

**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, Lynne Harper, Sean Hooper, Barbara Jarvis, Michelle Price, Veronica Smith, Pat Wilkins.*

**Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of PATRICIA JEYNES (Nee Heskin) RIP & GRAHAM DIGGETT RIP both recently deceased, and for the souls of the faithfully departed whose Anniversaries occur in January:** † *Trudie Burns, Archie Burrows, William Clarke, Michaela Cole, Margaret Cousins, Mary P. Dalton, Sid Davies, Joan Derry, Albert Diggett, Kathleen Garbett nee Mason, George Garmston, Raymond Gayden, Rose Giddins, Lola Haken, Rene Hall, Gordon Holt, Betty Joynes, John Patrick Kelly, Con Kiley, Mary Kirk, John Joseph Lane, Elsie Langley, Joyce Maddox, James McNally, Marian Maczka, Monica & Joseph Moran, Norman Morris, Patrick O'Connor, Alan Payne, George Payne, Albert Peach, Bernard George Peach, John Peach, Fr John Piris – former PP, Mary Stanley, Roland Vernon, Bridget Ward, Derek Wilkins, Clara Withers, Margaret Woodcock, William Whorriskey.* **Anniversaries in February:** † *Peter Bailey, Stanley E.H, Brookes, Cyril Dicken, Michael Groves, Derek Hadley, Irene Harper, Collette Hinz, Graham Humphrey, Ivor J. Ilsley, W.J. Ilsley, Fr Frederick William Keating (former PP), Ita Lane, Terry Langley Jnr, Faye Mason, John Moran, Edna Peach, Verity Perry, Gary Piddock, William Piggott, Brian Powell, Leon Purcell, Harold Scott, Maria Severn, Sarah Shinton, Christopher Slater, Anthony Brian Smith, Evelyn Stokes, Hilda Taylor, William Ward, Betty Wright.*

**PATRICIA JEYNES RIP – REQUIEM MASS – 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY AT 10AM**  
**(RECEPTION 4PM 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY)**

**GRAHAM DIGGETT RIP – REQUIEM MASS – 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY AT 11.30AM**  
**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:**  
***Maureen Norton RIP***

**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](http://www.saintmaryswednesbury.org.uk) Please note the cut-off is Wednesday lunchtime**

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**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PRAY FOR US**  
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**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](mailto:sg.stmaryoth.wednesbury@rcaob.org.uk) or the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted at [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) or on 0121 230 6240 if you have any concern.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

**26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025**

<b>Saturday Jan 25</b>	<b>5.00pm Mass (Patricia Jeynes RIP)</b> <i>Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, the Apostle</i>
<b>Sunday Jan 26</b>	<b>10.00am Mass (People of the Parish)</b> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year 12.30pm – Baptisms Tommy Arthur Collins &amp; Cora Rose Collins</i>
<b>Monday Jan 27</b>	<b>NO MASS</b> <i>Feria</i>
<b>Tuesday Jan 28</b>	<b>9.30am Holy Rosary</b> <i>Mem of St Thomas Aquinas 10.00am Mass (Bernard George Peach RIP) Priest, Doctor of the Church</i>
<b>Wednesday Jan 29</b>	<b>NO ROSARY OR MASS</b> <i>Feria 4pm – Reception – Patricia Jeynes RIP</i>
<b>Thursday Jan 30</b>	<b>10.00am – Requiem Mass – Patricia Jeynes RIP</b> <i>Feria</i>
<b>Friday Jan 31</b>	<b>NO ADORATION OR BENEDICTION</b> <i>Mem of St John Bosco, 11.30am Requiem Mass – Graham Diggett RIP Priest</i>
<b>Saturday Feb 1</b>	<b>5.00pm Mass (Ama Serwaah RIP)</b> <i>Feria</i>
<b>Sunday Feb 2</b>	<b>10.00am Mass (People of the Parish)</b> <i>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</i> <b>(Family Mass) Candlemas/St Blaise Blessing of Throats)</b>

## PARISH NEWS:

### RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION:

IF YOU WISH TO JUST HAVE A BLESSING FROM FR MICHAEL, PLEASE PUT YOUR HAND ACROSS YOUR CHEST. THANK YOU.

