

**WELCOME ~ THE CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY OF OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS, STOURBRIDGE.  
A COMMUNITY OF LOVE, PRAYER AND SERVICE – A COMMUNITY OF CHRIST'S FAITHFUL.**

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**Our Lady and All Saints Catholic Church**  
13 New Road  
STOURBRIDGE  
West Midlands  
DY8 1PQ



**GO IN PEACE**

telling the Good News  
sharing in the Breaking of the Bread  
enriching the Community  
through our talents, treasure and time:  
transforming the Community  
by prayer and by action



**TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 07/08TH DECEMBER 2019 YEAR A**  
"A Judaeo - Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition"

DATE	DECEMBER TIME	MASS INTENTION	FEAST
Saturday	07TH 5-00PM	Sue + Paul Kendal RIP	
Sunday	08TH 8-30AM	Intentions Natalya Gouchavova	
	10-30AM	Rose Ella McCann	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	3-00PM	SCHOOL / FAMILY CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE	
Monday	09TH 8-45AM	MORNING PRAYER	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
	9-00AM	John Glynn RIP	
	12-00NOON	ARCHBISHOP'S MASS –	ST CHAD'S CATHEDRAL
Tuesday	10TH 9-30AM	Special Intention	HAGLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
	12-30PM	SERVICE OF THE WORD AND HOLY COMMUNION	
Wednesday	11TH 12-30PM	Intentions Marjorie Hazell	ST DAMASUS
Thursday	12TH 12-30PM	SERVICE OF THE WORD AND HOLY COMMUNION	
Friday	13TH 2-15PM	JOHN D'SILVA RIP FUNERAL MASS	
Saturday	14TH 9-30AM	ADORATION	
	10-00AM	Dot + Tony Chapman RIP	
	10-30AM	CONFESSIONS	
	12-00NOON	ADVENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION	
	4-30PM	CONFESSIONS	
Sunday	15TH 5-00PM	Frances, Arthur, Dennis + Kevin Barker RIP	
	8-30AM	Taft Family RIP	
	10-30AM	Intentions Monica Poku	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	3-00PM	PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE	



**SERVED by and Contact Details:**

<b>OUR PRIEST</b>	<b>DEAN OF DUDLEY DEANERY</b>	Fr Desmond Devenney	01384 395308 [24HOURS]
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<b>PARISH OFFICE HOURS [SCHOOL TERM TIME ONLY]</b>	E-mail	olasoffice@talktalk.net
<b>MONDAY/THURSDAY/FRIDAY 9-30AM – 12NOON</b>	TUESDAY	12NOON – 2-30PM

<b>ST NICHOLAS OWEN MUTI ACADEMY COMPANY/CSEL</b>	Mrs. Suzanne Horan MEd BA	
<b>HAGLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL/ PRINCIPAL</b>	Mr. James Hodgson BEd [HONS]	01562 883193
<b>ST JOSEPH'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL/ PRINCIPAL</b>	Mr. Andrew Carry BA	01384 818325

**OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES** Mrs. Jill Harris/Mrs. Kathryn Sargent 01384 395308

**OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS TODDLERS GROUP** Tuesday Morning 10-00AM – 12-00NOON

**PIETY STALL OPEN AFTER THE 10-30AM MASS ON SUNDAY IN THE PARISH CENTRE. THANKS TO MAGGIE AND CHRIS. THERE IS A VARIETY OF RELIGIOUS OBJECTS, RELIGIOUS CARDS – ITEMS FOR ALL OCCASIONS – DO PAY A VISIT!**

Have a **WONDERFUL** Week - Filled with Faith + Joy, Love + Peace Do Take Great Care Fr Des  
07/12/2019 23-45PM THANKYOU/VIELEN DANK /GRACIAS/ GRAZIE/ MERCI/ OBRIGADO  
THE PARISH IS PART OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM - REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 234216



**A D V E N T** hope peace love joy **A D V E N T**



**PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH** - Due to the small number of parishioners who wish to attend the Christmas Lunch, unfortunately we are unable to host it this year. Thank you so much to those who offered lifts, volunteered to cook and make desserts.

**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT** [known as *Gaudete Sunday* – **REJOICING SUNDAY**] 14/15TH December 2019  
Since Pope John Paul II this Sunday is also called **BAMBINELLI SUNDAY** to commemorate the blessing of the **GESU BAMBINO** [baby Jesus]. **POPE FRANCIS ENCOURAGES** us this year to honour **BAMBINELLI SUNDAY** by blessing family cribs 'Baby Jesus' which each family can bring to Mass on that weekend. We will ask the children and families to bring the figure up to the Altar before the Final Blessing of Mass.

