

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF WALSALL

St. Mary's, St. Patrick's & St. Thomas of Canterbury



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St. Mary's the Mount Parish Family wishes You All a Warm Welcome

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Deacon: Fabien Ramiandrisoa Mahenina, SDV

Brother: Edmar Lapus, SDV

Manor Hospital RC Chaplain: Fr. Jobin Kollappallil, SDV

St. Patrick's: Fr. Roberto Ciardo, SDV

St. Thomas of Canterbury: Priest in Charge:

Fr. Christogonus Ugwuakposim, SDV

St. Cyril and St. Methodius (Feast Day – 14th February)

These two brothers were from Thessalonica in Greece. Methodius was born in 815 and Cyril in 827. Both became priests and shared the same holy desire to spread the Catholic faith.



In 861, Emperor Michael III asked Cyril and Methodius to travel to Russia to teach the people about Jesus. The brothers learned the Russian language so that they could use it to explain the Gospel. Many people in Russia understood the message of Jesus because they heard it in their own language from Cyril and Methodius. Many asked to be baptised.

Two years later, Prince Rostislav of Moravia (today part of the Czech Republic) asked the two brothers to bring the good news of Christ to his land. This time, they used the Slavonic language in preaching and in the liturgy, because it was the language the Moravians could understand.

Some people at that time thought that it was wrong to use the language of the people instead of the Latin language in Church services. They complained about Cyril and Methodius and the two brothers were called to Rome by Pope Adrian II. However, the Pope was so pleased with their good work in telling others about Christ, that he gave his approval and said that

Cyril and Methodius should be made bishops.

Cyril died soon after this, in 869, and we don't know if he was ever consecrated a bishop, but Methodius was, and he went back to Moravia. The last part of his life was spent finishing a translation of the Bible, a work he began with Cyril. Methodius died in 885. He and Cyril are known as the apostles to the Slavs. On December 31st 1980 Pope John Paul II declared St. Cyril and St. Methodius co-patrons of Europe along with St. Benedict.

We can learn a lot from the generosity of St. Cyril and St. Methodius. We can also ask them to help us be respectful of all people, even if their religion, customs, language and culture may be different from our own.

