

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
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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 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY 28TH/29TH DECEMBER 2019 YEAR A
"A Judaeo - Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition"

DATE	DECEMBER TIME	MASS INTENTION	FEAST
Saturday	28TH 5-00PM	Teresa + James Gough RIP	
Sunday	29TH 8-30AM	Joan Coyne RIP	
	10-30AM	Amy + Ted Baker RIP	THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
Monday	30TH 8-45AM	MORNING PRAYER	
	9-00AM	Frederico Collella RIP	
Tuesday	31ST 9-00AM	Winn Edwards RIP	ST SYLVESTER - POPE
	JANUARY 01 2020	NEW YEAR'S DAY	
Wednesday	01ST 9-00AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD
Thursday	02ND 9-00AM	PRIVATE INTENTION [AO]	ST BASIL AND ST GREGORY
Friday	03RD 9-00AM	Fr Eugene Nee RIP	THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS
Saturday	04TH 9-30AM	ADORATION	
	10-00AM	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE	
	4-30PM	CONFESSIONS	
	5-00PM	Mary Hartland RIP	
Sunday	05TH 8-30AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	
	10-30AM	Carlton Rigby RIP	

*'Faith is the art of holding on to things
your reason has once accepted,
in spite of your changing moods.'*

C S Lewis (1898-1963)

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MONDAY/THURSDAY/FRIDAY 9-30AM – 12NOON	TUESDAY	12NOON – 2-30PM

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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**
29/12/2019 23-45PM **THANKYOU/VIELEN DANK /GRACIAS/ GRAZIE/ MERCI/ OBRIGADO**
THE PARISH IS PART OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM - REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 234216

ALL SAINTS YOUTH GROUP – **We will return on Thursday 09TH January 2020, 6-30PM – 8-00PM.**

God bless you in the New Year, And send from above:
The joy of his presence, the warmth of his love:
The hope of His mercy, His comforting ways:
His promise of peace, To enrich all your days.

*'The properties of God are these:
Life, love and light.
In life is wonderful familiarity,
in love is gentle courtesy,
and in light is endless nature.'*

WEEKEND	28TH /29TH DECEMBER 2019	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READERS	BELL RINGERS
5-00PM	Mary Lomax, Emily Higgins, Cathy Hounsell, Sarah Price, Tom Price		Dom Toni	Robert
8-30AM	Nick Chater, Rosie Marshall, Matthew Perkins		Bill Mordy	Angela Marsh
10-30AM	Julia Dymock, Stuart Tibbetts, Bernard Cartwright, Anne Tudor		Robert Morley	Brian Osborne
COFFEE ROTA	Margaret and Michael Pakes		ALTAR LINEN	Helena Hudyba

WEEK COMMENCING 30TH DECEMBER 2019
 GIFT AID COUNTERS Sarah Price and Sheila Lloyd
 NON GIFT AID COUNTERS Rob Price and John Polychronakis
 CHURCH CLEANING TEAM 8 Geraldine Hayes, Okwen Davis, Diana Bloore.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED AND WERE INVOLVED WITH OUR WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS TO MAKE THIS A JOY-FILLED AND FAITH - FILLED SEASON.

A big heartfelt THANK YOU for your amazing Christmas Offerings, all the Cards and Gifts and dare I say it – BOTTLES!!!! YOU ARE ALL SO THOUGHTFUL, GENEROUS AND KIND. THANK YOU ONE AND ALL SO MUCH FR DES In 2020 – YOU ARE WISHED a Glimpse of Heaven - Much Happiness - Many Blessings - Lots of Joy.

As we begin a New Year 2020 – we remember in our prayers those of our Parish Community who in 2019 received Baptismal Life - those who received the Bread of Life and Reconciliation for the first time - those who received the Sacrament of Confirmation - those who received the Sacrament of Marriage - and those who entered the Eternal Life.

GIFT AID £374-80 NON GIFT AID £749.08 Standing Orders paid into the Bank 16/12/19 – 22/12/19 - £238-50
 The Collection for the Church Flowers - £374-91. Many Thanks for your generosity.

OLAS PARISH COLLECTIONS	JANUARY – JUNE 2020
18/19 JANUARY	PAX-CHRISTI
08/09 FEBRUARY	RACIAL JUSTICE
15/16 FEBRUARY	PRO-LIFE
29 FEB/01 MARCH	CATHEDRAL MAINTENANCE
07/08 MARCH	LENT FAST (CAFOD) – FRIDAY 06 MARCH
10 APRIL	HOLY PLACES
02/03 MAY	CLERGY TRAINING FUND
23/24 MAY	CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS
20/21 JUNE	DAY FOR LIFE

‘We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, in a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another.’