**Secular Franciscan Fraternity.** The next meeting is on **WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER** at 7-00PM - a prompt start in the Newman Room, Parish Centre. Everyone is very welcome. We are a growing fraternity in our parish. Come along and join us in following Jesus in the Spirituality of St Francis.  
Contact Deacon Tom for further information and details - Tel: 07415 211098

The next **Ignatian Prayer Meeting** will take place on **WEDNESDAY 18TH December 2019** in the Assisi Room of the Parish Centre. The Scripture we will be praying with is **Matthew 1 V18-24.** The meeting will start promptly at 7-00PM. The aim of the meeting is to help us to find God in our everyday lives through biblical meditations using the styles of prayer recommended by St Ignatius of Loyola - in particular, imaginative contemplation and meditative reading (*Lectio Divina*). **All are welcome.** If you would like further information please contact Sue McDermott 07450656757 (suemcderm@aol.com) or Alice Grennan 07845706362 (alice.grennan@googlemail.com).

**COATS 4 CHRISTMAS.** As Winter approaches we are all getting our warm coats ready to wear. Probably we have ones that are no longer suitable, needed or being replaced. If you wish to donate to people who are not as fortunate as ourselves, please bring any unwanted coats for any age - children's, male and female. Any other warm clothing such as jumpers will be accepted. These can be left in the large chest in the church porch over the next few weeks and will be distributed to those in need in our communities.

**MARGARET AND MARK EDWARDS** would like to thank sincerely all parishioners of Our Lady and All Saints for their kind words, tributes, Mass Cards, flowers and prayers for their Mother Winnie Edwards RIP. God bless you all.

**ALL SAINTS YOUTH GROUP** – Thank you to all the young people who have supported All Saints Youth Group over the last year. We will return on Thursday 09TH January 2020, 6-30PM – 8-00PM.

**FOOD SHORTAGES** **FRUIT JUICE** (1L cartons), **SMALL JARS COFFEE, COOKING SAUCES** (jars), **1L CARTONS UHT MILK, JAM/MARMALADE, TINNED MEAT, TINNED FRUIT, TINNED POTATOES, RICE PUDDING/ CUSTARD, SQUASH.**

**NON-FOOD SHORTAGES** **SHAVING FOAM, SINGLE TOOTHBRUSHES, DEODORANT, SHAMPOO / CONDITIONER, SHOWER GEL, FLANNELS / SPONGES / CAN OPENERS.**

<b>WEEKEND</b>	<b>07TH / 08TH DECEMBER 2019</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	<b>READERS BELL RINGERS</b>
5-00PM	Mary Lomax, Emily Higgins, Cathy Hounsell, Sarah Price, Tom Price		Ian Oakes Jim Spencer
8-30AM	Nick Chater, Rosie Marshall, Matthew Perkins		Rosie Marshall Rosie M
10-30AM	Julia Dymock, Stuart Tibbetts, Bernard Cartwright, Anne Tudor		Judith Piper Brian Osborne
<b>COFFEE ROTA</b>	Jo McCole and Sammi Duff	<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Margaret Williams

<b>WEEK COMMENCING</b>	<b>09TH DECEMBER 2019</b>
<b>GIFT AID COUNTERS</b>	Kevin Hartley and David O'Brien
<b>NON GIFT AID COUNTERS</b>	Mary Cox and Margaret Glynn
<b>CHURCH CLEANING</b>	Eileen Blamire-Brown, Jane Tringham, Tricia and Cedric Walters and Mick O'Dwyer

<b>WEEKEND</b>	<b>14TH/15TH DECEMBER 2019</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	<b>READERS BELL RINGERS</b>
5-00PM	Jo McCole, Sarah Price, Dom Toni, Luke Morris, Elizabeth Fryer		Charlotte Colesby Geoff Gibbons
8-30AM	Angela Fletcher, Helena Pearson, Tony Trafford		Matthew Perkins Katherine Smith
10-30AM	Robert Morley, Anna Morley, Judith Piper, Alice Grennan		Elena Dutton Tony Jones
<b>COFFEE ROTA</b>	Anne and Robert Morley	<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Anna Morley

<b>WEEK COMMENCING</b>	<b>16TH DECEMBER 2019</b>
<b>GIFT AID COUNTERS</b>	Joan McIlwee and Harry Cox
<b>NON GIFT AID COUNTERS</b>	Kathryn Keay and Rachel O'Brien
<b>CHURCH CLEANING</b>	Fletcher Family and Claire Guest

**CHRISTMAS TIMES OF SERVICES LEAFLET 2019** – Please pick up a copy TODAY.  
**WALK WITH ME ADVENT 2019 BOOKLETS** are available.

