

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, Christine Cadman, Sheila Cooney, Bridget Cooper, Margaret Cooper, Joan & Terry Dixon, Sean Hooper, Barbara Jarvis, Michelle Price, Moya Wells, Pat Wilkins.

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Pauline Walsh RIP recently deceased, and for 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, Magdalene Perkins nee Churchill, Catherine Rose Piggott, Roy Probert, Lee Potts, Stuart Roper, Maria Sylvana Rossi, Joseph Ryan, Ronald Turner, Winifred Ward,

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:

For all the sick of our Parish

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

If anyone would like flowers on an altar or near a statue in memory of a loved one or for an intention, please see Anne or Cate.

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 Thursday.

www.saintmaryswednesbury.org.uk Please note the cut-off is Wednesday 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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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

3RD DECEMBER 2023

Saturday Dec 2	5.00pm Mass (Eileen & Wilf Garrity RIP)
Sunday Dec 3	10.00am Mass (People of the Parish)
Monday Dec 4	<u>NO MASS</u>
Tuesday Dec 5	<u>9.30am Holy Rosary</u>
<i>Feast of St Birinus, Bishop</i>	10.00am Mass (Teresa Gee Ints)
Wednesday Dec 6	10.00am Mass (Holy Souls)
Thursday Dec 7	10.00am Mass (M. E. Connelly RIP – J.A.)
<i>Mem of St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	
Friday Dec 8	<u>9.00am – 9.45am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</u>
<i>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10.00am Mass (Joseph Ryan RIP – Anniv)
	<u>St Mary's School children in attendance</u>
Saturday Dec 9	5pm Mass (James Lambley RIP- Anniv)
Sunday Dec 10	10am Mass (People of the Parish)
<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	

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.

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.
NOVEMBER WINNERS:
61 M. Green 70 P. Bradley
4 JC/EM

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:

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: 3rd Dec & 7th Jan (please bring a doll or teddy to be baptised for this session)
FR MICHAEL'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION: Thursday 7th Dec
SOVEREIGN BRASS CONCERT: Friday 8th December 7.30pm
WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE: 8-12th July 2024 FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE FROM SUSAN OR BARBARA ALEXANDER 01902 633959 OR 07946 611376

SUNDAY ADVENT WEEK 4 MASSES:

SAT 23RD DEC 5pm Mass
SUN 24TH DEC 10am Mass
CHRISTMAS MASSES:
4pm Children's Mass
5.30pm Carols
6pm Vigil Mass
MON 25TH DEC Christmas Day Mass 10am
TUES 26TH DEC 11am Mass (St. Stephen)

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.

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**

PARISH NEWS:

Offertory: £276.44 (Week)
Attendance: 109
Catholic Education Service £59.85
Standing Orders: (MONTHLY): £690 (OCT) Thank you for your continued generosity.

SOVEREIGN BRASS WILL BE PERFORMING IN CHURCH ON FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER STARTING AT 7.30PM. THEY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY ST MARY'S SCHOOL CHOIR. TICKETS: £8 ADULT, £5 CONCESSION & £15 FAMILY TICKET. TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW OR ON THE DOOR – PLEASE SEE MARGARET.

FR MICHAELS 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION: (7TH DEC) YOU ARE ALL WELCOME TO CAKES/NIBBLES IN THE HALL AFTER MASS ON **SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER** TO MARK THE OCCASION. DONATIONS OF CAKES ETC WOULD BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED, PLEASE SEE ANNE OR CATE. THANK YOU.

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

CHURCH CLEAN: THANK YOU TO OUR DEDICATED TEAM OF CLEANERS WHO CLEANED OUR CHURCH THIS WEEK IN PREPARATION FOR FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE: THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ORGANISED, HELPED AND SUPPORTED THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE - WE RAISED £1,001.32 WELL DONE EVERYONE!

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: TERESA MULLINS HAS VERY KINDLY OFFERED TO RE-COMMENCE THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY ON 3RD DECEMBER. PLEASE TRY AND SUPPORT TERESA IN THIS IMPORTANT ROLE, THE CHILDREN ARE THE FUTURE OF OUR CHURCH.

Roman Catholic Initiation of Adults & Children: Fr Michael is to begin catechesis of adults & children wishing to become full members of the Catholic Church. The course begins on Tuesday 9th January 2024, and continues until Easter. Those who wish, will be received into the Church during the Easter season.

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS: If anyone would like flowers in memory of loved ones, or a special intention over Christmas, either on an altar, by a statue or window, please see Anne or Cate.