INFORMATION

- **Parish Contributions:** Last Sunday Offertory: £1139.91 (Standing Orders: £821. Offertory Collection: £318.91) Second collection for *Racial Justice*: £133.89 Overseas Charities: £6.64. **Counting:** This Sunday-Team D, next Sunday-Team E. This Sunday there will be a voluntary second collection for Deacon Fabien. Next Sunday, there will be a voluntary second collection for the LIFE charity.
- **Induction Mass:** We are happy to announce that Fr. Chris will be celebrating his Induction Mass, as Parish Priest of St. Thomas of Canterbury Church, on Thursday 16th February at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to join the parishioners of St. Thomas's Church for this joyful celebration.
- **Priestly Ordination:** Dn. Fabien will be ordained to the Sacred order of Priesthood on Saturday 18th March at the Vocationist Formation House in Antananarivo, Madagascar. He will celebrate a Thanksgiving Mass in our church on Wednesday 10th May, on the occasion of the 196th anniversary of the opening of our church. Please keep Deacon Fabien in your prayers. We would like to present Dn. Fabien with a chalice for his ordination. Towards that intention there will be a voluntary second collection on this Sunday (11/12Feb).
- **Come & See Programme:** The next session will be on Monday 13th January after 7pm Mass. The focus of this session will be '*Holy Orders*'.
- **St. Mary's Youth Group:** The next gathering of the Youth Group will take place on Saturday 18th February from 3.30pm-5.30pm in the parish hall.
- **Lent Lunch Talks (Wednesday Lunchtime Services):** These sessions will start on Ash Wednesday, 21st February, and continue until Wednesday 5th April. Each session will begin at 12:15pm with a light lunch, followed by the talk at 1:10pm in the Upper Room of St Paul's Church in the town centre (WS1 1DA). The topic for this year is '*Heroes of Faith*'. **On Wednesday 8th March, Canon Michael Leadbeater will speak about St. John Henry Newman, and on 5th April, Malcolm Rose will speak about Dorothy Day.** Everyone is welcome.
- **RIP:** Please continue to pray for the soul of Allan Law, who died on 22nd January, and for his family. He will be received into our church on Wednesday 15th February at 4pm, and his funeral will take place at St. John's Church in Wall on Thursday 16th February at 12noon.
- **RIP:** Please continue to pray for the soul of Pauline Shepherd who passed away on 21st January, and also for her family. She will be received into church at 4pm on Monday 27th February and her Requiem Mass will be at 1pm on Tuesday 28th February.
- **RIP:** Please continue to pray for the soul of Madge Beech who died on 13th January, and also for her family. She will be received into church at 4pm on Wednesday 1st March and her Requiem Mass will be at 12:15pm on Thursday 2nd March, followed by committal at Streetly Crematorium.
- **RIP:** Please pray for the soul of Ludwig Menacher, who died on 1st February. His funeral service will take place on Thursday 2nd March at 9.30am, followed by committal at Streetly Crematorium. Please keep his family in your prayers.
- **Service to Our Parish:** If you have not already done so, please return your completed '*Service to Our Parish*' forms as soon as possible. If you are unsure about any of the rôles, please speak to Fr. Jobin. There are many ways in which you can offer service to your parish (*reading in church, preparing Bidding Prayers, being a Church Warden, helping with refreshments etc*). You are also welcome to suggest new ideas that we may have overlooked.
- **Flowers:** Flowers at Our Lady's statue are the gift of Margaret Williams in memory of her father Desmond.
- **Food Bank:** This week we are in need of rice, pasta, tinned potatoes and tinned tomatoes. We are now supporting 6 families with your donations. If you know of another family in need, who would welcome support from our SVP Group, please contact Father Jobin. Thanks again for your continued support and your generous donations.
- **School News:** We are pleased to welcome two new Foundation Governors to the Governing Body. Mrs R Parkes and Mr F Sebastian bring a wealth of talent to our already very professional team. Over the next few weeks, we will be displaying a poster at the back of church to show parishioners who the governors are and the work they do for school. The school community thank them for their determined effort to get the best

possible provision for our children at the school. We continue to pray for our school and parish community and welcome you to our weekly Mass in school, each Wednesday at 9am. Please join us. *Catherine Amos Headteacher.*

- **Nursery places at St. Mary’s the Mount School:** Have you a child under three years old? Please register them for a place in our school nursery. Don't leave it too late! We take 30-hour children, and our nursery is exceptional (as is the school), run by experienced, well-trained and loving staff. Father Jobin has nursery application forms and completed forms can be returned to Father Jobin if more convenient.
- **Refreshments:** Refreshments are available in the parish hall on Thursdays (following 10am Mass) and on Sundays (following 9am Mass).

Let us Pray for those who are Sick

Bernard Gough, Mary Powell, Martha Ekezie, Moira Law, Madeleine Holland, Anne F Kazmie, Patrick Kelly, Anne Dixon, Anne & Cliff Maybury, Anne Kinsey, Cisily Joy, Faisal Kazilbash, John Horton, Una Greevy, Aga, James McGeough, Mavourneen Smith, Marie Hornblower, Judith Dunthorne, Angela Gonsalves, Margaret Powell, Lee Chit Wei,

Pope Francis’s Prayer Intention for February 2023: For parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.



Prayer after Communion

“O my God and my all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may your will be done, your love reign, your glory shine always more in me and in everyone as in yourself, O my God and my all.” (Bl. Fr. Justin)

Prayer for Vocations

Divine Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant us and all the faithful true generosity in following your call and bestow on us the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to our vocations. Give the church in our Diocese and throughout the world many holy priests, fervent religious and committed lay people. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, Saint Justin Maria Russolillo and all Saints, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and multiply the ministries by which we may serve You and one another in faith and love. Amen. Hail Mary....

