weekend are in Memory of Betty Langford RIP – Birthday Remembrance 29th August

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 Thursday lunchtime

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



OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PRAY FOR US
Saint Mary's Catholic Church, Wednesbury

Saint Mary's Road, WS10 9DL

0121 505 7927 <http://www.saintmaryswednesbury.org.uk>

Parish email: stmarvoth.wednesbury@rcaob.org.uk

Parish Priest: Fr Michael Vaughan

fr.michael.vaughan@rcaob.org.uk

Parish Secretary:

Cate Maddox

qa.stmarvoth.wednesbury@rcaob.org.uk

Safeguarding & Extraordinary

Minister for the Sick:

Mary Jones

sg.stmaryoth.wednesbury@rcaob.org.uk

Health & Safety:

Paul Piddock

hs.stmarvoth.wednesbury@rcaob.org.uk

Parish Hall Bookings:

Margaret Holden

hall.stmarvoth.wednesbury@rcaob.org.uk

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

25TH AUGUST 2024

Saturday Aug 24	5.00pm Mass (Annual Mass for our Parish – Johnson Assn) <i>Feast of St Bartholomew, Apostle</i>
Sunday Aug 25	10.00am Mass (People of the Parish) <i>21st Sunday of the Year (Reception into Church of Christopher Taylor during Mass)</i>
Monday Aug 26	<u>NO MASS</u> <i>Feast of St Dominic Barberi, Priest, Religious</i>
Tuesday Aug 27	<u>9.30am Holy Rosary</u> <i>Mem of St. Monica</i> 10.00am Mass
Wednesday Aug 28	10.00am Mass (Norma Jeynes RIP – 1st Anniversary) <i>Mem of St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>
Thursday Aug 29	10.00am Mass (Holy Souls) <i>Mem of the Passion of St John the Baptist, Martyr</i>
Friday Aug 30	<u>9.00am – 9.45am Adoration & Benediction</u> <i>Feria</i> 10.00am Mass
Saturday Aug 31	5.00pm Mass (Patrick Devenney RIP – Anniversary) <i>Feria</i>
Sunday Sept 1	10.00am Mass (People of the Parish) <i>22nd Sunday of the Year</i> <u>12.30pm – Baptism – Jody William Biggs</u>

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. PLEASE NOTE THIS WILL RE-COMMENCE IN SEPTEMBER, AFTER THE SUMMER BREAK.
TEA & COFFEE AFTER MASS ON SUNDAYS.

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

PIETY: WE KNOW ITS EARLY! BUT PIETY ARE TAKING ORDERS FOR CHRISTMAS! DIARIES/CANDLES/GIFTS -PLEASE SEE TONY OR CAROL

DIARY:

CREAM TEAS: SATURDAY 24TH AUGUST, PARISH HALL 2.30PM
HARVINGTON HALL: SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER MASS 3PM
ALTAR SERVERS MASS AT ST CHADS: SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER 12 NOON

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. August Winners:
1st 50 M. Gallagher 2nd 47 M.Moran
3rd 8 C. Drummond*

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.

FR MICHAEL'S PERSONAL WEBSITE:

www.frmichaelvaughan.com

BINGO EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6.30PM IN THE PARISH HALL.

BAPTISMS: IF YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR CHILD BAPTISED AT ST. MARY'S (UP TO THE AGE OF 7) PLEASE PICK UP A FORM AT THE BACK OF CHURCH, FILL IT IN, AND HAND TO FR MICHAEL OR CATE.

2024 ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE GUILD OF ST STEPHEN: ALTAR SERVERS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE INVITED BY ARCHBISHOP ATTEND THE ANNUAL THANKSGIVING MASS AT ST CHAD'S CATHEDRAL ON SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER AT 12 NOON. ATTENDING, PLEASE SEE FR. MICHAEL.POSTER ON NOTICEBOARD.

PARISH NEWS:

10.8.2024:

Offertory: £262.33 (Week)
Attendance: 40 + 78 = 118

18.8.2024:

Offertory: £260.62 (Week)
Church & Hall Restoration Fund
£225.58

Attendance: 43 + 57 = 100
Standing Orders: (MONTHLY):
£843 (MAY) Thank you for your continued generosity.

ADOREMUS IN OUR PARISH:

SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER:
THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN ENGLAND & WALES - BISHOPS, PRIESTS AND PEOPLE FROM ALL DIOCESES - WILL GATHER AT ST MARY'S COLLEGE OSCOTT, ON SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER FOR A DAY TO RENEW AND DEEPEN OUR DEVOTION TO THE EUCHARIST. ST MARY'S COLLEGE WAS THE VENUE FOR THE FIRST EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION SINCE THE REFORMATION. UNLIKE ADOREMUS IN LIVERPOOL IN 2018, THIS IS NOT A PUBLIC EVENT, ALTHOUGH EACH DIOCESE WILL SEND PILGRIMS. THE BISHOPS OF ENGLAND & WALES INVITE ALL PARISHES TO HAVE A PERIOD OF EXPOSITION TO UNITE THE FAITHFUL IN FOCUSING ON THE EUCHARIST IN ANTICIPATION OF THE JUBILEE YEAR WITH RENEWED AND DEEPENED DEVOTION. **AFTER MASS ON SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER WE WILL HOLD A SIMPLE ADORATION.**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

STARTS PROMPT AT 10AM, DOORS OPEN FROM 9.50AM.
EVERY WEEK, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED. HELD IN PARISH HALL
PLEASE NOTE THIS WILL CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS.
GARY, CHRISTINE & JOE

My dear friends, as you are now aware, final consultation with the Historical Churches Commission is now underway for this project that was begun in Fr Bruce's day. Many parishioners have given generously to this for over 12 yrs, some of whom have gone to their eternal reward. On 19th September Kevin & I will be meeting with the H.C.C. to bring forward the proposal. I would be most grateful if parishioners would be prepared to write a letter to the H.C.C. explaining their reasons for a ramp, not least that it's a legal requirement. (Disability Discrimination Act became law in 1985 and was superseded in 2005 & then in 2010 with the Equality Act), and mentioning that they like the design (which is displayed in the porch). I have yet to be informed who to address the letter to and how to deliver them, I should be informed before the meeting. Letters can be given to me, & I can pass them on if you wish or you would be most welcome to wait until I know more. Thank you. Fr Michael.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

BARN DANCE - FRIDAY 27TH SEPT IN HALL - MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW:

MARCH FOR LIFE UK 2024 THEME SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2024

The damage abortion inflicts on women alone should be enough to make up pro-life. Around 90% of abortions are through pills and studies have shown as many as 1 in 17 women using these abortion pills end up in hospital due to complications. If this doesn't sound like healthcare to you, that's because it isn't and this is why we march. Pregnancy isn't a disease and pre-born children aren't disposable. There are many reasons why abortion isn't healthcare, the primary one being that healthcare doesn't kill! THE MARCH: 1.30PM FROM THE EMMANUAL CENTRE, ENDS AT PARLIAMENT SQUARE 4.30PM