

**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 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, Helen Pennings, Magdalene Perkins nee Churchill, Catherine Rose Piggott, Roy Probert, Lee Potts, Stuart Roper, Maria Sylvana Rossi, Joseph Ryan, Ronald Turner, Pauline Walsh, Winifred Ward, Moya Wells, Mary Wilmore.*

**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:**

**William Whorriskey RIP (Birthday Remembrance 12<sup>th</sup> December)**

**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.

## **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

<b>Saturday Dec 7</b> <i>Feria</i>	<b>5.00pm Mass</b> ( <i>James Lambley RIP – Anniversary</i> )
<b>Sunday Dec 8</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>10.00am Mass</b> ( <i>Eileen &amp; Wilf Garrett RIP</i> )
<b>Monday Dec 9</b>	<b>10.00am Mass</b> ( <i>Joseph Ryan RIP</i> ) <i>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> <b>Schoolchildren in Attendance</b>
<b>Tuesday Dec 10</b> <i>Feria</i>	<b>NO ROSARY OR MASS</b>
<b>Wednesday Dec 11</b> <i>Feria</i>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Thursday Dec 12</b> <i>Feria</i>	<b>10.00am Mass</b> ( <i>John &amp; Mary Perry RIP</i> )
<b>Friday Dec 13</b>	<b>9.00am – 9.45am Adoration &amp; Benediction</b> <i>Mem of St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr</i> <b>10.00am Mass</b> ( <i>Norman &amp; Elizabeth Morris RiP</i> )
<b>Saturday Dec 14</b>	<b>5.00pm Mass</b> ( <i>Chris Dickens RIP – Birthday Remembrance</i> ) <i>Mem of St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church</i>
<b>Sunday Dec 15</b> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>10.00am Mass</b> ( <i>Frank Malcolm Wright RIP</i> )

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

## 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.



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

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

EVERY WEEK, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED. HELD IN PARISH HALL GARY, CHRISTINE & JOE

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)

## DIARY:

### SOVEREIGN CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

FRI 13<sup>TH</sup> DEC 7.30PM

### SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE: IN CHURCH

WED 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 1.30PM

PARISH VISITATION: 5<sup>TH</sup>/6<sup>TH</sup> APR 2025

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS: SUN 18<sup>TH</sup>

MAY 10AM

CONFIRMATIONS: WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup>

JUNE 2025 6PM

SIMPLE ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT BETWEEN 9.15AM-9.45AM TUES, WED AND THURS, WITH LATIN ADORATION, AND CONFESSION, AND BENEDICTION AS NORMAL ON A FRIDAY 9AM-9.45AM.

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.

## PARISH NEWS:

Offertory: £363.47 (Week)

Attendance: 45 + 137 = 182

Candles: £30

Piety: £100

Standing Orders: (MONTHLY):

£813 (SEPT) Thank you for your

continued generosity.

This weekend: Retiring diocese collection for Poor Parishes

Next weekend: Second collection for Church & Hall Restoration

Fund.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: THE FRONT DOOR WILL BE CLOSED FOR ABOUT 3 WEEKS (WEATHER PERMITTING) WHILST THE LONG AWAITED RAMP IS BEING BUILT, SO WE WILL HAVE TO USE THE BACK DOOR TO ENTER THE CHURCH. SORRY FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE DURING THIS TIME.

SOVEREIGN BRASS CHRISTMAS CONCERT: FRI 13<sup>TH</sup> DEC 7.30PM  
TICKETS ON SALE: ADULT £7.50  
CONCESION £5.00 (Under 18/Student/Senior Citizen)  
FAMILY TICKET £18 (2 adults plus child/children)  
TICKETS ALSO AVAILABLE TO BUY ONLINE AT  
TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/  
SOVEREIGN BRASS

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE: CONCERT WILL BE HELD IN THE PARISH HALL, DUE TO THE ONGING WORK AT THE CHURCH.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO GAVE THEIR TIME TO CLEAN THE CHURCH ON FRIDAY, IT IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

DURING ADVENT WE WILL HAVE A MEMORY TREE, YOU CAN PLACE ON THE TREE NAMES OF YOUR LOVED ONES, AND THEY WILL BE REMEMBERED AT ONE OF THE CHRISTMAS MASSES. THE COST IS £1 PROCEEDS WILL BE DIVIDED BETWEEN THE CHURCH & HALL RESTORATION FUND AND THE FOOD BANK.



THE CRIB OFFERINGS THIS YEAR WILL BE FOR THE MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE FLOWERS ON AN ALTAR OR BY A STATUE OR WINDOW FOR CHRISTMAS IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES, PLEASE SEE ANNE OR CATE.

CHRISTMAS MASSES:  
CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDRENS' MASS 4PM  
CHRISTMAS EVE CAROLS 5.30PM  
CHRISTMAS EVE MASS 6PM  
CHRISTMAS DAY MASS 10AM  
DEC 26<sup>TH</sup> ST STEPHEN 11AM MASS

The Christmas Offering is for your Parish Priest - there will be envelopes available.