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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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WEEK 18 IN ORDINARY TIME.	
Saturday August 1st Memorial of St Alphonsus Mary de' Liguori.	4.15pm – 4.50pm Confession. 5pm Mass – Arthur Roberts RIP
Sunday August 2nd 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time.	9.30am - 9.50am. Confession. 10am – 1st Anniversary - Mateusz Kulik RIP 12.30pm – Baptism Ellis Mateo Edward Keeble
Monday August 3rd Feria.	10am - NO MASS. Fr Michael is not available today.
Tuesday August 4th Memorial. John Vianney.	9.15am – Adoration. Rosary. Confession. 10am – Cyril Dawes. RIP.
Wednesday August 5th Feria.	9.15am – Adoration. Rosary. Confession. 10am – Fr John Baggley RIP
Thursday August 6th Feast. The Transfiguration of the Lord.	9.15am – Adoration. Confession. 10am – Perpetual Mass Fund.
Friday August 7th Feria.	9am – Adoration. Divine Mercy. Confession. Benediction. 10am – Perpetual Mass Fund.
Saturday August 8th Memorial. Saint Dominic.	4.15pm – 4.50pm Confession. 5pm Mass – Margaret and Steve Holden - Special Wedding Anniversary.
Sunday August 9th 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time.	9.30am - 9.50am. Confession. 10am – People of the Parish.

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. Everyone is most welcome to join us in the hall after Mass for tea, coffee, and biscuits.

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.
Parents wanting their children Baptised, please book an appointment to speak with Fr Michael.

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 available by request after the day of baptism. No extra charge. 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. Elsie Burton, Mary Gallegher.

Going into Hospital. If you find yourself having to go into hospital, then please ask the nursing staff to inform the Catholic Chaplain, and he will ensure that you are visited and receive the sacraments of the Church.

Card Reader. QR Codes. Bacs.
A card reader is available for those parishioners who prefer to give their offertory by bank card. Please speak to Fr Michael for more details. QR codes are also placed around the Church and Hall for donations. Account no and Sort Code is now available for those who like to give by bacs. Thank you.

GARDENING TEAM.
Church and grounds gardening will take place on the last Saturday in every month at 10am. If you'd like to help, just turn up on the day and bring your tools with you. Everyone welcome. Refreshments provided. Thank you.

CHURCH CLEANING.
Church cleaning will be after Mass on the last Tuesday of every month, if you can help, just for half an hour or so, you'd be most welcome, even if it's just to do a bit of polishing. Thank you.

1st Collection
Gift Aid: £65
Loose: £236.25
2nd Collection.
Church/Hall Restoration fund. £177.81
Piety £110
Occasional £15.10
CTF £5
Votives £240.50
Total £849.66

Attendance
Saturday: 43
Sunday: 70
Total 113

Volunteer Announcement.
Thank you to everyone who gives their time to our church! To comply with current guidelines, all new and existing volunteers will soon receive a safeguarding leaflet from Mary Jones. Leaders and youth volunteers will also complete a Level 2/3 training course. Fr Michael and Mary Jones will assist everyone with these updates.

Second Collections.

22nd/23rd August – Church/Hall Restoration.
19th/20th September - Catholic Evangelisation.
26th/27th September – Fr Hudsons Caritas.
10th/11th October – Church/Hall Restoration.
17th/18th October – Missio APF World Mission.
24th/25th October – Church/hall Restoration.
31stOct/1st Nov – Johnson Fund.
21st/22nd Nov – Catholic Youth Service.
28th/29th Nov – Church/Hall Restoration.

MASS INTENTIONS BOOKED.

Arthur Roberts RIP
Saturday 1st August 2026 5pm

1st Anniversary - Mateusz Kulik RIP
Sunday 2nd August 2026. 10am.

Margaret and Steve Holden - Special Wedding Anniversary.
Saturday 8th August. 5pm

Lesley Coan Reay RIP
Saturday 15th August. 5pm

Sambrooks Family
Saturday 29th August. 5pm.

Louise, Michael & Stephen Vickerman RIP
Saturday 5th September. 5pm.

Parish Mass and Lectionary books.

A sample copy is now available in the sacristy. You are welcome to look through it. Orders for this coming advent are now being placed, which will replace the missalettes.

***Adoremus* National Eucharistic Congress.**
Over the weekend of Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th of October the Bishops of England & Wales are inviting all Catholic communities to mark Adoremus by having periods of Adoration, Catechesis or a Eucharistic Procession to help renew and deepen devotion to our Eucharistic Lord.
On Sunday 11th October in this parish, we will conclude the 10am Mass like we do at the mass on Maundy Thursday. The Blessed Sacrament will not be reposed in the Tabernacle after Mass. It will be placed in the monstrance, incensed and a figure 8 procession will take place through the church. The Blessed Sacrament will then be placed on the throne in the High Altar. Parishioners will be invited to keep vigil until 3pm that afternoon. The church will be left open to allow people to come and go as they wish. There will be a list placed on the table at the back of church for people to sign up for a half hour vigil, from about 11.30am to about 3pm. This is to maintain safety and security of the Church. The Lord asked his disciples to watch one hour, I think many of us could manage half an hour. At 3pm there will be afternoon prayer, and the day will conclude with Benediction. Please note, there will be opportunity for Confession at some time throughout the day. I also ask that there not be refreshments after mass that day to encourage people to pray before our Lord. Thank you.

March for Life. Thank you to Angela for her appeal over the past two weeks. More information is available on the Live Newsletter which you can access from our website.

Eyes down, look in! Join us for an exciting evening of Bingo, great prizes, and fantastic company! prizes and raffles. Refreshments available. Fun for all.

Every Friday in the Church Hall throughout August. Everyone is welcome. 6pm to 8pm.

A copy of the Guild News is available to view on the Parish Website. Intended for all Altar Servers, families of Alar servers, or anyone who is interested in news and historical accounts of servers in bygone years. Theres an article about last years Mass for servers, an account of an Altar server beginning to serve as a boy, and now M.C. in Rugby; plus, an account of a Servers Mass in Rome in 1960. A step back in time.

PARISH DIRECTORY.

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Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed whose Anniversaries occur in **AUGUST:** John Borg, Michael Churchill, Marina Coates, Bridie Collins, Betty Cowley, Frank Dennis, Patrick Devenney, Bernard Diggett, Arthur Diggett, Helen Georgina Follos, Eamonn Gallagher, Carl Hickman, Canon Hogarty, George James, Norma Jeynes, Norman Francis Jeynes, Peter Malcolm Johnson, Margaret Mary Jones, Colin Lally, Terry Langley, Lee McNally, Margaret Moran, David Newell, Dawn Rutherford, Anthony (Tony) Dennis Wilson,

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:
Private Intention (6th August)

The Sanctuary lamp in the Sacred Heart Chapel burns for:

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.

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.

This QR code can be used to make donations to the Church and Hall restoration fund, or to give an offertory using your phone instead of using money. If you prefer to use a card, then please speak to Fr Michael.

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