

**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 December:** † *Gordon Bacon, Baby Bennett, Basil Bridgwater, Peg Byrne, Patrick Byrne, Martha Cowley, Albert Diggett, William Fairless, Catherine Gallagher, George Green, Kevin Groves, Michael Haken, Graham Harper, Jean Hunter, Brenda Jennings, James Lambley, Betty Langford, Arthur Maddox, Raymond Mason, Eileen Mole, Christopher Morris, Elizabeth Morris, Fr Michael O'Meara (former PP), John O'Connell, Leonard William Peach, Helen Pennings, Magdalene Perkins nee Churchill, Catherine Rose Piggott, Roy Probert, Lee Potts, Stuart Roper, Maria Sylvana Rossi, Joseph Ryan, Ronald Turner, Pauline Walsh, Winifred Ward, Moya Wells, Mary Wilmore.* **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, 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.*

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

*Frank & Olwen Borg RIP*

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

*Terence McNally RIP (Birthday Remembrance 29<sup>th</sup> December)*

**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.

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

**29<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

<b>Saturday Dec 28</b>	<b>5.00pm Mass (Ruby Joan Horan RIP)</b> <i>Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>
<b>Sunday Dec 29</b>	<b>10.00am Mass (Elizabeth Morris RIP)</b> <i>Feast of the Holy Family 12.30pm – Baptism – Maximilian Edvard Ngadjieu Tcheuijoue</i>
<b>Monday Dec 30</b>	<b>NO MASS</b> <i>Sixth day within the Octave of Christmas</i>
<b>Tuesday Dec 31</b>	<b>9.30am Holy Rosary</b> <i>Seventh day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</i> <b>10.00am Mass (Christopher Morris RIP)</b>
<b>Wednesday Jan 1</b>	<b>11.00am Mass (Dec'd Members of the Heskin &amp; Jeynes Families RIP)</b> <i>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i>
<b>Thursday Jan 2</b>	<b>10.00am Mass (Albert &amp; Clarice Peach RIP)</b> <i>Memorial of St Basil the Great &amp; St Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church</i>
<b>Friday Jan 3</b>	<b>9.00am – 9.45 Adoration &amp; Benediction</b> <i>Christmas Feria</i> <b>10.00am Mass (People of the Parish)</b>
<b>Saturday Jan 4</b>	<b>5.00pm Mass (Dec'd Members of the Moran Family RIP)</b> <i>Christmas Feria</i>
<b>Sunday Jan 5</b>	<b>10.00am Mass (Alison Southcombe RIP)</b> <i>Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</i>

## 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. RESUMING THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

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.*

FR MICHAEL'S PERSONAL WEBSITE:  
[www.frmichaelvaughan.com](http://www.frmichaelvaughan.com)

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

## DIARY:

BINGO: SAT 4<sup>TH</sup> JAN 3PM IN

PARISH HALL

RCIA CLASSES: BEGIN SAT 11<sup>TH</sup> JAN 2025

PARISH VISITATION:

5<sup>TH</sup>/6<sup>TH</sup> APR 2025

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:

SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 10AM

CONFIRMATIONS:

WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025 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: £272.71 (Week)

Attendance: 38 + 82 = 120

Crib: £37.30 (tea & coffees)

Sovereign Brass £200

Lucky Square £69

Blue Ball Raffle £115

Standing Orders: (MONTHLY): £813

(SEPT) Thank you for your continued generosity.

THE NEXT SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH & HALL RESTORATION FUND WILL BE THE WEEKEND OF 25<sup>TH</sup>/26<sup>TH</sup> JAN 2025

### FR MICHAEL'S THANK YOU MESSAGE:

*Dear Friends,  
Thank you all for your kindness and generosity over Christmas, for our cards, gifts, offerings and greetings. Thank you all also for your support of the Christmas services at this time, and I wish you all a Happy and Peaceful New Year.  
God bless you all.  
Fr Michael.*

### CHRISTMAS MASS ATTENDANCE:

Christmas Eve 4pm 89

Christmas Eve 6pm 113

Christmas Day 10am 76



### BINGO:

SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JAN AT 3PM IN THE PARISH HALL.

### ADDITIONAL SECOND COLLECTION IN 2025:

THE ARCHBISHOP HAS AUTHORISED A SECOND ONE-OFF COLLECTION TO BE ADDED NEXT YEAR (JUBILEE YEAR) THE COLLECTION WILL BE FOR THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF WALSINGHAM AND IS TO BE TAKEN ON THE WEEKEND OF 22<sup>ND</sup>/23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2025.

BIRMINGHAM DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025 - JUBILEE YEAR  
SAT 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY-FRI 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
BOOKING NOW OPEN:  
CONTACT: TANGNEY TOURS 01732 886666 OR EMAIL [sales@tangney-tours.com](mailto:sales@tangney-tours.com) FOR DETAILS.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY:  
STARTS PROMPT AT 10AM, DOORS OPEN FROM 9.50AM.  
EVERY WEEK, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED. HELD IN PARISH HALL  
GARY, CHRISTINE & JOE