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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.

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28th March 2026/29th March 2026	
Saturday March 28th Lent Feria.	 4.15pm - 4.50pm. Confession. 5pm Intentions of the Costley Family Mass & Blessing of Palms.
Sunday March 29th PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD.	 9.30am - 9.50am. NO Confession. 10am Cyril Dawes RIP. MASS AND BLESSING OF THE PALSMS IN THE HALL FOLLOWED BY PROCESSION INTO CHURCH. NOTE PLEASE GO DIRECTLY INTO THE HALL FOR THE START OF MASS. IF UNSTEADY ON FEET PLEASE GO TO CHURCH.
Monday March 30th Monday of Holy Week.	 10am No Mass. 11am Requiem Mass Julie Clynes RIP
Tuesday April 31st Tuesday of Holy Week.	 10am NO MASS
Wednesday April 1st Spy Wednesday.	 10am NO MASS 11.30am Chrism Mass. St Chads Cathedral.
Thursday April 2nd Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.	 7pm. Mass of the Lord's Supper. Clarice May Peach (RIP) 8.30pm-9pm – Watching at the Altar of Repose. 9pm – Night Prayer.
Friday April 3rd Good Friday.	 3pm The Passion of The Lord. 4.30pm Stations of the Cross.
Saturday April 4th Holy Saturday.	 10am. Blessing of the Easter Food. 7.30pm – 9pm. Easter Vigil. Mass. Michael Piggott RIP
Sunday April 5th SOLEMNITY OF THE RESSURECTION OF THE LORD.	 9.30am - 9.50am. NO Confession. 10am Alison Southcombe RIP birthday remembrance.

Communion.

Everyone is most welcome to come to the altar rails to receive Communion, or to have a blessing from Fr Michael. Please put your hand across your chest to indicate a blessing only. Thank You.

Children's Liturgy.

Is held in the church porch every Sunday at the 10am Mass. Children will be called forward at the beginning of Mass. Parents who wish to do so, are most welcome to join their Children.

Tea and Coffee. After Mass every Sunday.

Gift Aid. Thank you to those who Gift Aid their offertory. This enables the parish to benefit from the tax paid on your offering at no extra cost to you. If you would like to know how your tax can benefit the parish (which is a charity) then please have a word with Gary Linford. Thank you.

Baptism Preparation for children under 7.

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be held on **Tuesday 31st March at 7pm**. All parents wishing for their children to be baptised should attend this meeting to help you prepare for your child's baptism.

Finance.

1 st Coll G.A.	£61.00
1 st Coll Loose	£320.60
Exceptional/Cemetery	£100.00
Votives	£10.00
Occasional Income	£52.35
Repository	£270.00
Total	£813.95

Thank you all for your generous offerings.

Food Bank: There is a box in the Porch. Please support if you can. Thank you to all parishioners who support this Ecumenical Ministry.

Clergy Training Fund.

Thank you to those who regularly donate to the CTF.

Baptism Certificates.

Please note that Baptism Certificates are given to those who have been baptised one month after the Baptism, and not on the day of the Baptism itself. Thank you.

Replacement Certificates.

Please note that a charge of £10 per certificate is made on ALL Copies of Baptism and Confirmation certificates.

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, Bridgitt Cooper, Joan Dixon, Lynne Harper, Barbara Jarvis, Michelle Price, Veronica Smith, Pat Wilkins, Pat Morris, Mavis Green.

Last Week's Attendance.

Saturday 47

Sunday 178

Total 225

Fr Michael is available to parishioners Tuesday to Sunday but please note that he is not available on Mondays. Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a Second Collection for the Church and Hall Restoration Fund this weekend.

Dates For your Diary.

Easter Sunday, 5th April. Mass 10am.

Sacraments of Initiation and Reception into the Catholic Church. Saturday 11th April 10.00am.

Corpus Christi and First Holy Communion, Sunday the 7th of June. Mass 10am.

SOCIAL EVENTS.

Easter Raffle Prizes out 28th March.

4th April Bingo 2.30pm

9th May. Spring Fair

Barn Dance April date to be confirmed.

Cream Tea in May date to be confirmed.

Summer Fair 4th July

Bingo through August

Proposed concert maybe with cream tea.

Proposed quiz evening.

HYMNS FOR HOLY WEEK.

Thurs – 356, 389, 432, 439.

Night Prayer - 4 (vs 1,2 &5)

Friday – 610, 165, 540, 363.

Stations – 48.

Kathleen Ann Hill (RIP) 17 July 1949 - 1 March 2026. Funeral service: 10.30 am at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Stowheath Lane, Wolverhampton, WV1 2QN followed by committal at Crematorium: 12.15 pm, Sandwell Valley Crematorium, Newton Road, West Bromwich, B71 3SX. Kathleens Family invites you to join them in celebrating the life of Kath on Friday 17 April 2026.

MORE INFORMATION ON THE NOTICE BOARD AND WEBSITE FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO GO.

RCIA

All those who are to be baptised and confirmed on 11th April, please ensure you have a Catholic Sponsor/Godparent. Those to be Confirmed, please ensure that you have chosen a Saints name as your Patron for Confirmation. Thank you.

Standing Orders. Many thanks to those parishioners who choose to support the mission of the church by giving by Standing Order. Anyone who would like to support the mission of the church in this way, please have a word with Gary Linford or Fr Michael, who will be glad to help.

