

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 soul of MARY THERESA MILLETT RIP, 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, 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.*

MARY THERESA MILLETT RIP – FUNERAL SERVICE – 16TH JANUARY AT 1.30PM

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:

The Flowers on the Sacred Heart Altar this weekend are in Memory of James Lambley RIP and Deceased Members of the Lambley Family RIP

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

Please note the cut-off is Wednesday lunchtime

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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 or the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk or on 0121 230 6240 if you have any concern.

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

5TH JANUARY 2025

Saturday Jan 4	5.00pm Mass (<i>Dec'd Members of the Moran Family RIP</i>) <i>Christmas Feria</i>
Sunday Jan 5	10.00am Mass (<i>Alison Southcombe RIP</i>) <i>Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</i>
Monday Jan 6	NO MASS <i>Christmas Feria</i>
Tuesday Jan 7	<u>9.30am Holy Rosary</u> <i>Christmas Feria</i> 10.00am Mass (<i>Michael Ryan RIP</i>)
Wednesday Jan 8	NO MASS <i>Christmas Feria</i>
Thursday Jan 9	NO MASS <i>Christmas Feria</i>
Friday Jan 10	<u>9.00am – 9.45 Adoration & Benediction</u> <i>Christmas Feria</i> <u>9.15am Holy Rosary</u> 10.00am Mass (<i>Patrick Devenney RIP – Birthday Remembrance</i>)
Saturday Jan 11	5.00pm Mass (<i>Fr John Piris RIP – Anniv – former Parish Priest</i>) <i>Christmas Feria</i>
Sunday Jan 12	10.00am Mass (<i>Eileen Mole RIP – Birthday Remembrance - 16th January</i>) <i>Feast of the Baptism 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.

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

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

DIARY:

BINGO: SAT 4TH JAN 3PM IN

PARISH HALL

RCIA CLASSES: BEGIN SAT 11TH JAN 2025

PARISH VISITATION:

5TH/6TH APR 2025

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:

SUNDAY 18TH MAY 10AM

CONFIRMATIONS:

WEDNESDAY 4TH 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 11TH JANUARY AND WILL CONTINUE UNTIL APRIL 12TH 2025.

PARISH NEWS:

Offertory: £ T.B.A. (Week)

Attendance: 35 + 63 = 98

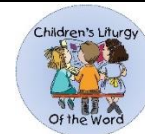
Standing Orders: (MONTHLY): £813 (SEPT) Thank you for your continued generosity.

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

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ORGANISED AND SUPPORTED THE BINGO AFTERNOON.

A NEW BAPTISM COURSE BEGINS AT THE END OF THIS MONTH. ALL THOSE WHO WISH TO HAVE THEIR CHILDREN BAPTISED ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND ONE OF THE COURSES BEFORE THE BAPTISM OF THEIR CHILD FOR INSTRUCTION AND PREPARATION FOR BAPTISM. THANK YOU TO DARREN & SHARON FOR AGREEING TO RUN THE COURSE. FR MICHAEL.

BIRMINGHAM DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025 - JUBILEE YEAR SAT 24TH MAY-FRI 30TH MAY BOOKING NOW OPEN: CONTACT: TANGNEY TOURS 01732 886666 OR EMAIL 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



THE JUBILEE PRAYER

*Father in Heaven,
may the faith you have given us
In your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your kingdom.
May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of
the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation of a new
heaven and a new earth, when, with
the powers of Evil vanquished, your
glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
AMEN POPE FRANCIS*

PARISH VISITATION:

Bishop Timothy Menezes is to visit our parish on the weekend of the 5th and 6th April 2025. During his time here he will say mass, speak to the congregation, and meet with people informally after mass in Saint Mary's Hall and have refreshments. It will give everyone a chance to speak to Bishop Timothy. The Bishop will also visit the sick, visit the school, parents, staff, and governors. He will also meet formally with Fr Michael