

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, Lynne Harper, Alan Hill, 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 February: †

Peter Bailey, Stanley E.H, Brookes, Cyril Dicken, Michael Groves, Derek Hadley, Irene Harper, Collette Hinz, Graham Humphrey, Ivor J. Ilsley, W.J. Ilsley, Fr Frederick William Keating (former PP), Ita Lane, Terry Langley Jnr, Faye Mason, John Moran, Edna Peach, Verity Perry, Gary Piddock, William Piggott, Brian Powell, Leon Purcell, Harold Scott, Maria Severn, Sarah Shinton, Christopher Slater, Anthony Brian Smith, Evelyn Stokes, Hilda Taylor, William Ward, Betty Wright.

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:

Moya Wells RIP (Birthday Remembrance 14th February)

Peter Bailey RIP (Anniversary 9th February)

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

Brian Bailey RIP (Birthday Remembrance 13th February)

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

9TH FEBRUARY 2025

Saturday Feb 8 <i>Feria</i>	5.00pm Mass (<i>Priest's Intention</i>)
Sunday Feb 9 <i>5th Sunday of the Year</i>	10.00am Mass (<i>People of the Parish</i>)
Monday Feb 10 <i>Mem of St. Scholastica, Virgin</i>	NO MASS
Tuesday Feb 11 <i>Feria</i>	NO ROSARY OR MASS
Wednesday Feb 12 <i>Feria</i>	<i>9.30am Holy Rosary</i> 10.00am Mass (<i>Pat Morris Ints</i>)
Thursday Feb 13 <i>Feria</i>	<i>9.30am Holy Rosary</i> 10.00am Mass (<i>John & Ita Lane RIP</i>) Schoolchildren in Attendance
Friday Feb 14 <i>Feast of St Cyril, Monk & St Methodius, Bishop</i> <i>Patrons of Europe</i>	NO ADORATION OR BENEDICTION NO MASS
Saturday Feb 15 <i>Feria</i>	5.00pm Mass (<i>Moya Wells RIP – Birthday Remembrance 14th February</i>)
Sunday Feb 16 <i>6th Sunday of the Year</i>	10.00am Mass (<i>Molly Midgley Hellend RIP – Anniv</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



CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

STARTS PROMPT AT 10AM, DOORS OPEN FROM 9.50AM. EVERY WEEK, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED. HELD IN THE CHURCH PORCH AND WHEN THE SACRISTY IS FINISHED, IT WILL BE HELD IN THERE. GARY, CHRISTINE & JOE

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

DIARY:

SUN 9TH FEB SOVEREIGN BRASS CONCERT IN HALL 3-4PM SEE NOTICE
SAT 3RD MAY 12 NOON – MARRIAGE MASS AT ST CHADS
PARISH VISITATION:
5TH/6TH APRIL
FHC: SUNDAY 18TH MAY 10AM
CONFIRMATIONS: WED 4TH JUNE 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.**

CRIB OFFERINGS:

TOTAL RAISED FOR THE MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION - £246.98
THANK YOU. Fr Michael

PARISH NEWS:

Offertory: £320.15 (Week)

Attendance: 40 + 113 = 153

Candle £10 Crib: £209.48

Church Restoration Fund £300

February's Second Collection for the Church & Hall Restoration Fund is next weekend.

Standing Orders: (MONTHLY):

£838 (DEC) Thank you for your continued generosity.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE:

THE NEXT MEETING FOR THOSE THAT WANT THEIR CHILDREN BAPTISED WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH HALL ON TUESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY AT 7PM.

RCIA: Those who wish to know more about the Catholic faith with the intention of becoming a Catholic at Easter are welcome to attend the Adult course being held in the presbytery every Saturday at 10am. Children who wish to become Catholics will be prepared by Mr. G. Linford, parents please have a word with Fr Michael who will inform Mr. Linford your child's wish to become Catholic or receive the other Sacraments if they're not in a Catholic School.

Week 1 - 11th Jan - Introduction & Welcome.

Week 2 - 18th Jan Unit 1 Our Story

Week 3 - 25th Jan Unit 2 The Journey

Week 4 - 1st Feb Unit 3 The Conversion

Week 5 - 8th Feb Unit 4 Jesus the Christ

Week 6 - 15th Feb - Unit 5 Jesus and Us

Week 7 - 22nd Feb - Unit 6 Sacred Scripture - Introduction to the Bible & The Old Testament

Week 8 - 1st March - Unit 7 Sacred

Scripture - The New Testament

Week 9 - 8th Mar - Unit 8 The Holy

Spirit and the Church

Week 10 - 15th Mar - Unit 9 The Church's Story

FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:

DURING THIS MONTH WE ARE ASKED TO PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD, DIACONATE, CONSECRATED AND RELIGIOUS LIFE. THERE ARE TWO SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY FOR VOCATIONS WITH OTHERS FROM OUR DEANERY: Wed 12th Feb 11.30am Mass for Vocations with schools from the deanery at St Michaels Penn. Fri 28th Feb 7pm Youth Prayer Vigil at SS Mary & John's. All Welcome. If you would like to consider a one-off contribution or regular contributions to the Clergy Training Fund, please see Cate.

WE ARE PLANNING A MEMORIAL SERVICE TO MARK THE 10TH ANNIV & REMEMBER THE VICTIMS OF THE TUNISIA TRAGEDY. PATRICK EVANS, ADRIAN EVANS AND JOEL RICHARDS RIP, IN JUNE – DETAILS TBA WHEN CONFIRMED.

New Collection Envelopes are being prepared for the new fiscal year – please consider being a Gift Aider – we can claim 25p for every £1 you give – at no extra cost to yourself. If you are a gift aider and your situation has changed, please see Cate. Gift aid envelopes will be given out first then general envelopes will be made available.



THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE:

ST CHADS CATHEDRAL SATURDAY 3RD MAY 2025 12 NOON CELEBRANT: BISHOP RICHARD WALKER. IF YOU ARE GETTING MARRIED THIS YEAR, CELEBRATING A SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY, OR WOULD SIMPLY LIKE TO GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR YOUR MARRIAGE. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AFTER MASS. PLEASE REGISTER BY SUNDAY 13TH APRIL: Paul Northam 0121 321 5148 or email marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk