

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

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of the faithfully departed whose anniversaries occur in October †

Paul Agg, Teresa Agg, Brian Bailey, Joe Burnside, Christine Byrne, Mary Sheila Cashmore (Noon), Peter Cole, Charles Cowley, Mary Davis, Edward Fairless, Winifred Fairless, George Gibbs, Jane Hooper, Joseph Jennings, Catherine Joyce, David Antony Jones, Ann Maria & Henry Keay, Charles Kirinich, Joseph Lally, Mary A.J. Lowe, Kath Mitchell, Marcella Moore, Marina Morgan, Joyce O'Connor, Fr Francis E. O'Hanlon (former PP), Lynn Reynolds, Fr Patrick O'Sullivan (former PP), Mary Peach, James Ernest Peach, Joel & Maria Reed, George Turner, Violet Williams, Winifred Williams.

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:

Joshua Clarke RIP (Birthday Remembrance 13th October)

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

The Flowers on the Main Altar this weekend are to welcome Fr Michael to our Parish

The Flowers on Our Lady's Altar this weekend are in Memory of Len Laffan RIP

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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TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

8TH OCTOBER 2023

Saturday Oct 7	5.00pm Mass (<i>Kevin Hennessey & Deceased Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary</i>) <i>Family Members RIP</i>
Sunday Oct 8	10.00am Mass (<i>People of the Parish</i>)
Monday Oct 9	<u>NO MASS</u> <i>Feast of St John Henry Newman</i>
Tuesday Oct 10	<u>9.30am Holy Rosary</u> 10.00am Mass (<i>Holy Souls</i>)
Wednesday Oct 11	10.00am Mass (<i>June Doherty Ints</i>)
Thursday Oct 12	10.00am Mass
Friday Oct 13	<u>9.00am – 9.45am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</u> 10.00am Mass
Saturday Oct 14	5.00pm Mass (<i>People of the Parish</i>)
Sunday Oct 15	10.00am Mass (<i>Agnes Elizabeth Davies RIP</i>) <i>28th Sunday of the Year</i> (<i>Birthday Remembrance 19th October</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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO LACK OF INTEREST, THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY IS CANCELLED. IT MAY BE REVIEWED AT A LATER DATE. WE THANK TERESA & ANNA FOR GIVING UP THEIR TIME TO HELP US OUT.

DIARY:
BLESSING OF GRAVES:
Saturday 4th November at 11am Fallings Heath Cemetery
CHRISTMAS FAYRE: Saturday 25th November at 12 noon

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.

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

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



ITS TIME TO EMPTY THE MISSIO RED BOXES: COULD YOU PLEASE BRING IN YOUR RED BOXES FOR BRIDGET TO EMPTY AND BANK. THANK YOU.

PARISH NEWS:

Offertory: £484.12 (Week)
Attendance: 107
Standing Orders: (MONTHLY): £680 (JULY) Thank you for your continued generosity.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION:
MAY WE RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT ANYONE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION ON THE TONGUE TO PLEASE GO UP LAST, OUT OF COURTESY TO YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION.

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.

WE WARMLY WELCOME FR MICHAEL TO OUR PARISH OF ST MARY'S, AND ASSURE HIM OF OUR PRAYERS, HELP AND SUPPORT.

DEAR FRIENDS,
IT WAS LOVELY TO BE GREETED BY A FEW PEOPLE OF THE PARISH WHEN I ARRIVED ON TUESDAY, THEY MADE ME FEEL SO WELCOME. I'M DELIGHTED TO HAVE BEEN APPOINTED AS YOUR PARISH PRIEST AT ST MARY'S, IT IS A BEAUTIFUL CHURCH, WE'RE SO LUCKY TO HAVE IT. MY APPOINTMENT IS TO SERVE YOU AND TO PRAY FOR YOU ALL, AS I HAVE BEEN CALLED BY THE LORD TO DO. BEFORE COMING TO ST. MARY'S I WAS LIVING AT ST. FRANCIS, HANDSWORTH, AND HELPING AT SAINT'S MARY & JOHN ERDINGTON, AND SAINT PETER & PAUL, PYPE HAYES. I HAVE BEEN A PRIEST FOR 20 YEARS, 10 AS AN ASSISTANT, AND 10 AS PARISH PRIEST. I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU ALL OVER THE DAYS AHEAD.
MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL.
FR MICHAEL VAUGHAN.