

**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, Bridgitt 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 soul of MELINA SIMPSON (Nee BORG) RIP Recently Deceased, and for the souls of the faithfully departed whose Anniversaries occur in March:** † *Lino Advantaggiato, Marie Angell, V. Rev Canon Stuart Bathurst (built our Church), Julie Bailey, Lileth Biggs, Cecilia Bridgwater, Ann (Dolly) Davies, William Alfred Davies, Margaret Davies, Harold Davis, Kate Dennis, Terry Dixon, Margaret Durkin, Kenneth Thomas Gibbs, Monica Green, Sheila Hadley, Marjorie Harrison, Dorothy Ilsley, Theresa Ingamels, James Mason, Dawn Ann Mattocks, Rev George Montgomery (founder of our Church), Thomas Moran, Patrick Mulvaney, Pop Pallet, Albert Peach, Maureen Peach, Michael Leonard Peach, Tony Piggott, David Severn, Monica Severn, Kathleen Small, Joan Smith, Catherine Varley, Elvira Watson, Terry & Jenny Wilks, Canon Brian Withers former Parish Priest, Dawn Wood.*

**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:**  
*Bridgitt Cooper, Lynne Harper & Pat Wilkins*

**The candle lamp on the Sacred Heart Altar burns this week for:**  
*Julie Bailey RIP (Anniversary 12<sup>th</sup> March)*

**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.

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025

Saturday Mar 8	5.00pm Mass ( <i>Fr George Montgomery RIP</i> ) <i>Saturday after Ash Wednesday (Anniv 7<sup>th</sup> March – Founder of our Parish)</i>
Sunday Mar 9	10.00am Mass ( <i>Michael Bourke RIP</i> ) <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>
Monday Mar 10	<b>NO MASS</b> <i>Lent Feria</i>
Tuesday Mar 11	<b>NO ROSARY OR MASS</b> <i>Lent Feria</i>
Wednesday Mar 12	<i>9.30am Holy Rosary</i> <i>Lent Feria</i> 10.00am Mass ( <i>Michael Leonard Peach RIP</i> )
Thursday Mar 13	<i>9.30am Holy Rosary</i> <i>Lent Feria</i> 10.00am Mass ( <i>People of the Parish</i> ) <b>Schoolchildren in attendance</b>
Friday March 14	<i>9.00-9.45am Adoration &amp; Benediction</i> <i>Lent Feria</i> <i>9.15am Divine Mercy Chaplet</i> 10.00am Mass ( <i>Melina Simpson nee Borg RIP</i> ) <b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Saturday Mar 15	5.00pm Mass ( <i>Canon Stuart Bathurst RIP</i> ) <i>Lent Feria</i> <i>(Anniv 15<sup>th</sup> March – Built our Church)</i>
Sunday Mar 16	10.00am Mass ( <i>William Davies RIP - Anniv</i> ) <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>
<b>Monday Mar 17</b>	<b>10.00am Mass St Patrick's Day</b>

## 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](http://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

## DIARY:

**BARN DANCE: FRI 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 7PM**

**MON 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH: ST PATRICK'S DAY**

**CHURCH CLEAN: TUES 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

**PARISH VISITATION: 5<sup>TH</sup>/6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**SAT 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 12 NOON – MARRIAGE**

**MASS AT ST CHADS**

**FHC: SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 10AM**

**CONFIRMATIONS: WED 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 6PM**

**APPEAL FOR MISSIO: 13/14<sup>TH</sup> SEPT**

**TUES SEPT 30<sup>TH</sup>: MAC PILGRIMAGE IN**

**CHURCH 8AM-4PM**

**MISSION FOR MSP FATHERS 4/5<sup>TH</sup> OCT**

**85<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY ST MARY'S**

**SCHOOL: MASS SUN 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

### BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE:

**THE NEXT MEETING FOR THOSE THAT**

**WANT THEIR CHILDREN BAPTISED**

**WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH HALL**

**ON TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 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 - 11<sup>th</sup> Jan - Introduction & Welcome.

Week 2 - 18<sup>th</sup> Jan Unit 1 Our Story

Week 3 - 25<sup>th</sup> Jan Unit 2 The Journey

Week 4 - 1<sup>st</sup> Feb Unit 3 The Conversion

Week 5 - 8<sup>th</sup> Feb Unit 4 Jesus the Christ

Week 6 - 15<sup>th</sup> Feb - Unit 5 Jesus and Us

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

Week 8 - 1<sup>st</sup> March - Unit 7 Sacred

Scripture - The New Testament

Week 9 - 8<sup>th</sup> Mar - Unit 8 The Holy

Spirit and the Church

Week 10 - 15<sup>th</sup> Mar - Unit 9 The Church's Story

## PARISH NEWS:

**Offertory: £352.62 (Week)**

**Attendance: 42 + 159 = 201**

**Cathedral Maintenance: £67.32**

**Votives £171.09 Candles £20**

**Church Restoration: £190**

**Copy Certificate £10**

**Standing Orders: (MONTHLY):**

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

**Next week Second Collection for Church & Hall Restoration Fund**  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR VERY KIND DONATIONS TOWARDS THE REPAIR OF THE ORGAN. Fr Michael**

### CHURCH CLEAN:

AFTER MASS **TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**, IF YOU CAN SPARE AN HR WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY HELP.

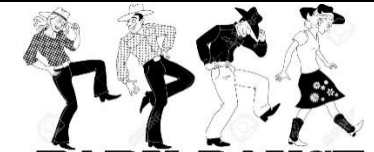
WE ARE PLANNING A MEMORIAL SERVICE TO MARK THE 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY & REMEMBER THE VICTIMS OF THE TUNISIA TRAGEDY. PATRICK EVANS, ADRIAN EVANS AND JOEL RICHARDS RIP, IN JUNE – DETAILS TBA WHEN CONFIRMED.



**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE A MASS ON MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 10AM (ST. PATRICK'S DAY) NO MASS ON TUES 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH.**

**"PHILOSOPHY AS DISCIPLESHIP, A CAMINO STORY & THE JUBILEE YEAR"** READ THE EXCITING NEWS COMING FROM OSCOTT COLLEGE IN THEIR NEWSLETTER: SIGN UP TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER EVERY MONTH:  
<https://www.oscott.org/signup>

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



### BARN DANCE

**FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 7PM IN THE PARISH HALL**  
**TICKETS: £5 AVAILABLE FROM MARGARET HOLDEN**

**BISHOP TIMOTHY MENEZES VISIT: 5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**



### EASTER FLOWERS:

ANY DONATIONS FOR THE EASTER FLOWERS, WE WOULD BE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR, PLEASE SEE ANNE. WE ARE NOT STIPULATING AN ALTAR/STATUE/WINDOW FOR ANY PARTICULAR DONATION, BUT THERE WILL BE A BOARD IN THE CHURCH PORCH WHERE YOU CAN PUT THE NAMES OF YOUR LOVED ONES. THIS IS TO MAKE THINGS EASIER FOR ANNE AND HER TEAM. THEY WILL THEN ARRANGE THE FLOWERS TO ENHANCE THE BEAUTY OF OUR CHURCH. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY, AS ALWAYS, IT IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.