### HEALTH & SAFETY MESSAGE:

**PARISHIONERS ARE ADVISED TO TAKE CARE WHEN ACCESSING CHURCH WHEN THERE IS FROST OR SNOW AS THERE ARE POTENTIALLY A NUMBER OF HAZARDS BENEATH WITH DAMAGED SLABS. WE CANNOT ALWAYS ENSURE THAT THE AREA IS GRITTED AS WE RELY ON THE GOODWILL OF VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST. THANK YOU.**

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

**TEA & COFFEE AFTER MASS ON SUNDAYS.**

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

**LUCKY SQUARE: Proceeds to Church & Hall Restoration Fund, 3 cash prizes, if you wish to join, please see Tracey.**

**January Winners: 1<sup>st</sup> 78 P. Holt  
2<sup>nd</sup> 1 J. Maddox 3<sup>rd</sup> 5 K. Devenney**

FR MICHAEL'S PERSONAL WEBSITE:

[www.frmichaelvaughan.com](http://www.frmichaelvaughan.com)



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

**STARTS PROMPT AT 10AM, DOORS OPEN FROM 9.50AM.**

**EVERY WEEK, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED. HELD IN PARISH HALL GARY, CHRISTINE & JOE**

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

## DIARY:

**FAMILY MASS: SUN 2<sup>ND</sup> FEB IN CHURCH  
IN SCHOOL: CANDLEMAS SERVICE  
MON 3<sup>RD</sup> FEB 2.30PM ALL WELCOME  
SAT 8<sup>TH</sup> FEB 4.30PM LOURDES MASS  
AT ST CHADS**

**SUN 9<sup>TH</sup> FEB SOVEREIGN BRASS  
CONCERT IN HALL 3-4PM SEE NOTICE  
SAT 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 12 NOON – MARRIAGE**

**MASS AT ST CHADS  
PARISH VISITATION:**

**5<sup>TH</sup>/6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**FHC: SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 10AM**

**CONFIRMATIONS: WED 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 6PM**

**Baptisms.** It is usual for infants to be baptised in the Catholic Church by the age of reason, which is 7 years of age. Preparation for this is usually a month. After the age of reason your child will be baptised similar to how adults are baptised, and in many cases they will receive Confirmation and communion at the same time. For this reason the child will need to be prepared, and the priest needs permission from the Archbishop to administer the sacraments. This could take up to 3 months or longer. Parents: Please give serious thought to your child's baptism. Your child cannot receive first holy communion or Confirmation without first having been baptised. Children and parents wishing to have their children baptised are required to attend church regularly at the weekend.

**Becoming a Catholic.** If anyone is interested in becoming Catholic, please have a word with Fr Michael and he will get you to fill in a form and let you know more. **RCIA CLASSES WILL BEGIN IN THE NEW YEAR. THE FIRST ADULT COURSE WILL BEGIN ON SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY AND WILL CONTINUE UNTIL APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup> 2025.**

## PARISH NEWS:

**Offertory: £ T.B.A. (Week)**

**Attendance: 42 + 68 = 110**

**Memory Tree £35 Votives £220.56**

**Standing Orders: (MONTHLY):**

**£828 (NOV) Thank you for your continued generosity.**

**THIS WEEKEND THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH & HALL RESTORATION FUND.**

### MEMORY TREE:

**THE MEMORY TREE RAISED £35 FOR THE CHURCH & HALL RESTORATION FUND AND £35 FOR THE FOOD BANK. THANK YOU ALL.**

### HOLY ROSARY:

**ROSARY WILL NOW BE RECITED**

**BEFORE EACH WEEKDAY MASS:**

**TUES-THURS 9.30AM FRI – 9.15AM**

### BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE:

**ALL PARENTS WISHING TO HAVE THEIR CHILDREN, UNDER THE AGE OF 7, BAPTISED IN THIS CHURCH WILL NEED TO ATTEND A BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE. THE COURSE WILL BE HELD ON THE LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH FOR BAPTISMS THE FOLLOWING MONTH. PARENTS CAN ATTEND ANY MONTH AS THEY WISH, THE COURSE WILL LAST ABOUT AN HOUR AND WILL INFORM AND PREPARE PARENTS FOR THE BAPTISM OF THEIR CHILD.**

**THE FIRST MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE PRESBYTERY 20, ST MARY'S ROAD. (TUES 28<sup>TH</sup> JAN 7PM) ANY PARENT WHO WISHES THEIR CHILD TO BE BAPTISED IN THE COMING MONTHS WILL BE MOST WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETING. PARENTS WITH CHILDREN OVER THE AGE OF 7 ARE WELCOME TO COME TO THE MEETING TO REGISTER THE BAPTISM.**



The Birmingham Lourdes Hospitalite warmly invites you to a special Mass at St Chads Cathedral on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 4.30pm. It is a wonderful opportunity to come together in prayer, honour Our Lady, and seek her intercession for the sick and their carers. Refreshments will be served after Mass. We extend a special invitation to all who have served in Lourdes, Schools, Students, and Pilgrims planning to join our Diocesan Pilgrimage in May.



**THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE:  
ST CHADS CATHEDRAL SATURDAY 3<sup>RD</sup>  
MAY 2025 12 NOON**

**CELEBRANT: BISHOP RICHARD WALKER.**

**IF YOU ARE GETTING MARRIED THIS YEAR OR CELEBRATING A SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY, OR WOULD SIMPLY LIKE TO GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR YOUR MARRIAGE. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AFTER MASS.**

**PLEASE REGISTER BY SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL:**

**Paul Northam 0121 321 5148 or email [marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk)**

**So that your names can be entered in the booklet.**