

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, Joan Dixon, Sean Hooper, Barbara Jarvis, Michelle Price, Pat Wilkins.*

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of VERONICA MADDEN RIP, MARY PERRY RIP & ANNE GRAHAM RIP all recently deceased, and for the souls of the faithfully departed whose Anniversaries occur in April: † Rosina Bailey, Elsie Basford, Fr Timothy Burke, Cynthia & Malcolm Black, Agnes Brown, Brian Callaghan, Tegwen Devenney, Agnes Davies, William Haken, Anthony Michael Ilsley, Anne Jennings, Paul & Yvonne Laffan, Josie Langan, Gerard Mason, Bishop Leo McCartie, Edna McNally, Olive Mellings, Agnes Mary Moran, Bernard Patrick Moran, Michael Mullins, Michael O'Connor, Clarice May Peach, Marion Turner, Barbara Wooldridge. Anniversaries occur in May: † Thomas Bennett, Frank & Olwen Borg, Michael Bradley, Catherine Byrne, Charles Byrne, Mary Clarke, Thomas Clarke, Ann Adenia Coll, Jane & Angela Cowley, John Diggett, John & Pat Gaunt, Eddie Haken, Lorraine Haken (Darby), Roger Howell, Mary Elizabeth Ilsley, Maurice Ilsley, W.J. Ilsley, Graham Harper, Marian Kilvington, Catherine Mason, Joseph Moore, David Newall, Samuel Nicholls, Beatrice Mary Peach, Walter Anthony Peach, Mary Philage (nee Hirrill) Margaret Piddock, Joyce Piggott, Fr James Ward.

ANNE GRAHAM RIP - FUNERAL SERVICE 12 NOON TUESDAY 21ST MAY

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:

Geraldine O'Connor RIP - Birthday Remembrance

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 Geraldine O'Connor RIP (Birthday Remembrance)

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**

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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

28TH APRIL 2024

Saturday Apr 27 <i>Easter Feria</i>	5.00pm Mass (For the Health & Wellbeing of Theresa Adams)
Sunday Apr 28	10.00am Mass (Agnes Elizabeth Davies RIP - Anniv 27th April & Alison Davies RIP – Anniv 28th April)
Monday Apr 29 <i>Feast of St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe</i>	NO MASS
Tuesday Apr 30 <i>Easter Feria</i>	9.30am Holy Rosary 10.00am Mass (Holy Souls)
Wednesday May 1 <i>Memorial of St Joseph the Worker,</i>	10.00am Mass (Terry Dixon RIP)
Thursday May 2 <i>Mem of St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	10.00am Mass <u>Schoolchildren in Attendance</u>
Friday May 3 <i>Feast of Ss Philip & James Apostles</i>	9.00am – 9.45am Adoration & Benediction 10.00am Mass
Saturday May 4 <i>Feast of the English Martyrs</i>	5.00pm Mass (People of the Parish)
Sunday May 5 <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	10.00am Mass (Int for Violeta Henslock – 1st Birthday) 12.30pm – Baptisms – Freddie David Hands Francesca Helen Hands

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.

TEA & COFFEE AFTER MASS ON SUNDAYS.

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

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

DIARY:

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: 19TH MAY
10AM MASS PENTECOST
SOVEREIGN BRASS CONCERT: SUNDAY
19TH MAY IN PARISH HALL 3PM
CONFIRMATIONS: THURS 6TH JUNE
6PM CANON MCNALLY, EPISCOPAL
VICAR FOR STAFFORDSHIRE & THE
BLACK COUNTRY
WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE:
8-12th July 2024
HARVINGTON HALL: SUNDAY 1ST
SEPTEMBER MASS 3PM

LUCKY SQUARE:

Proceeds to Church Restoration Fund, 3 cash prizes, if you wish to join, please see Tracey. Thank you for your support of our Parish. April Winners:
1st 55 R. Jeynes
2nd 35 G. Baquian
3rd 79 G. Cox

FR MICHAEL'S PERSONAL WEBSITE:

www.frmichaelvaughan.com

HARVINGTON HALL:

**SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER
MASS AT 3PM IN HONOUR OF THE
ENGLISH MARTYRS:**
ST MARY'S THE MOUNT HAVE OFFERED TO LET US SHARE THEIR COACH. PLEASE SEE FORM ON NOTICEBOARD, WE NEED NUMBERS BY END OF APRIL PLEASE.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

PRAYERFUL CONGRATULATIONS TO MGR TIMOTHY MENZIES, DEAN OF ST CHAD'S CATHEDRAL, AND CANON RICHARD WALKER, VICAR GENERAL WHO HAVE BEEN APPOINTED BY POPE FRANCIS TO BE NEW AUXILIARY BISHOPS FOR OUR ARCHDIOCESE. PLEASE KEEP THEM BOTH IN YOUR PRAYERS.

PARISH NEWS:

Offertory: £297.54 (Week)

Attendance: 60 + 92 = 152

Standing Orders: (MONTHLY):
£710 (MAR) Thank you for your continued generosity.

Retiring Collection Clergy Training
Fund: £112.94

WE ARE CONTINUING WITH THE SIMPLE ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSIONS 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.

SPRING FAIR:

THANKS TO ALL WHO ORGAISED, HELPED IN ANY WAY AND SUPPORTED THE SPRING FAIR WHICH WAS A GREAT SUCCESS. WE RAISED £1,150.47 FOR CHURCH FUNDS. WELL DONE EVERYONE!

GIFT AID:

WOULD YOU CONSIDER BEING A GIFT AIDER? THE CHURCH CAN RECLAIM 25P FOR EVERY £1 YOU GIVE, FROM THE TAX YOU HAVE ALREADY PAID. THIS IS A GREAT FORM OF EXTRA INCOME FOR YOUR CHURCH. YOU OR YOUR PARTNER CAN GIVE WHAT YOU WANT, WHEN YOU WANT. ENVELOPES OR STANDING ORDER, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH PORCH, OR SEE CATE.

SVP and CAFOD PARISH BULLETIN

NOTICE:

A YEAR OF ENCOUNTER WITH A UK GENERAL ELECTION DUE SOMETIME THIS YEAR, POLITICIANS WILL BE LOOKING FOR VOTES. WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY AS CATHOLICS TO MAKE SURE THAT PARTIES COMMIT TO TACKLING ISSUES SUCH AS POVERTY AND INJUSTICE. RAISING OUR VOICES AND CONTACTING PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATES AS A PARISH COMMUNITY WILL SEND A STRONG SIGNAL TO THOSE STANDING FOR ELECTION IN OUR LOCAL CONSTITUENCIES. A YEAR OF ENCOUNTER IS A JOINT INITIATIVE BETWEEN CAFOD AND ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP), EQUIPPING CATHOLICS TO ASK KEY QUESTIONS OF LOCAL CANDIDATES AT THE KEY MOMENTS. PLEASE SEE cafod.org.uk/encounter FOR MORE INFORMATION, INCLUDING ONLINE SESSION ON SATURDAY 4TH MAY TO LEARN MORE.



SUNDAY 19TH MAY – PARISH HALL
TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED ONLINE AT TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/SOVEREIGNBRASS, OR ON THE DAY (CASH ONLY) DOORS OPEN AT 2.30PM. CONCERT 3PM – 1HR WITHOUT INTERVAL. ADULTS £7 16-25 £5 U16 FREE. TICKETS INC COMPLIMENTARY DRINK.