

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 soul of MOYA WELLS RIP, & GEORGE GARMSTON 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, 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, 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**

KATHLEEN MOYA WELLS RIP FUNERAL DETAILS:

RECEPTION INTO CHURCH THURSDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 4PM

FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 10AM REQUIEM MASS

GEORGE GARMSTON RIP FUNERAL DETAILS:

WEDNESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY FUNERAL SERVICE 12.15PM

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:

William Whorriskey RIP (Anniversary – 3rd Anniversary 29th January)

The Flowers by Our Lady of Walsingham this weekend are in memory of Derek Wilkins RIP (Anniversary & Birthday Remembrance 29th Jan)

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

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**



**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PRAY FOR US
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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

28TH JANUARY 2024

Saturday Jan 27	5.00pm Mass (<i>Derek Wilkins RIP – Anniv & Birthday Remembrance 29th January</i>)
Sunday Jan 28	10.00am Mass (<i>People of the Parish</i>)
Monday Jan 29	NO MASS
Tuesday Jan 30	<u>9.30am Holy Rosary</u>
<i>Feria</i>	10.00am Mass (<i>Holy Souls</i>)
Wednesday Jan 31	<u>10.00am Mass (MAC Mass)</u>
<i>Memorial of St John Bosco</i>	<u>School children in attendance</u>
Thursday Feb 1	10.00am Mass
<i>Feria</i>	<u>4.00pm Reception into Church – Kathleen Moya Wells RIP</u>
Friday Feb 2	<u>NO Adoration & Benediction</u>
<i>Feast of The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemass)</i>	<u>10.00 am – Requiem Mass – Kathleen Moya Wells RIP</u> <u>7.00pm Candlemass</u>
Saturday Feb 3	5.00pm Mass (<i>Priest's Intention</i>)
<i>Feast of St Blaise</i>	<u>Followed by Blessing of Throats</u>
Sunday Feb 4	10.00am Mass (<i>People of the Parish</i>)
<i>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<u>Followed by Blessing of Throats</u>

PARISH NEWS:

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.

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.

DIARY:

ST JOHN BOSCO MASS: WEDNESDAY 31ST JANUARY 10AM
CANDLEMASS: FRIDAY 2ND FEB 7PM
BLESSING OF THROATS: AT 5PM MASS SAT 3RD FEB AND SUNDAY 10AM 4TH FEB MASS
POT LUCK SUPPER: 6.30PM SHROVE TUESDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY
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 FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE FROM SUSAN OR BARBARA ALEXANDER
01902 633959 OR 07946 611376

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.

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. PROCEEDS TO THE CHURCH RESTORATION FUND. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH.
JAN WINNERS: 1ST 24 T&K Williams
2ND 51 C. Crump 3RD 118 G. Pidcock

FOOD BANK: 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

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

FR MICHAEL'S PERSONAL WEBSITE:
www.frmichaelvaughan.com

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

PARISH NEWS:

Offertory: £316.13 (Week)
Attendance: 53+78=131
Standing Orders: (MONTHLY): £690 (DEC) Thank you for your continued generosity.

CHURCH RESTORATION FUND: COMMENCING THE WEEKEND OF 10TH/11TH FEBRUARY WE WILL BE HAVING A SECOND COLLECTION EACH MONTH FOR THE CHURCH RESTORATION FUND, TO ENABLE US TO START RESTORATION WORK THIS YEAR. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH.

CANDLEMASS THIS YEAR IS ON FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY, UNFORTUNATELY WE HAVE A REQUIEM MASS THAT DAY AT 10AM, THEREFORE THERE WILL BE THE TRADITIONAL CANDLEMASS AT 7PM. THE FEAST OF ST BLAISE IS ON SATURDAY 3RD FEBRUARY, AND THE TRADITIONAL BLESSING OF THROATS WILL TAKE PLACE AT BOTH THE SATURDAY VIGIL MASS AND SUNDAY MORNING MASS THAT WEEKEND.

Roman Catholic Initiation of Adults & Children:

Fr Michael is now doing a course for anyone wishing to become full members of the Catholic Church. The next meeting is on Tuesday 30th January at 7pm in the Church Hall, and every Tuesday continuing until Easter. Those who wish, will be received into the Church during the Easter season. All welcome.

LENT BEGINS THIS YEAR WITH ASH WEDNESDAY ON WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14TH, I LIKE TO PREPARE THE ASHES IN THE TRADITIONAL WAY BY BURNING THE PALM CROSSES GIVEN OUT AT LAST YEAR'S PALM SUNDAY MASS. THEREFORE, I ASK PARISHIONERS TO PLEASE RETURN THEIR PALM CROSSES, WHICH WILL BE BURNED TO MAKE THE ASHES FOR USE ON ASH WEDNESDAY, THANK YOU. FR MICHAEL

FEAST OF ST JOHN BOSCO:

The St John Bosco Multi Academy Company would like to join us for Mass in our beautiful Church on Wednesday 31st January at 10am. Staff and Pupils, Directors and Governors from all of the MAC schools will be in attendance. It will be a wonderful occasion and a perfect way to showcase our school and parish community. Refreshments in the hall afterwards. Fr Michael/Amy Pritchard

POT LUCK SUPPER:

THERE WILL BE A POT LUCK SUPPER IN THE PARISH HALL ON SHROVE TUESDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY AT 6.30PM, ALL WELCOME, PLEASE BRING SOMETHING TO SHARE.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

CHRISTINE CADMAN WILL SHORTLY BE TAKING OVER, ONCE A MONTH TO START WITH. ALSO GARY LINFORD WILL BE RUNNING THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY ON CERTAIN WEEKS. PLEASE SUPPORT CHRISTINE & GARY IN THEIR NEW ROLES. LATER WE HOPE TO HAVE MORE HELPERS TO ENABLE US TO HAVE A ROTA TO HOPEFULLY RUN IT EVERY WEEK, IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN BECOMING A HELPER, PLEASE SEE FR MICHAEL.