#### ADVENT

Are you giving up something for Advent?  
Visits by angels, visits by stars,  
Everyone is special in God's eyes.  
Tell everyone about Jesus.

Do you know the meaning of Christmas?  
Jesus is coming to right where you are.  
No one should miss out on Jesus.



**GIVING TREE** - The Christmas Tree just in front of Our Lady's Altar and by the Pulpit is a Giving Tree. If you wish to participate please take a tag from the tree, purchase a gift for the age group on the tag and place the gift under the tree by Sunday 15TH December. Please do not wrap the gift. These gifts will be distributed to those Children in Need through the Operation Santa run by Dudley Community Volunteers and Black Country Radio.

**SENIOR LUNCHEON CLUB** – The next Lunch will be held on WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER at 1-00PM. If you wish to attend please contact Margaret Glynn on 01384 423326 by Monday 09TH December 2019. Lunch is still only £3. Come along or bring a friend. **MASS ON WEDNESDAY BEFOREHAND AT 12-30PM**

**OLAS FILM CLUB** will be showing Aladdin on WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER at 2-00PM. This Live Action Film from Disney starring Will Smith as the Genie is the exciting tale of the charming street rat Aladdin, the self-determined Princess Jasmine and the Genie who may be the key to their future. Take a break from the Christmas shopping and come and join us. Refreshments only £2 served before the film.

## **CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2019 £4600 !!!!!!!!!!! DO I HEAR 5?**

**Returning by popular demand!** Step back in time to Christmas 1819 with Dodici Corde and Friends. Catherine Lander, Danielle Saxon Reeves, David Plant and Mark Willetts transport you to a Regency Drawing room with Festive Music performed on 200 year old guitars, with Carols and Readings by Candlelight. Saturday 14TH December 6-30PM in the Parish Centre [www.dodiciorde.co.uk](http://www.dodiciorde.co.uk) Tickets £8-00 from the performers or via [mark.willetts1791@hotmail.com](mailto:mark.willetts1791@hotmail.com) 07907199870

Our Parish Community invites each person to be an active and participating member in all the aspects of Parish Life. We care for each other and we want to worship and serve our Lord and one another. Do please consider volunteering by participating wherever you feel you can help and serve.

We remember all those who have died recently – PATRICK SHEEHY, JOAN COYNE, and JOHN DA SILVA and all those who have died because of violence, terrorism, and tragedy – and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. ETERNAL PEACE, GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD.

We remember in prayer Families and Friends who miss the presence of someone they love – all those who are bereaved. May they be reassured always of the Lord's Love and Care.

### **WEEKEND MASSES**

Masses – Saturday Evening 5-00PM

WEEKDAY MASSES –

BAPTISMS SUNDAY 12-30PM

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION -

[1] After Masses [2] On Request [3] Penitential Services [Advent/Lent/Summer] [4] Saturday 10-30AM / 4-30PM

MARRIAGES/WEDDINGS –

Sunday 8-30AM 10-30AM [Music Group / School / Fr Des / Choir]

Please see the Mass Times on the Parish Newsletter / Website

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION – 2<sup>ND</sup>/4<sup>TH</sup> THURSDAYS OF THE MONTH

The Sacrament of God's Love - God's Friendship - God's Peace

Saturdays 12-00NOON/1-00PM

### **VISITATION TO THE SICK / THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

We are anxious to help anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us because of illness or age or being house-bound.

If you wish to receive this Sacrament – or are going into hospital - please contact Deacon Tom [CHAPLAIN] or Fr Des.

We pray for those who are sick, unwell, house-bound in our Parish – we remember all who have asked our prayers.

### **COFFEE AND TEA IN THE PARISH CENTRE AFTER SUNDAY 10-30AM MASS – ALL WELCOME**

A Simple Prayer –

In Jesus' Name, we continue to pray,

In Jesus' Name, we continue to serve,

In Jesus' Name, we continue to love,

In Jesus Name, we continue to live.

In Jesus' Name, we continue to listen. AMEN

Don't Forget 6-00PM Each Day – The Our Father.

Those who never make mistakes never make discoveries!!!

