

**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.**

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN STOURBRIDGE - CTiS**

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**PARISH - NEWSLETTER/BULLETIN/NEWSPAPER!!!!**

**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 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 14/15TH DECEMBER 2019 YEAR A**

**"A Judaeo - Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition"**

DATE	DECEMBER TIME	MASS INTENTION	FEAST
Saturday	14TH 5-00PM	Frances, Arthur, Dennis + Kevin Barker RIP	
Sunday	15TH 8-30AM	Taft Family RIP	
	10-30AM	Intentions Monica Poku	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	3-00PM	PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE	
Monday	16TH 8-45AM	MORNING PRAYER	
	9-00AM	Elaine Markowski RIP	
Tuesday	17TH 9-30AM	Alfredo Samperi/Oliver Donahy RIP	HAGLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
	12-30PM	Norah + Arthur Lewis RIP	
Wednesday	18TH 9-00AM	Con McCorryston RIP	
Thursday	19TH 9-00AM	Intentions Thomas Dunphy	
Friday	20TH 9-10AM	ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL	
Saturday	21ST 9-30AM	ADORATION	
	10-00AM	Intentions Phillip Macdonald	
	10-30AM	CONFESSIONS	
	12-00NOON	PENITENTIAL SERVICE	
	4-30PM	CONFESSIONS	
	5-00PM	Frances, Arthur, Dennis + Kevin Barker RIP	
Sunday	22ND 8-30AM	Coyne + Gibbons Family RIP	
	10-30AM	Paul Ryan RIP	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**SERVED by and Contact Details:**

<b>OUR PRIEST</b>	<b>DEAN OF DUDLEY DEANERY</b>	Fr Desmond Devenney	01384 395308 [24HOURS]
<b>CHAPLAIN</b>	<b>HAGLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL</b>	E-mail	des56@hotmail.com
<b>OUR DEACON</b>	<b>RUSSELLS HALL RC CHAPLAIN</b>	Rev Mr. Tom Tranter	01384 395308
<b>OUR PARISH SECRETARY</b>		Mrs. Sarah Price	01384 395308
<b>OUR PARISH GIFT AID ORGANISER</b>		Mrs. Sarah Price	01384 395308
<b>PARISH CENTRE – INFORMATION AND BOOKINGS –</b>		Mrs. Sarah Price	01384 395308
<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 819325
<b>OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES</b>		Mrs. Jill Harris/Mrs. Kathryn Sargent	01384 395308
<b>OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS TODDLERS GROUP</b>		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 - 14/12/2019 23-45PM**  
**THE PARISH IS PART OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM - REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 234216**  
 Filled with Faith + Joy, Love + Peace Do Take Great Care Fr Des  
 THANKYOU/VIELEN DANK /GRACIAS/ GRAZIE/ MERCI/ OBRIGADO

**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 Bible tells us to love our neighbours and also to love our enemies - probably because they are generally the same people." GK Chesterton.**

**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 crib's '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.

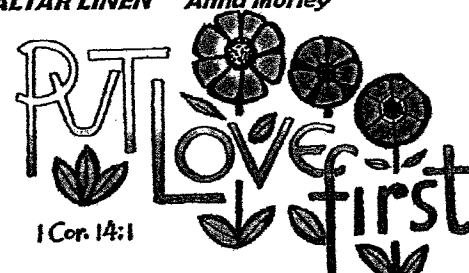
**The next Ignatian Prayer Meeting will take place on WEDNESDAY 18TH December 2019 in the Assisi Room of the Parish Centre. The Scripture we will be praying with is Matthew 1 V18-24. The meeting will start promptly at 7-00PM. The aim of the meeting is to help us to find God in our everyday lives through 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.

**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.**

<b>WEEKEND</b>	<b>14TH/15TH DECEMBER 2019</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	<b>READERS</b>	<b>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 McKee and Harry Cox
<b>NON GIFT AID COUNTERS</b>	Kathryn Keay and Rachel O'Brien
<b>CHURCH CLEANING TEAM 6</b>	Fletcher Family and Claire Guest



<b>CHRISTMAS CAFOD COLLECTION</b>	<b>THIS WEEKEND</b>
<b>CHURCH FLOWERS COLLECTION</b>	<b>NEXT WEEKEND.</b>
<b>GIFT AID £321-50</b>	<b>NON GIFT AID £589-54</b>

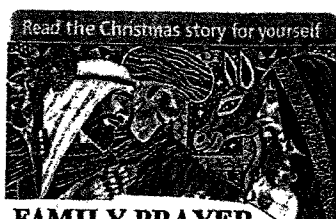
<b>WEEKEND</b>	<b>21ST/22ND DECEMBER 2019</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	<b>READERS</b>	<b>BELL RINGERS</b>
5-00PM	Dee Bradley, Jacinta Gibbons, Charlotte Colesby, Sarah P-Denison, Chris Marsh		Volunteer Heather	
8-30AM	Suzanne Horan, Glynn Lewis, Joe Woodall.		David O'Brien	Perkins Family
10-30AM	Ian Oakes, Peter Parry, Sam Hull, Kathryn Keay		Chad Lesley	Joe Blank
<b>COFFEE ROTA</b>	George and Anna Mela		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Wendy Abbotts

<b>WEEK COMMENCING</b>	<b>23RD DECEMBER 2019</b>
<b>GIFT AID COUNTERS</b>	Sheila Lloyd and Sarah Price
<b>NON GIFT AID COUNTERS</b>	Simon Tudor and Rob Price
<b>CHURCH CLEANING TEAM 7</b>	Bob and Helena Hudyba, Freya and Luke Morris

Apart from the cross there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven.

