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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.

The Archdiocese of Birmingham has a zero-tolerance approach to ALL abuse.

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THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME.		
24th/25th January 2026.		
Saturday January 24th Memorial. St Francis de Sales.	<input type="checkbox"/>	4.15pm - 4.50pm. Confession. 5pm Bob and Lorraine Costley
Sunday January 25th Third Sunday in Ordinary time.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9.30am - 9.50am. Confession. (Request) 10am People of the Parish.
Monday January 26th Memorial. Ss Timothy & Titus.	<input type="checkbox"/>	10am No Mass.
Tuesday January 27th Feria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9.15am – Adoration, Rosary, Confession. (Request) 10am People of the Parish.
Wednesday January 28th Memorial. St Thomas Aquinas.	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.15am Adoration, Rosary. Confession. (Request) 10am Phyllis Mary Woodward (RIP)
Thursday January 29th Feria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9.15am Adoration, Rosary. Confession. (Request) 10am Intentions of the Perpetual Mass Fund.
Friday January 30th Feria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9am Adoration. Benediction. Divine Mercy. Confession. 10am Mass. Pat Jeynes (RIP)
Saturday January 31st Memorial. St John Bosco.	<input type="checkbox"/>	4.15pm - 4.50pm. Confession. 5pm Marie - Claire Costley
Sunday February 1st Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. (Candlemas) Transferred from Monday.	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.30am - 9.50am. Confession. (Request) 10am Bernard George Peach (RIP)

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.	£147.10
1 st Coll	£397.28
Total	£544.38

Thank you.

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

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 35
Sunday 93
Total 128

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.

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 Mole 91st Birthday Remembrance for Friday 16th January 2026. Also, for William Whorriskey whose anniversary is 29th January RIP. And Derek Wilkins Birthday remembrance 29th January.

Our Lady of Walsingham Flowers.

The flowers in front of Our Lady of Walsingham are given for a Birthday remembrance for William Alfred Davis for Friday 30th January to 4th February.

Flowers in front of the Centre Altar. Are given in memory of William Whorriskey (RIP) 29th January.

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a Second Collection this Weekend for the Church/Hall Restoration Fund. Donations towards the statue of Saint Patrick. Thank you.

Deanery. As from January this year, we have now moved back to the Walsall Deanery, now known as the Walsall and Lichfield Deanery.

For your Diary.

Ash Wednesday 18th February. Mass 10am.
Easter Triduum. Thursday 2nd April to Saturday 4th April. Mass times to be announced.

Easter Sunday, 5th April. Mass 10am.
Corpus Christi and First Holy Communion, Sunday the 7th June. Mass 10am.

RE and Catechesis: Autism-Friendly Resources

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

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

CHURCH CLEANING.

If you can spare half an hour or so after Mass on Tuesday 27th January to help clean and tidy the Church, I would be most grateful. Thank you. Fr Michael.

DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father,
we ask you to send labourers
into your harvest.
Inspire, in the hearts of your people,
vocations to the priesthood,
diaconate
and religious life.
Bless our families with a spirit of
generosity,
so that those whom you call
have the courage to give themselves
to your Church in faith.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



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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 Diggert, Albert Diggert, Kathleen Garbett nee Mason, George Garmston, Raymond Gayden, Rose Giddins, Michael Haken, Lola Haken, Rene Hall, Gordon Halt, Patricia (Pat) Jeynes (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.

The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) and the Feast of St Blaise. Falls on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd of February. However, this year, with the permission of Bishop Timothy, I'm transferring both feasts to Sunday 1st February, which would have been Sunday the 4th week in Ordinary time. Therefore, both the Saturday 5pm Mass and Sunday 10am Mass we will celebrate Candlemas, and at the end of the Mass there will be opportunity for those, who wish to receive the blessing of St Blaise, against illnesses of the throat. This will give those who wouldn't normally be at a weekday mass to experience the beauty of Candlemas and the joy of healing through Saint Blaise. Fr Michael.

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:

William Whorriskey RIP, Derek Winkins Anniversary (RIP) (28th Jan)

The Sanctuary lamp in the Sacred Heart Chapel burns for:

Private Intention.

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