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)

WEEKEND	04TH /05TH JANUARY 2020	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READERS	BELL RINGERS
5-00PM	Jo McCole, Sarah Price, Dom Toni, Luke Morris, Elizabeth Fryer		Colin Elcock	
8-30AM	Angela Fletcher, Helena Pearson, a volunteer please.		Chizo Agwu	
10-30AM	Robert Morley, Anna Morley, Judith Piper, Alice Grennan		Peter Parry	
COFFEE ROTA	Anne and Maurice Sargent		ALTAR LINEN	Angela Fletcher

WEEK COMMENCING 06 JANUARY 2020
 GIFT AID COUNTERS - Joan McIlwee and Harry Cox
 NON GIFT AID COUNTERS – Simon Tudor and John Polychronakis
 CHURCH CLEANING TEAM – 1 Brenda O’Sullivan, Margaret Glynn, Helena Pearson, Jeannie.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 400 CLUB DECEMBER 2019 WINNERS

£75 Mrs S Murray,	Mrs J Byrne,	Mrs McIlwee,	Bill Mordy
£25 Paul Edmonds,	Allison Basford,	G Evers,	Mrs Whitlock
£10 Mrs M McNulty,	Ann Shakespeare, Anne Sweeney,	Trish Hull,	
Teresa Parry,	Olive Price,	Mrs J Tringham,	Jim Spencer,
Michael Pakes,	Mr and Mrs Elcock, Sally Sargent,	Mr and Mrs Forde,	
Julia Hartgroves.	Michael Smith,	T M Ryan,	Fr Des.

‘There are many who arrive at the faith, but few that are led into the heavenly kingdom.’

*Pope Saint Gregory I
(c 540-604)*

FOOD BANK SHORTAGES THIS WEEK -

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

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL FROM FR DES and DEACON TOM –

We wish you and your families all the peace, joy, and blessings of Christ this Christmastime, and our prayers and best wishes for the coming New Year 2020. A special word of welcome to any visitors to the parish or to people returning home for Christmas. May your stay in the area be relaxing and enjoyable.

SARAH PRICE (Parish Secretary) wishes everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year and thanks Parishioners for their great support during this year.

BISHOP DAVID MCGOUGH and BISHOP PATRICK MCKINNEY [Our previous Parish Priests] both sent Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes for the Year 2020.

NEW YEAR PRAYER

May the Light of Christ be bright and warm in our lives.

May it shine through our selfishness and fill us with forgiveness.

May we all be filled with the love of God the Father, the Friendship of Jesus, his Son, and the strength of the Holy Spirit. AMEN.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO WORK SO HARD ON BEHALF OF OUR PARISH - Thank you to the Church and Parish Centre cleaners, flower arrangers, sides men, counters, sacristans and bankers; those who look after the altar linen, the Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers; the altar servers, and those who support them; choir and music groups; all involved in our sacramental programmes and provision for children and young people; as well as all involved in our parish groups, the administration of the parish, specially Sarah, our Parish Secretary and Chairperson of the Governing Body of our School - those who organise our parish activities; those who oversee work on parish property and the Finance Committee; those who serve coffee, look after the Piety stall. All of this work – and forgive me, what I have missed out – sorry - represents many thousands of voluntary hours throughout the year, and reflects the ongoing commitment, generosity and sense of community of the people of the parish. Thanks to Deacon Tom for his continued work in Russells Hall Hospital – to Suzanne Horan, our CSEL, James Hodgson and Andy Carry – Principals of our Schools.

Grateful and sincere thanks to you all. I am – and the Parish – are indebted to you all for your goodness, compassion and care.
FR DES.

THE CRIB AND CRIB OFFERINGS - The crib offerings throughout Christmas will go to International Prisoners Outreach. Please do bring your children along to see and say a prayer before the crib at Christmas and over the Christmas period.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS OF THE CHURCH - Grateful thanks to Steve McNally and the team of parish flower arrangers who once again have excelled themselves in the beautiful way they have prepared Christmas floral decorations for our church and the setting up the Christmas Crib before the Altar. Immense Thanks too for their wonderful work throughout the year.

2019 has been another year of rising client numbers at REPLENISH and we have fed 30% more adults and children than in the previous year. With living costs growing, having to survive on a very low income and being in debt are now the main issues for our clients. We are also seeing more people who are employed part time and finding it hard to manage on their wages, due to the variation in their working hours.

As a team we continue to be amazed at the generosity of the local church congregations and organisations, as well as the many individuals who support us so faithfully. A special thank you must go to everyone at OLAS - we couldn't do what we do without you letting us use your building and for being our largest food donor!