Please pray for the immortal Soul of Julia Clynes who recently died. Requiem Mass Monday 30th March at 11am, followed by committal at Fallings Heath Cemetery at 12.30pm. please also remember her family in your prayers. May the Souls of the Faithful departed, for the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. Please note that there will not be 10am Mass on Tuesday 31st March.

PALM SUNDAY.

The Saturday 5pm Mass will be in Church as normal and begin with the blessing of Palms. At the Sunday 10am Mass, the Mass will begin in the Hall with the blessing of the Palms and the procession into Church afterwards. If you are a little unsteady on your feet, or if you wish, then please feel free to stay in Church until the procession enters the Church. Thank you.

Job Opportunity.

The Lee family are currently looking for people to work in their Restaurant, Caffé 41. Duties include cooking and serving. If you are interested or know someone who may be interested, then please contact Syrika at Caffé 41, Pleck Road, Walsall, WS2 9XX, opposite the main entrance to Manor Hospital.

We are Cordially invited to the induction service and welcome to Revd. Canon Dr. Taiwo Olumuyiwa at St Barts Church. **Wednesbury. Saturday 25th April 2026 at 1pm. Please arrive by 12.30pm. All Welcome.**

PASSIONTIDE AND EASTER SERVICES.

Passion (Palm) Sunday.

Saturday 5pm. 28th March. Mass and blessing of Palms in Church.

Sunday 10am. 29th March. Mass. Beginning in the Church Hall. Please go straight to the hall, where Mass will begin and the palms will be blessed. We shall then process into Church.

Tuesday 31st March.

There will be no mass in Church on this day.

Spy Wednesday. 1st April.

Chrism Mass. 11.30am St Chads Cathedral. Parishioners welcome. Please note, there will not be 10am mass in church today.

Maundy Thursday. 2nd April.

No 10am Mass today.

Mass of the Lords Supper 7pm.

8.30pm Watching at the Altar of Repose & Stripping of the Altars.

9pm Night Prayer.

Good Friday 3rd April.

Mass is not said on Good Friday. The Sacraments are not celebrated at all today except for those in danger of death.

3pm. Celebration of the Lord's passion. Veneration of the Holy Cross, and Holy Communion, followed around 4.30pm by Stations of the Cross. There is no evening service.

Holy Saturday. 4th April.

10am Blessing of the Easter food.

7.30pm Mass for the Easter Vigil.

1. Liturgy of Light.

2. Liturgy of the word.

3. Liturgy of Baptism.

4. Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Easter Sunday. 5th April. Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord.

10am Easter Sunday Mass and renewal of baptismal promises.

Saturday 11th April.

10am Mass, Sacraments of Initiation, and Reception into the Church.

5pm Mass.

Sunday 12th April. Divine Mercy Sunday.

10am Mass.

2.30pm Exposition, and Divine Mercy at 3pm followed by Benediction.

Please support these services during the most solemn time before Easter. Please also use this time to prepare to celebrate Easter by going to Confession, either here, or in another Church. There may be a service of Reconciliation you could attend if you prefer, in Saint Michael's, or Holy Cross.

PARISH DIRECTORY.

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St Mary's School Headteacher Mrs Amy Pritchard.

Flowers: Ann Baxter. Bridget Lane. June Lefan.

All voluntary jobs by appointment.

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of 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 Ilsey, 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. Collette Hinz.

Our Lady and the Sacred Heart. Sanctuary Lamps.

To have a Sanctuary Lamp lit in one of the chapels, for your intentions or loved ones, please fill in an envelope, available at the back of church, place your £10 in and give to Fr Michael. Thank you. Candles cost £10.

The Sanctuary lamp in Our Lady's Chapel burns for:

ANN PRICE (RIP)

The Sanctuary lamp in the Sacred Heart Chapel burns for:

JULIE BAILEY. ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE. Thursday 12th March.

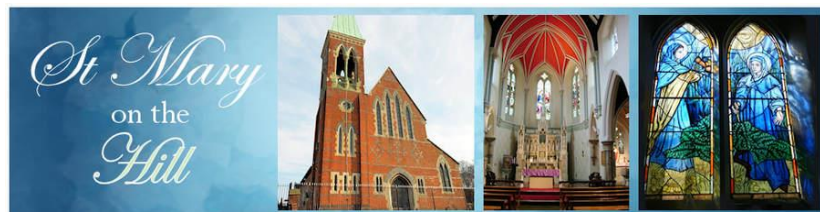
Passports The priest is available to sign passports upon request, but please note that he must have known the person for at least 2 years, and not the parishioner asking the priest to sign the passport on their behalf. The passport office does phone the presbytery to check, and a fee of £30 is charged per passport. Thank you.

Please check the Parish Website for regular updates. We receive more information than what can be put on the Newsletter, so please check our website for more information.

Thank you.

Please note that the cut-off for all notices to be included in the weekend newsletter is Wednesday at 12pm. Items for the Newsletter can be given to Fr Michael or emailed to Fr Michael's email address. The Newsletter is also available on the parish website.

Please note that this year service sheets will be produced to help you to follow the services from Palm Sunday to The Easter Vigil.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY AFTER MASS DURING LENT.

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