

St. Mary and St. John's Church

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MASSES INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: 28th August.
6.30pm (Sunday Vigil) **Tony & Pat Nicholls's Intentions**
SUNDAY: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10.00am: (Sung Mass) **Parishioners**
11.30am: **Joseph Lakeland RIP**
MONDAY: 30th August. SS. Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward, English Martyrs
10.00am: **Joseph Lakeland RIP**
TUESDAY: 31st August. Feria or St. Aidan & Lindisfarne Saints
10.00am: **Charles Wootton**
WEDNESDAY: 1st September.
10.00am: **Graham Moran RIP**
THURSDAY: 2nd September.
10.00am: **Margaret O'Connor's Intention**
FRIDAY: 3rd September. St. Gregory the Great, Apostle of England.
FIRST FRIDAY
11.00-11.45 am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12.00 noon: **Tommy Garvey RIP**
SATURDAY: 4th September. Feria or St. Cuthbert or Our Lady on Saturday
9.30am: **Bro Rafał's Intentions**
6.30pm (Sunday Vigil) **Margaret O'Connor's Intentions**
SUNDAY: 5th September. 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10.00am (Sung Mass) **Parishioners**
11.30am: **Charles McCrae RIP**

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AT SUNDAY MASSES

10.00am: Mary Smith, Jane Luxton
Next week: Bro. Rafał, Emmanuel Bastian
11.30am: David Lashford

READERS AT SUNDAY MASSES

6.30pm Saturday: This week: Tony Mear
Next week: Margaret O'Connor
10.00am Sunday: This week: Mary Smith
Next week: Keith Wycherley
11.30am This week: Alan Thomas
Next week: Emma Flanagan, David Lashford

COUNTING TEAMS:

This week: Emmanuel Bastian, Keith Wycherley
Next week: Jane Luxton, Father Kazimierz

COLLECTIONS LAST SUNDAY:

Offertory: Covenants: £145.90 Loose: £369.52
Flowers: £25.00

Thank you for your very generous contributions

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

This week: Church Maintenance
Next week: Church Maintenance

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WHO ARE SICK OR

HOUSEBOUND: Leon Stefek (Father Kazimierz's Father), David Deller, Bridget Ryan, David Barlow, Bridget Keane, Gerard Lawlor, Kathleen Reynolds, Pauline Ryan, Molly Ball, Tim Shee, John and Vona Smout, Hilda Westwood, Iris Duncan, Margaret Kenny, Pat Burton, Peter Blackwell, Keith Basudev, Ken and Hazel Harris, Bridget Lawrence, Anil Basudev, June Randles, Colleen Nicholas, Ann Proffitt, Joan Lindsell, Floss Jenkins, Sister Kay, Frances Page, Frances Butler, Mrs. MacDonald, Marie Matthews, Sister Dominic, Mary Landers, David Lashford, Margaret Davies, Olga Borowa and all those who are physically or mentally handicapped.

ANNIVERSARIES Fr. Basil Singleton, an 'old boy', ordained here 1929; Liam (Bill) Darmody, Margaret Ann Griffiths, Nessie Hackwood, George Huntbatch, Mary Ryan, Catherine Sheriby.



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CONFESSIONS:

Friday 11.00 – 11.45am Saturday: 10.00am – 10.30am
AND BY REQUEST

ROSARY

Mon. – Thurs.: following 10.00am Mass. Fri.: 11.30am
Sat.: following 9.30am Mass. **Sunday at 5.00pm**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will recommence on Sunday 12th September, at 10.00am Mass.

OUR TUESDAY CLUB will start again on Tuesday, 14th September at 1.30pm.

GENTLE KEEP-FIT in our hall every Tuesday, 11.00am until 12 noon. If you wish to join, just turn up, you will be made very welcome.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ON SUNDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER THERE WILL ONLY BE THE 11.30am MASS said here as it is the day of the Pope's visit and Father Kazimierz will be the only priest available to say Masses here, at Saint Theresa's and Saint Joseph's.

FIRST FRIDAY: Father Kazimierz invites you all for tea and biscuits after the mid-day Mass on Friday.

FUND RAISING: There are many repairs needed in our Church, so in order to raise funds for this purpose, we are organising an Auction for Friday 8th October, at 7.00pm. If you have suitable items you are willing to donate for this auction, please leave them with one of the priests. We are hoping to have a well-known Wolverhampton person to open this event.

THE NEW HYMNBOOKS have arrived and will be in use as soon as the dedications have been inserted into them.

PAPAL VISIT - if your name is down for a Pilgrim's Ticket and you have not yet paid, could you please pay as soon as possible. Details will be given as soon as they have been received.

SEPTEMBER is traditionally the month for special meditation on Our Lady's Seven Sorrows, particularly ours since our church is dedicated to Our Lady at the foot of Christ's Cross.

MASS INTENTIONS – If you wish to have a Mass said for a relative or friend, living or deceased, please see one of the priests.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

SS. Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward (Feast Monday) were all executed for harbouring priests. MARGARET CLITHEROW was brought up an Anglican, but she became a catholic, and was very active in supporting priests who were often "on the run", being sought by the English Government as traitors. She was eventually arrested, but she refused to give any information about the priests she had helped and she refused to plead in court. For this she was condemned to death; in her case by the barbarous method of crushing her to death beneath great slabs. ANNE LINE came from a Puritan family; she and her brother became Catholics and were disinherited by their family. Anne married a Catholic, but he was exiled for his religion, and died abroad, leaving her penniless. Although her health was poor, to support herself she kept house for Fr. John Gerard, a Jesuit, but he too was arrested. Anne kept the house going as a centre for Catholics, but the priest-hunters arrived, the priest escaped, so Anne was arrested. Before she was hanged at Tyburn, Anne declared: "I am sentenced for harbouring a Catholic priest, and so far am I from repenting that I wish I could have harboured a thousand." MARGARET WARD was also executed for harbouring priests. Holy Martyrs, teach us to value our priests.