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 12th February 2023
Sunday and Weekday Masses

Week II

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	OFFERED BY
Saturday 11 th	5:30pm	St. Mary's	Violet Cotgreave – <i>RIP</i> Cecilia Ratna – <i>WB</i> Madge Beech – <i>RIP</i> Pauline Shepherd - <i>RIP</i>	I & K Gerrett C Vijay Bubb Family D Sehdeva
	6.30pm	St. Patrick's (BD)	Holy Mass	
	6:30pm	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
Sunday 12 th Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00am	St. Mary's	Sylvester Mutsigwa – <i>B, TH</i> Pauline Shepherd - <i>RIP</i>	Mutsigwa Family A & G Morris
	10:00am	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	
	10:00am	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
	11:00am	St. Mary's	Bert Orrock – <i>RIP</i> Kenneth Hawthorn – <i>RIP, DA</i> Jovita Arun – <i>B, TH</i>	A & C Maybury A Hawthorn Arun & Family
	7:00pm	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	
Monday 13 th	9:15am	St. Patrick's (BD)	Holy Mass	
	10:00am	St. Mary's	Nkereuwem William Udoka – <i>RIP</i>	P Udoka
	10:00am	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
	7:00pm	St. Mary's	<i>Thanksgiving</i>	V Fenlon
Tuesday 14 th St. Cyril, Monk, & St. Methodius	9:15am	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass/Adoration & Confession	
	10:00am	St. Mary's	Fr. Jobin & Clergy of St. Mary's - <i>TH</i>	R Keegan
	10:00am	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
Wednesday 15 th	9:15am	St. Mary's (SCH)	School Mass	
	9:15am	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	
	6:00pm	St. Mary's	Adoration for Vocations	
	7:00pm	St. Mary's	Pauline Shepherd - <i>RIP</i>	Duffy Family
Thursday 16 th	9:15am	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	
	10:00am	St. Mary's	Sheila Khokhar – <i>RIP, B</i> Kerry & Elizabeth Siddons – <i>RIP</i> Sorin Costache – <i>B, TH</i>	Khokhar Family S Burgess Jessica Costache
	7:00pm	St. Thomas's	Induction Mass of Fr. Christogonus	
Friday 17 th	9:15am	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	
	10:00am	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
	6:00pm	St. Mary's	Adoration & Confession	
	7:00pm	St. Mary's	Michael Hodgetts – <i>RIP</i> Special Intention – <i>TH, H, SE</i>	V Fenlon Dr & Mrs Nwankpa
Saturday 18 th	10:00am	St. Mary's	Collins Aloysius Ndifor – <i>RIP</i>	P Udoka
	10:30am	St. Mary's	Adoration & Confession	
	5:30pm	St. Mary's	Vijay & Family – <i>SI</i> Pauline Shepherd - <i>RIP</i>	C Vijay Bubb Family
	6.30pm	St. Patrick's (BD)	Holy Mass	
	6:30pm	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
Sunday 19 th Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Day of Prayer for the Unemployed	9:00am	St. Mary's	Pauline Shepherd - <i>RIP</i>	Nelson Family
	10:00am	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	
	10:00am	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
	11:00am	St. Mary's	Frank Dilkes – <i>RIP, DA</i> Madge Beech – <i>RIP</i> Christopher John Moxey – <i>RIP</i> Eva Thomas – <i>TH, B</i>	D & S Dilkes A & G Morris Moxey/Cartwright Charles & Family
	7:00pm	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	

C=Conversion, RIP=Rest in Peace, DA=Death Anniversary, S=Sick, B=Birthday, TH=Thanksgiving, WB=Well-Being, H=Healing, HE=Health, RC=Recovery, SI=Special Intention, M=Marriage, BP=Baptism, G=Guidance, SE= Success in Exams, WA=Wedding Anniversary, HS=Holy Strength, Ch=Church, SCH=School, BD= Beechdale, PC=Parish Centre