**SENIOR LUNCHEON CLUB – Thank you to Pam Perry, Margaret Glynn and team for preparing, cooking and serving Christmas Lunch last Wednesday. Thank you to St Joseph's School Children too – always a joy!! It was a wonderful celebration enjoyed by all who attended.**

**FOODBANK SHORTAGES THIS WEEK.**  
**FOOD SHORTAGES** FRUIT JUICE (1L cartons), SMALL JARS COFFE. COOKING SAUCES (jars), 1L CARTONS UHT MILK, JAM/MARMALADE, TINNED MEAT, TINNED FRUIT, TINNED POTATOES, RICE PUDDING/CUSTARD.  
**NON-FOOD SHORTAGES** SHAVING FOAM, SINGLE TOOTHBRUSHES, DEODORANT, SHAMPOO / CONDITIONER, SHOWER GEL, FLANNELS / SPONGES, CAN OPENERS



I forgive you, I love you  
 You are mine, take my hand.  
 Go in peace, sin no more,  
 Beloved one.  
 Kind words can be short and easy to speak,  
 but their echoes are truly endless.  
 Mother Teresa



**FAMILY PRAYER**

God, make us a family. We need one another. We love one another. We forgive one another. We work together. We worship together. Together we use God's word. Together we grow in Christ. Together we love all people. Together we serve God. Together we hope for heaven. These are our hopes and our ideals. Help us to attain them, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**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.  
**ALL THE TAGS HAVE GONE - BUT YOU CAN STILL LEAVE A GIFT!!!!THANK YOU**

**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 £5360 !!!!!!!!!!! DO I HEAR 6?**

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 D'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]

**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

[4] Saturday 10-30AM / 4-30PM

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.

### **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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[HAGLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL]

[ST NICHOLAS OWEN MULTI ACADEMY COMPANY]



### **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**

### **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  
We ask for a drop of water  
We ask for time  
And it is so easy for us to fall in love  
[Prayer is A Hunger]

and he gives us a beach.  
and he gives us an ocean.  
and he gives us life eternal.  
with the gift and forget the giver.  
Edward Farrell]

*I beg You  
to stamp  
everything  
with the  
seal of love,*



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  
THE WAY TO HIM      THE TRUTH ABOUT HIM

THE LIFE WITH HIM

**Repentant  
Reconciled  
Renewed**

**Bromsgrove Listening Service**

What is it? We found as a parish that the local High Schools were overwhelmed with pastoral issues arising amongst the students and that the schools were open and willing to receive support from the churches of Bromsgrove. In response to this need, the churches of Bromsgrove started what we now call the Listening Service. 'Listeners' are members of local congregations who give varying amounts of their time to go in to the schools and simply listen to young people. The Listening Service partners with The Hub (YMCA), the Community Safety Officer (Bromsgrove and Redditch Council), Ecumenical churches of Bromsgrove, Worcester Diocese and most importantly South Bromsgrove High School and North Bromsgrove High School. What would I do? As a Listener, you are either a member of a local Bromsgrove Church or are sympathetic to this Christian cause. You would undertake mandatory training that comprises of- Safeguarding training, basic listening skills and the DBS process. You will commit to giving a certain amount of time on certain days that is catered to your time schedule. You would also attend termly touch base meetings which are designed to support you in your Listening. There is also a requirement to undertake basic paperwork which consists of an initial evaluation done in the first meeting with the young person and also a closing evaluation done in the last session with the young person. What do I need? We don't require any previous experience or training in working with young people. We simply ask that you love young people and want to give your time to listen to them. If this is of any interest to you & for more information please contact: Amy Stokes [astokes@cofe-worcester.org.uk](mailto:astokes@cofe-worcester.org.uk) // 07377889740

2020 Parish Diaries are now available, these are a gift from the Parish.  
The Archdiocese of Birmingham Directories 2020 are available in the Porch at a cost of £3-00.

Children Learn what they live -  
if children live with criticism, they learn to condemn  
if children live with praise, they learn appreciation  
if children live with hostility, they learn to fight  
if children live with kindness and consideration, they learn respect  
if children live with fear, they learn to be apprehensive  
if children live with security,  
they learn to have faith in themselves and in those about them  
if children live with pity, they learn to feel sorry for themselves  
if children live with encouragement, they learn confidence  
if children live with ridicule, they learn to feel shy  
if children live with approval, they learn to like themselves  
if children live with jealousy, they learn to feel envy  
if children live with sharing, they learn generosity  
if children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty

**Prayer for Joy**

O Joy of the Ages, at times, our glad hearts seem to be buried in sorrow and fear. Come into our lives and reveal to us your rejoicing. At the center of our being, there is a kernel of joy—and you are that joy. Bring into our lives people who mirror the truth that both joy and sorrow are medicine for our soul. Amen.

Sr. Macrina Wiederkehr, O.S.B.

**A THOUGHT**

*Those we love remain with us,  
for love itself lives on.  
And cherished memories never fade  
because a loved one's gone.....  
Those we love can never be more  
than a thought apart.  
For as long as there is memory  
they'll live on in the heart.*

What are you presently dealing with?  
Why are you doing that?  
Hope, faith, trust, forgiveness.  
How do the Gospels challenge you?  
What changes can I make for the future?

**Prayer for Advent**

Peaceful and loving God, as we travel through Advent, we ask that you help us to walk in your light. Instruct us in your ways, that we might prayerfully welcome your son once again at Christmastime. May we rejoice, knowing that our prayers for peace—peace on earth—are not in vain. Amen.

Terence Hegarty

*Sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
Sing to the Lord, bless his name;  
proclaim his salvation day after day.*