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Saint Mary's Catholic Church, Wednesbury.

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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 Sunday in Ordinary time.	
Saturday October 10th Feria.	4.15pm – 4.50pm Confession. 5pm Mass – Mary Peach (RIP)
Sunday October 11th 28th Sunday in Ordinary time.	9.30am - 9.50am. Confession. 10am – Mass - People of the Parish. 11.15am – Procession of the Blessed Sacrament. 11.30am – Adoration. (Confession) 2.30pm – Afternoon Prayer. 3pm – Benediction.
Monday October 12th Feria.	10am - NO MASS. 11am – Funeral Service Peter Graham Maullin. (RIP) 12.15am. Committal at Fallings Heath Cemetery.
Tuesday October 13th Feria.	10am – NO MASS.
Wednesday October 14th Feria.	10am – NO MASS – Fr Michael is not available today.
Thursday October 15th Memorial. St Teresa of Jesus.	10am – NO MASS.
Friday October 16th Feria.	9am Adoration, Benediction, Confession, Divine Mercy. 10am. – Mass – Margaret Fogarty. (RIP)
Saturday October 17th Memorial. St Ignatius of Antioch.	4.15pm – 4.50pm Confession. 5pm Mass – Kevin Hennessy & Deceased Family Members (RIP)
Sunday October 18th 29th Sunday in Ordinary time.	9.30am - 9.50am. Confession. 10am – Mass - People of the Parish.

The Theme of the Mass: God's Great Invitation.

This weekend celebrates God's generous invitation to the heavenly banquet. In the first reading, Isaiah promises a feast of abundance where suffering is comforted, while the Gospel's Parable of the Wedding Feast shows that God's grace is open to all. However, it requires a deliberate response; we must not let daily distractions keep us from accepting His call, and we must strive to clothe ourselves in a transformed life of faith.

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. If you pay tax and want to Gift Aid your offertory at no extra cost, please speak to Gary Linford for advice.

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, John Archer, Ron and Phylis Robbinson. Mavis Green.

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.

last Saturday in the month at **2.30p.m.** so attendees can pop over to mass afterwards.
Saturday 31st October
Saturday 28th November

1st Collection
Gift Aid: £78.40
Loose: £257.56
CTF £5
Votives. £20
Piety £400
Occasional income: £71.36
Total £832.32
Attendance
Saturday:45
Sunday:71
Total:116

Second Collections.

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.
All mass intentions are also on the notice board in the entrance, and will be put on the website.

Parish Mass and Lectionary Books.
To help offset the cost of purchasing these new volumes, we are offering parishioners a beautiful way to contribute: you are invited to donate £5 per book in loving memory of a relative or friend. A special dedication label will be placed inside each sponsored book to honour their memory. Envelopes are now available at the back of Church. Thank you for your kindness and continued support of our parish community.

Dates for your Diary.

Blessing of the graves at Fallings Heath Cemetery. Saturday 7th November. 11am.

Christmas Fayre. Saturday 21st November.

Sovereign Brass Christmas Concert in Church. Sunday 13th December.

Christmas Eve Mass. Thursday 24th December. 5pm.

Christmas Day Mass. Friday 25th December. 10am.

Confirmation. Wednesday 26th May. 6pm. Bishop Timothy Meneses.

First Holy Communion. Sunday 27th June. 10am.

Of your Charity, please pray for the immortal Soul of Peter Graham Maullin who died 21st September, for his wife Eileen and his family, at this time. Funeral Service at Saint Mary's Church, Our Lady Help of Christians, on Monday 12th October at 11am, followed by internment at Fallings Heath Cemetery at 12.15pm.

Adoremus National Eucharistic Congress

This weekend after the 10am Mass, we will have a period of extended prayer, adoration, and Benediction to mark this event.

Schedule of Events:

- 10:00am – Holy Mass, concluding with a Eucharistic figure-8 procession through the church. The Blessed Sacrament will then be placed on the High Altar.
- 11:30am – 3:00pm – Solemn Adoration & Vigil. The church will remain open for private prayer.
- 3:00pm – Afternoon Prayer & Benediction.

