

**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, Alan Hill, 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 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.*

**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:**

*Marian Whitehouse RIP - Anniversary 13<sup>th</sup> February*

**The candle lamp on the Sacred Heart Altar burns this week for:**

*William Whorriskey RIP - Anniversary 29<sup>th</sup> January*

**The flowers on Our Lady's Altar this weekend are in Memory of Maureen Norton RIP**

**The flowers on the Sacred Heart this weekend are in Memory of William Whorriskey RIP (Anniversary 29<sup>th</sup> January)**

**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 PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

**2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2025**

Saturday Feb 1	5.00pm Mass ( <i>Ama Serwaah RIP</i> ) <i>Feria</i>
Sunday Feb 2	10.00am Mass ( <i>William Davies RIP</i> ) <i>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Birthday Remembrance 4<sup>th</sup> February)</i> <b><u>(Family Mass) Candlemas/St Blaise Blessing of Throats</u></b>
Monday Feb 3	<b><u>NO MASS</u></b> <i>Feria</i>
Tuesday Feb 4	<b><u>NO ROSARY OR MASS</u></b> <i>Feria</i>
Wednesday Feb 5	9.30am Holy Rosary <i>Mem of St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr</i> 10.00am Mass ( <i>Patricia Jeynes RIP</i> )
Thursday Feb 6	9.30am Holy Rosary <i>Mem of St Paul Miki, and Companions, Martyrs</i> 10.00am Mass ( <i>Holy Souls</i> ) <b><u>Schoolchildren on Attendance</u></b>
Friday Feb 7	9.00-9.45am Adoration & Benediction <i>Feria</i> 9.15am Holy Rosary 10.00am Mass ( <i>Fr Frederick Keating RIP – Anniv – former P Priest</i> )
Saturday Feb 8	5.00pm Mass ( <i>Priest's Intention</i> ) <i>Feria</i>
Sunday Feb 9	10.00am Mass ( <i>People of the Parish</i> ) <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</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.

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)



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

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

EVERY WEEK, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED. HELD IN THE CHURCH PORCH.

GARY, CHRISTINE & JOE

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

## DIARY:

### 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: 19.1.25: £325.44 (Week)

Attendance: 42 + 68 = 110

Memory Tree £35 Votives £220.56

Candles £40 Baptism £50

Funeral £100

Offertory: 26.1.25: £302.17

Attendance: 41 + 80 = 121

Church & Hall Rest.Fund: £279.21

Lucky Square £67

Candle £10

Standing Orders: (MONTHLY):

£838 (DEC) Thank you for your continued generosity.

### 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.

## RCIA:

Those who wish to know more about the Catholic faith with the intention of becoming a Catholic at Easter are welcome to attend the Adult course being held in the presbytery every Saturday at 10am. Children who wish to become Catholics will be prepared by Mr. G. Linford, parents please have a word with Fr Michael who will inform Mr. Linford your child's wish to become Catholic or receive the other Sacraments if they're not in a Catholic School.

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE: IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN GOING TO KNOCK ON A PILGRIMAGE (MARCH - B'HAM FLIGHTS) - PLEASE SEE NOTICEBOARD.



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.