### **WEBSITES -**

<https://dudley-catholicdeanery.org.uk>

[www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)

[www.olas.org.uk](http://www.olas.org.uk)

[www.st-jo-st-dudley.sch.uk](http://www.st-jo-st-dudley.sch.uk)

[www.hagleyrc.com](http://www.hagleyrc.com)

[www.stnicholasowen-mac.org.uk](http://www.stnicholasowen-mac.org.uk)

[DEANERY WEBSITE]

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[ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL]

[HAGLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL]

[ST NICHOLAS OWEN MULTI ACADEMY COMPANY - SNOMAC]

### **PRAYER SUPPORT ONLINE –**

<https://pray-as-you-go.org>

<https://jesuitprayer.org>

<https://www.sacredspace.ie>

<https://www.jesuit.org.uk/where-will-god-find-you-july>

Without the Way there is no going / Without the Truth there is no knowing / Without the Life there is no living. **THOMAS A KEMPIS**

“At the Day of Judgement, we shall not be asked what we have read, but what we have done.”

Thomas à Kempis

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR PARISH**

God our Father, as a Parish this day we re-dedicate our whole lives to the service of your Church, With confidence, we present our heartfelt prayers to You. We ask you to bless this Parish Community, our homes, our families. Strengthen with your peace all our days. We commend ourselves to the protection of Mary, our Lady, the Mother of Jesus, Mother of the Church. Through her prayers may we be preserved from all evil influences, now and at the hour of our death. This prayer we ask in the Name of Jesus who lives and reigns with you, the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**CHILD AND BABY LOSS MEMORIAL**

Many of you will have noticed this Memorial at the side of the Pulpit where families can remember and mourn for their lost children and babies. All of us can also remember those babies lost to Abortion. The Memorial will be blessed and a Mass will be offered for them all on the Feast of the Holy Innocents on Saturday 28TH December when we can all keep them in our prayers. Our Lady, Mother of Jesus, Pray for them. St Gerard, Patron Saint of Mothers, Pray for them.

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR THOSE WHO BUY NEWSPAPERS!**

From 01ST JANUARY 2020 THE UNIVERSE MEDIA GROUP who supply our Catholic Times and The Universe Newspapers will no longer be accepting returns. Please can you sign the sheet which can be found next to the papers and indicate which paper you wish to buy on a regular basis. From the New Year Newspapers will be available only for those who have requested copies. YOUR NAME WILL BE ON YOUR CHOSEN NEWSPAPER.

**Serving God's People - Building God's Kingdom**

**WE FORGET**

We ask for a piece of sand and he gives us a beach.  
We ask for a drop of water and he gives us an ocean.  
We ask for time and he gives us life eternal.  
And it is so easy for us to fall in love with the gift and forget the giver.  
[Prayer is A Hunger Edward Farrell]



**COMMUNION REFLECTION**

You are looking for workers Lord?  
Workers to send out to pray even for our enemies, to forgive those who sin,  
to use the power of gentleness to love our neighbour as much as we love ourselves.  
Workers to create justice, to give joy, happiness freely,  
to share our daily bread to those who have been abandoned.  
Workers to support people going through hard times,  
to open doors to people who are left outside in misery and poverty,  
to clothe people who have nothing to wear, to visit the sick,  
to tell everyone the Good News that God loves us. You are looking for workers?  
This is a job for us Lord. We are coming!

*'This very moment I may, if I desire,  
become the friend of God.'*  
Saint Augustine

THE SMALL CHILD OF BETHLEHEM  
THE UNKNOWN MAN OF NAZARETH  
THE REJECTED PREACHER  
THE NAKED MAN ON THE CROSS  
FOR US - THE WAY THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK -  
To bring us love, the Lord is born: To overcome our selfishness,  
the Lord is born: To reach our hands to others, the Lord is born:  
EVERY DAY THE LORD IS BORN - EVERY DAY - EVERY DAY

THE WAY TO HIM      THE TRUTH ABOUT HIM      THE LIFE WITH HIM

**Spiritual Matters**

Today is the first Sunday of Advent and, for many of us, it is the time when we start to prepare for Christmas. I know that I can sometimes get so caught up in choosing my Christmas presents, writing my cards and planning for the 'big day' that I almost miss the point of Advent entirely. As we know, Advent is meant to prepare us to meet our Lord, not only at Christmas time but also when we see Him in person. Our preparation can be a joyous and Spiritual experience as we read more of His Word, pray, and make our confession. As we follow this journey, we inevitably develop a closer relationship with Jesus and celebrating His Birthday becomes even more special. So today let us start Advent with open and enthusiastic hearts, and let us pray that Jesus' love will touch us anew.

**SO STAY AWAKE, YOU DO NOT KNOW THE DAY WHEN YOUR MASTER IS COMING. YOU TOO MUST STAND READY**      - Louise Bowen

**The Word this Week**

Advent begins, not with thoughts of the past or with the coming of the Lord which we celebrate at Christmas, but with the future, and the promise that He is coming back. We are encouraged to stay awake, and treat every day as the day the Lord will come; we do not do this out of fear for a Master who beats his servants, but out of love of a Master who always treats us with mercy.