

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.

Mary Sheila Cashmore (Noon), Sheila Cooney, Terry Dixon, Eileen Hall, Lynne Harper, Sean Hooper, Barbara Jarvis, Norma Jeynes, Betty Joynes, Lee Potts, Michelle Price, Matthew Pritchett, Kathleen Riley, Dave Wallett, Moya Wells, Pat Wilkins, Dawn Wood.

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of JOAN SWIFT RIP, AND STUART ROPER RIP both recently deceased, and for the souls of the faithfully departed whose anniversaries occur 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, Mrs Jennings, Brenda Jennings, James Lambley, Betty Langford, Arthur Maddox, Raymond Mason, Eileen Mole, Christopher Morris, Elizabeth Morris, Fr Michael O'Meara – former PP, Leonard William Peach, Magdalene Perkins nee Churchill, Catherine Rose Piggott, Maria Sylvania Rossi, Joseph Ryan, Winifred Ward.

The Altar of Our Lady and the Sacred Heart – to have the candle lamp burn for your intentions or loved ones for the week - please see Fr Paul or Cate.

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

Margaret & Gary Piddock RIP

Deceased Members of the Mason & Maddox Families RIP

Janet Jolley & Patricia Byrns RIP

D'Silva Family Intentions & Thanksgiving

Adam & Nicola Sztuka and Family

Deceased Members of the Davies Family RIP

All the Sick of our Parish

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

Olwen & Frank Borg RIP

Peter Cole RIP

William Whorriskey RIP

Danuta Sztuka Baxter and Family

D'Silva Family Intentions & Thanksgiving

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



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**



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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

26TH DECEMBER 2021

Friday Dec 24

Christmas Eve

4.00pm Mass (for Fraser-Bacon, Finneys & Barnett Families)

6.00pm Mass (Norman & Margaret Beresford RIP)

Saturday Dec 25

Solemnity of the

Nativity of Our Lord

10.00am Mass (Olwen & Frank Borg RIP)

11.30am Mass

Sunday Dec 26

Feast of The Holy Family

10.00am Mass (Albert & Clarice Peach RIP)

11.30am Mass (People of the Parish)

Monday Dec 27

Feast of St John, Apostle, Evangelist

10.00am Mass (Trudie & Tom Burns RIP)

Tuesday Dec 28

Feast of the Holy

Innocents, Martyrs

No Holy Rosary

10.00am Mass (Anne Jennings RIP)

Wednesday Dec 29

Feast of St Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr

10.00am Mass (Deceased Members of the Slattery Family RIP)

Thursday Dec 30

NO MASS

Friday Dec 31

NO EXPOSITION

11.00am Mass (Elizabeth Morris RIP) PLEASE NOTE TIME

12.30pm – Requiem Mass for Joan Swift RIP

Saturday Jan 1

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

5.00pm Mass (People of the Parish)

Sunday Jan 2

2nd Sunday after the

Nativity

10.00am Mass (Fr John Piris RIP – Anniv – Former PP)

11.30am Mass

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

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:

MAIN ALTAR:

In Memory of Len Laffan RIP & Ken Baxter RIP

OUR LADY'S ALTAR:

For the D'Silva Family Intentions & Thanksgiving

In Memory of Derek Wilkins RIP

SACRED HEART ALTAR:

In Memory of Sylvia Leek RIP

In Memory of William & May Nickless RIP

In Memory of William Whorriskey RIP

ST TERESA:

For Absent Family & Friends at Christmas – The Spray Family

ST PADRE PIO:

For Absent Family & Friends at Christmas – Cate & John Maddox

OUR LADY OF WALSHINGHAM:

In Memory of the Alexander & Knowles Families RIP

Thank you to all who donated to help with the decoration of our

Church at Christmas.

Thank you to Anne & her team for all their hard work.

USUAL PROCEDURES WILL BE FOLLOWED, STEWARDS ON DUTY SATURDAY & SUNDAY.

ONE-WAY SYSTEM. SOCIAL DISTANCING AT ALL TIMES ETC.

TOILETS ARE NOW OPEN BUT MUST BE SANITISED AFTER EVERY USE.

HOLY COMMUNION AT THE ALTAR RAILS IF SEATED ON LEFT GO ON LEFT, IF SEATED ON

RIGHT, GO TO RIGHT. THOSE RECEIVING ON TONGUE RECEIVE LAST.

NO STEWARDS DURING WEEK BUT USUAL GUIDELINES APPLY.

MAY WE PLEASE REMIND YOU THAT FACE COVERINGS ARE NOW MANDATORY – PLEASE

BRING ONE WITH YOU. (UNLESS YOU ARE MEDICALLY EXEMPT)

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

PARISH NEWS:

CRIB OFFERINGS: THE CRIB OFFERINGS THIS YEAR WILL BE FOR THE CATHOLIC SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSHINGHAM.

THE CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS AT THE CHRISTMAS MASSES ARE FOR YOUR PARISH PRIEST, ENVELOPES WILL BE PROVIDED IF YOU NEED THEM.

PARISH NEWS CONT'D

UNCLAIMED RAFFLE PRIZES ARE ON THE TABLE IN THE PORCH

THE RAFFLE RAISED £170 FOR THE CHURCH RESTORATION FUND.

LUCKY SQUARE DECEMBER WINNERS: 1ST 64 M.Holden 2ND 31 T&K Williams 3RD 105 M. Powell.

CHRISTMAS MASSES:

FACE COVERINGS ARE NOW MANDATORY IN CHURCH.

COULD WE PLEASE ASK THAT YOU ALLOW PLENTY OF TIME TO ARRIVE AND BE SEATED BEFORE MASSES COMMENCE.

STEWARDS WILL BE ON DUTY TO ASSIST YOU AND TO LEAD YOU TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION/BLESSINGS. COULD WE PLEASE ASK THAT YOU REMAIN IN YOUR SEAT AT THE END OF MASS TO ALLOW STEWARDS TO LEAD YOU OUT IN AN ORDERLY AND SAFE MANNER.

PLEASE CAN WE ALSO REMIND YOU THAT IF YOU ARE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION ON THE TONGUE, PLEASE REMAIN IN YOUR SEAT AND GO UP TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION LAST. THANK YOU.

CHRISTMAS DAY FALLS ON A SATURDAY THIS YEAR, THIS MEANS THAT THERE WILL BE NO SATURDAY VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY. THE FEAST OF ST STEPHEN IS REPLACED ON SUNDAY 26TH DECEMBER BY THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY.

MASS WILL BE AT 10AM AS NORMAL WITH USUAL PROCEDURES IN PLACE.

**** PLEASE NOTE PIETY WILL BE CLOSED DURING CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY. ****

THE STEWARDS & SANITISERS WISH YOU A HOLY & BLESSED CHRISTMAS.

FR PAUL'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE:

My Dear Friends,

Thank you all for the support you have given the parish. As a community of Faith we try to work together as a team in assisting each other. This support is shown in a practical way by all those who have helped keep our Church open as a place of prayer and where people feel at home and safe. We will always seek to do that. Although there is a certain amount of anxiety around concerning Covid, we have learned to adapt and cope, although for some it has been hard. Let us remind ourselves that into a dark and sinful world the baby Jesus tells us to love each other by His gift of Love. A love He wants to share by being kind to each other. To forgive each other, to be less selfish. To cherish our friendships and to reach out to others.

Thank you for the support you have given me as your Priest and may we go forward together renewed in Faith *Fr Paul*