How You Can Participate:

- Sign Up for a Vigil Slot: A sign-up sheet will be available at the back of the church for 30-minute vigil blocks. We need volunteers for every slot between 11:30am and 3:00pm to ensure continuous prayer and to maintain church security.
- Sacrament of Reconciliation: Opportunities for Confession will be available at various times throughout the day.
- Please note there will be no refreshments after Mass on this day. We encourage everyone to use this time to sit quietly and pray before our Lord. Thank you.

Macmillan Coffee Morning Thank you to everyone who supported the MacMillan Coffee Morning last Sunday. A total of £135.40 was raised in support of the work MacMillan do for those in their care. Mary Jones & Fr Michael.

Thought for the Week. God never stops inviting us into a relationship with Him, but a banquet cannot be enjoyed if we refuse to come to the table. This week, let us look at the "wedding garments" of our daily conduct—our patience, our generosity, and our willingness to forgive. Are we too preoccupied with worldly distractions to notice God's daily invitations, or are we actively preparing our hearts to receive His abundant grace?

Appeal for the Church and Hall Restoration Fund.

A second collection will be taken at all Masses this weekend in aid of the Church and Hall Restoration Fund. The proceeds will be strictly allocated to repairing the sacristy roof, which recently sustained £1,500 worth of damage to its tiles due to an act of vandalism. We thank you in advance for your kind financial support in helping us meet this unexpected expense.

MASS INTENTIONS BOOKED.

In Thanksgiving. Wedding Anniversary.
Sunday 27th September. 10am.

Alison Southcombe (RIP)
Friday 2nd October. 10am.

Norman Beresford. Anniversary. RIP
Saturday 3rd October. 5pm.

Mary Peach RIP.
Saturday 10th October. 5pm.

Kevin Hennessy & Deceased Family Members (RIP)
Saturday 17th October. 5pm.

Patrick Heskin. RIP.
Tuesday 27th October. 10am.

James Lambley Rip (anniversary) and all members of the Lambley family.
Saturday 5th December. 5pm.

Patrick and Tegwen Devenney R.I.P and James Lambley RIP.
Thursday 24th December. 5pm.

Flowers.

The flowers on the Lady Altar are for Winfred Price for her 95th Birthday on Saturday 10th October, and for Joshua Clarke for Tuesday 13th October, for a Birthday Remembrance.

Of your Charity, please pray for the immortal Soul of Jane Dalloway who suddenly died in Manor Hospital on Wednesday, fortified by the sacraments of Holy Mother Church. Please pray for Andrew her husband and the family at this very difficult time. Many of you will remember Jane, who was the headteacher at Saint Mary's school until her retirement, and she was also in the choir. She received communion at home by myself and Mary Jones, and I'd just visited her the day before she died. Further details to follow concerning funeral arrangements.

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Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed whose Anniversaries occur in **OCTOBER:** Paul Agg, Teresa Agg, Brian Bailey, Julie Barnett, Joe Burnside, Christine Byrne, Mary Sheila Cashmore, Peter Cole, Charles Cowley, Mary Davis, Lucia Demitri, Edward Fairless, Winifred Fairless (Snr), George Gibbs, Frances Mary Groves, Mary Guinane, Maureen Lilian Haddock, Tina Hall, Fr Simon Hall, Jane Hooper, Joseph Jennings, David Anthony Jones, Catherine Joyce, Ann Marie & Henry Keay, Charles Kirinich, Joseph Lally, Mary A J Lowe, Kathleen McCabe, Marcella Moore, John Moran, Marina Morgan, Joyce O'Connor, Fr Francis E. O'Hanlon (Parish Priest) Fr Patrick O'Sullivan (Parish Priest) James Earnest Peach, Mary Peach, Joel and Maria Reed, Lynn Reynolds, George Turner, Violet Williams, Winifred Williams.

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:
Collette Hinz. (11th October)
Thomas Jennings. RIP. (23rd October)

The Sanctuary lamp in the Sacred Heart Chapel burns for:
Peter Bailey. Birthday Remembrance. (6th October)
Thomas Michael Wilson (18th October)
Stan Davis (31st October)

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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