

**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, Pat Wilkins.*

**Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of HELEN PENNINGS RIP & MOYA WELLS RIP both 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, 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.*

**KATHLEEN MOYA WELLS RIP FUNERAL DETAILS:**

**RECEPTION INTO CHURCH THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 4PM**

**FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 10AM REQUIEM MASS**

**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:**

***For the Health & Wellbeing of Winifred Price***

***Betty Joynes RIP (Anniversary 11<sup>th</sup> January)***

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

***Patrick Devenney 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 Thursday.**

**[www.saintmarvswednesbury.org.uk](http://www.saintmarvswednesbury.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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**SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024**

Saturday Jan 6	5.00pm Mass ( <i>Michael Ryan RIP</i> )
Sunday Jan 7	10.00am Mass ( <i>People of the Parish</i> )
Monday Jan 8	<b><u>NO MASS</u></b> <i>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</i>
Tuesday Jan 9	<b><u>9.30am Holy Rosary</u></b> <i>Feria</i> <b><u>10.00am Mass (People of the Parish)</u></b>
Wednesday Jan 10	10.00am Mass ( <i>Ints of Fr Liam Bradley</i> ) <i>Feria</i>
Thursday Jan 11	10.00am Mass ( <i>Sandra Majka RIP J.A.</i> ) <i>Feria</i> <b><u>St Mary's Schoolchildren in Attendance</u></b>
Friday Jan 12	<b><u>9.00am – 9.45am Adoration &amp; Benediction</u></b> <b><u>10.30am Requiem Mass – Helen Pennings RIP</u></b>
Saturday Jan 13	5.00pm Mass ( <i>Eileen Mole RIP–Birthday Remembrance</i> )
Sunday Jan 14	10.00am Mass ( <i>Cynthia Lorraine Black RIP – Birthday</i> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year</i> <b><u>Remembrance</u></b> <b><u>12 noon – Baptism – Oliver John Wallett</u></b>

## 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](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.

**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:**

**7<sup>th</sup> Jan (please bring a doll or teddy to be baptised for this session)**

**CANDLEMASS:** FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEB 7PM

**BLESSING OF THROATS:** AFTER 10AM MASS SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> FEB

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY 10AM MASS PENTECOST

**CONFIRMATIONS:** THURS 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 6PM CANON MCNALLY, EPISCOPAL VICAR FOR STAFFORDSHIRE & THE BLACK COUNTRY

### **WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE:**

8-12<sup>th</sup> July 2024 FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE FROM SUSAN OR BARBARA ALEXANDER 01902 633959 OR 07946 611376

**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.

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

**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 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024, and continues until Easter. Those who wish, will be received into the Church during the Easter season.**

**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**

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

## PARISH NEWS:

**Offertory:** £280.55 (Week) 24/12/23  
£339.71 31/12/2023  
**Attendance:** 92 24/12/23  
271 Christmas Masses  
137 31/12/2023  
**Standing Orders: (MONTHLY):**  
£690 (OCT) Thank you for your continued generosity.

**LUCKY SQUARE:** - THREE CASH PRIZES OF £25, £12 AND £7.  
**PLEASE NOTE THE DRAW WILL BE MADE ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> 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.

**CANDLEMASS THIS YEAR IS ON FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY, UNFORTUNATELY WE HAVE A REQUIEM MASS THAT FRIDAY AT 10AM, THEREFORE THERE WILL BE THE TRADITIONAL CANDLEMASS AT 7PM. THE FEAST OF ST BLAISE IS ON SATURDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY, AND THE TRADITIONAL BLESSING OF THROATS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE END OF THE 10AM MASS ON SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY.**

**LENT BEGINS THIS YEAR WITH ASH WEDNESDAY ON WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>, I LIKE TO PREPARE THE ASHES IN THE TRADITIONAL WAY BY BURNING THE PALM CROSSES GIVEN OUT AT LAST YEAR'S PALM SUNDAY MASS. THEREFORE, I ASK PARISHIONERS TO PLEASE RETURN THEIR PALM CROSSES, WHICH WILL BE BURNED TO MAKE THE ASHES FOR USE ON ASH WEDNESDAY, THANK YOU.**  
**FR MICHAEL**

## **YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!**

**WE KNOW HOW HARD IT IS IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES BUT YOUR CHURCH IS SUFFERING TOO WITH HIGH ENERGY AND RUNNING COSTS ETC. PLEASE CONSIDER IF YOU COULD BE A GIFT AIDER, BECAUSE THIS COULD BRING EXTRA INCOME INTO THE CHURCH AT NO EXTRA COST TO YOURSELF.** IF YOU ARE AN INCOME TAX PAYER (OR YOUR SPOUSE /PARTNER IS) - WE COULD RECLAIM ON THE TAX THAT YOU ARE ALREADY PAYING. THIS MEANS THAT INSTEAD OF GIVING £1 TO THE CHURCH YOU CAN IN FACT BE GIVING £1.25! **YOU CAN GIVE WHATEVER YOU WANT, WHENEVER YOU WANT, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO SIGN UP FOR A CERTAIN AMOUNT.** YOU COULD HAVE ENVELOPES OR PAY BY STANDING ORDER. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THIS, PLEASE SEE CATE.