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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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SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME.	
17th/18th January 2026.	
Saturday January 17th Memorial. St Anthony.	<input type="checkbox"/> 4.15pm - 4.50pm. Confession. 5pm Repose of the Soul of Christopher Morris RIP.
Sunday January 18th Second Sunday in Ordinary time.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 9.30am - 9.50am. Confession. (Request) 10am People of the Parish.
Monday January 19th Feast. St Wulstan.	<input type="checkbox"/> 10am No Mass.
Tuesday January 20th Feria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 9.15am – Adoration, Rosary, Confession. (reqst) 10am Gordon Holt 5th Anniversary RIP
Wednesday January 21st Memorial. St Agnes.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 9.15am Adoration, Rosary. Confession. (Request) 10am Phyllis Mary Woodward (RIP)
Thursday January 22nd Feria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 9.15am Adoration, Rosary. Confession. (Request) 10am Holy Souls
Friday January 23rd Feria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 9am Adoration. Benediction. Divine Mercy. Confession. 10am Mass. The Peaceful Repose of the Soul of Alison Southcombe RIP
Saturday January 24th Memorial. St Francis de Sales.	<input type="checkbox"/> 4.15pm - 4.50pm. Confession. 5pm Bob and Lorraine Costley
Sunday January 25th Second Sunday in Ordinary time.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 9.30am - 9.50am. Confession. (Request) 10am People of the Parish.

Roman Catholic Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Those who have asked to be received into the Catholic Church, or as adults, have asked to be Baptised, Confirmed and receive Communion, should attend the RCIA course being run in the Presbytery every Saturday at 10am. The cut off for joining the course is Saturday 28th February. The Sacraments will be celebrated during Eastertime, Saturday 11th April at 10am, only for those who have done the RCIA course.

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 27th January at 7pm.** All parents wishing for their children to be baptised should attend this meeting to help you prepare for your child's baptism. For Children over 7, please book an appointment to speak with Fr Michael.

Finance.

G.A.	£40.00
1 st Coll	£119.12
Total	£159.12

Thank you.

Food Bank: There is a box in the Porch. Please support if you can. There is a note from Breaking Bread on the notice board thanking all parishioners who support their work.

Donations. To ensure the church is heated and welcoming during these cold days, we are grateful for any donation you can make. Thank you.

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.

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.

Mass Intentions.

If you would like a mass said for your intention, or for the repose of the soul of your loved one, then please write your intention on the brown Mass Intention envelope, together with your name and a contact number, stating when you'd like the mass said. Please place your donation in the envelope and either give to the priest, push through the presbytery door, or put in the collection making sure you've filled in the envelope, or the mass will not be said. The diocese suggests a donation of £10, however, please give what you can afford.

Marriage Preparation.

Please note that all couples thinking of getting Married should speak to the priest as soon as possible, 12 months before would be preferred, so that, all necessary paperwork can be processed, and the couple have time to do the necessary preparation course. Thank you.

Church Hall Bookings.

If you would like to hire the Church Hall, please email Margaret Holden using the hall email address.

Last Week's Attendance.

Saturday 24
Sunday 73
Total 97

SANCTUARY LAMPS

A new Sanctuary Lamp has been placed in the Sacred Heart Altar. The lamp in the Lady Altar will soon be replaced by one like that in the Sacred Heart Chapel.

Please Note

Fr Michael likes to greet people as they enter church and as they leave. He realises that this is an opportunity for people to speak to him about Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion, but he needs to get your or your children's details, so please make an appointment to see him where he can give you his full attention. Thank you.

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

Replacement Certificates.

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

Sacraments for Children over 7 years old.

Parents who have children aged 7 or over, who have not yet been Baptised, Confirmed or received First Holy Communion, **and who do not attend a Catholic School**; Preparation for these Sacraments will begin soon. You will be contacted by Mr Gary Linford who will let you know more about the course.

Please note that Children who attend a Catholic School will be prepared by the school for Baptism, Confirmation, and Communion.

Finance Council Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Parish Financial Council on Wednesday 21st January from 2pm to 4pm in St Mary's hall.

Palm Crosses.

Please return your Palm Crosses given to you on Palm Sunday last year and return them to the Sacristy. These will be burned and the ashes used on Ash Wednesday. Thank you.

Saint Mary's School Places.

Please note that there are now places available in school for year 1 children. Anyone who has children who are not in a Catholic school are advised to contact the school directly. Thank you.

Sacred Heart Chapel Flowers.

The flowers on the Sacred Heart Altar are given in memory of Eileen Molk 91st Birthday Remembrance for Friday 16th January 2026.

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a Second Collection Next Week for the Church/Hall Restoration Fund. Please be as generous as you can. We are hoping to finish off the work in the Sacristy by putting down new tiles in the sacristy, but we are very short of the funds needed to do this. This is the next thing we're trying to do. Thank you.

Proclamation of the Year of Salvation.

Brothers and sisters: we have already rejoiced at the celebration of our Lord's birth. Now it is our happiness to proclaim to you the day when we will celebrate his resurrection, and the days for those feasts of the Church which depend upon it.

On Wednesday the 18th day of February the Holy Fast of **Lent** will begin with the penitential day of Ash Wednesday. And so, the holy Passover of the Lord and his glorious resurrection from the dead will be celebrated on **Easter Sunday**, the 5th day of April.

The holy feast of the **Ascension** of our Lord Jesus Christ will be celebrated on Thursday the 14th day of May, and on Sunday 24th day of May falls the **Solemnity of Pentecost**.

The holy festival of the **Body and Blood of Christ**, along with **First Holy Communion**, will be celebrated on Sunday the 7th day of June., and Sunday the 29th day of November will be the first Sunday of **Advent** as we await the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be glory and honour for ever and ever Amen.

RE and Catechesis: Autism-Friendly Resources

Called By Name: A Guide to Religious Education with Autistic Pupils aged 5-11 years.

Primarily for staff in mainstream schools to support their teaching of RE. It can also be used in parishes, particularly with pupils who attend specialist settings, and therefore may not have access to Catholic RE. This free Guide weaves tactile, visual and embodied experiences into every lesson, inviting every child—whether speaking in words, symbols or gestures— into the heart of God's story. It centres on belonging and honours each pupil as a unique reflection of God.

It uses the age bands and Key Stage terminology of the National Curriculum but recognises that the learner's capacity might be different from their chronological age.

These can be downloaded from www.godwhospeaks.uk/autism-friendly-resources

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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 **JANUARY**: Trudie Burns, Archie Burrows, William Clarke, Michaela Cole, Margaret Cousins, Mary P Dalton, Sid Davies, Joan Derry, Graham Diggett, Albert Diggett, Kathleen Garbett nee Mason, George Garmston, Raymond Gayden, Rose Giddins, Michael Haken, Lola Haken, Rene Hall, Gordon Halt, Patricia (Pat) Jaynes (nee Heskin), Betty Joynes, John Patrick Kelly, Con Kiley, Mary Kirk, John Joseph Lane, Elsie Langley, Marian Maczka, Joyce Maddox, James McNally, Monica and Joseph Moran, Norman Morris, Patrick O'Connor, George Payne, Alan Payne, John Peach, Albert Peach, Bernard George Peach, Fr John Piris (Former Parish Priest), Mary Stanley, Roland Vernon, Bridget Ward, William Whorriskey, Derek Wilkins, Clara Withers, Margaret Woodcock, Lola Haken.

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:

The Sanctuary lamp in the Sacred Heart Chapel burns for:

Private Intention.

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 posted on the parish website before 5pm Mass on Saturday. Thank you.



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