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 – Canon Gerry Breen, Sister Sabina, Joan Tompkinson, Margaret Wieckowski, Rene Homer, and Sue Morrissey, – 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

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

WEEKDAY MASSES –

Please see the Mass Times on the Parish Newsletter / Website

BAPTISMS SUNDAY 12-30PM

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

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION –

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

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

MARRIAGES/WEDDINGS –

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>

[DEANERY WEBSITE]

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

[ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM]

www.olas.org.uk

[OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS]

www.st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk

[ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL]

www.hagleyrc.com

[HAGLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL]

www.stnicholasowen-mac.org.uk

[ST NICHOLAS OWEN MULTI ACADEMY COMPANY - SNOMAC]

PRAYER SUPPORT ONLINE –

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

<https://www.sacredspace.ie>

<https://jesuitprayer.org>

<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**

THE LORD WILL BLESS HIS PEOPLE WITH PEACE

"A HAPPY, BLESSED AND HOLY CHRISTMAS TIME SEASON TO YOU ALL"

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU AND ALL YOUR FAMILIES

PASTORAL LETTER OF THE MOST REVEREND BERNARD LONGLEY - ARCHBISHOP OF BIRMINGHAM

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, 28/29 DECEMBER 2019

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, The angel of the Lord appeared in a dream...so Joseph got up and went.

As we continue to celebrate with joy the birth of our Saviour, in these days following Christmas, our attention turns to the Holy Family. It was part of God's plan from all eternity that the unbegotten Son of the eternal Father should be born the son of Mary. It was central to God's plan that Jesus should be brought up under the watchful eye of two loving parents, Our Lady and St Joseph.

At this time of the year, when families gather together, it is good to recall that Our Lord knew family life intimately. The God who is love first experienced human love in the womb of his mother and, at his birth, in the embrace of his parents. This holy child, who would carry the burdens of the world in the shape of the cross, was carried in the arms of Mary and Joseph – just as every baby needs to be held and cherished.

St Matthew's Gospel reminds us that life was far from straightforward for the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. After the long journey to Bethlehem and their struggle for accommodation they had to pass through dangers and uncertainty before they could return to Nazareth. Jesus experienced all of this as a child – the hurried journeys as refugees to find a place of safety for a while.

In all of this, St Joseph played a pivotal role. He was confronted with difficulties and challenges as well as the need to make a decision for the good of the whole family. We are told that on two occasions he dreamt that God's messenger spoke to him – once to warn him of the danger ahead and a second time to reassure him that the danger had passed.

Joseph listened to the angel's message, just as Our Lady had listened at the annunciation, and he believed. He translated his belief into action: The angel of the Lord appeared in a dream...so Joseph got up and went. On two occasions, for the good of his family, he listened and he immediately responded to the prompting of God.

As we reach the end of another year it can be helpful to pause and look back over the decisions that we made in 2019, as individuals or as families, and at their outcomes. Did we try to pray about them, perhaps reflecting on the messages that come to us from within the Scriptures or from the advice of those we trust? Did our decisions produce good results for ourselves or those for whom we are responsible? We can learn from these experiences, just as St Joseph must have learnt from the decisions he needed to take.

As we look ahead to a new year we can make it our resolution to bring all our decisions to prayer and to reflect on them through the Scriptures. This is the Year of the Word which we are celebrating under the title The God Who Speaks. The story of St Joseph is a powerful illustration of God's desire to speak his love and truth into our lives, if only we will listen.

On this Feast of the Holy Family - and as we try to respond to the God who speaks to us in his incarnate Son, Jesus – I want to share with you this helpful insight from our diocesan co-ordinator for Marriage and Family Life. It encourages us to be as kind and gentle as St Joseph when we are making decisions – advice which I will do my best to follow this coming year:

Today's readings challenge us to listen sensitively to each other; to be prepared to let go of our own desires and to be deeply aware of each other's thoughts and feelings as we make decisions together. For this we need to ask the Holy Spirit to open our hearts to the gifts of compassion and understanding, courage and hopefulness.

We pray for all the families of the Archdiocese today – and for ourselves as a diocesan family, faced with challenges and opportunities in the year ahead, but confident that, if we listen to the God who speaks, our decisions can bring us his joy and his peace.

May the Holy Family of Nazareth help us all this New Year. With my prayers for you and kindest wishes this Christmastide

Yours devotedly in Christ

✠Bernard Longley Archbishop of Birmingham

Given at Birmingham on the 20 December 2019 and appointed to be read in all Churches and Chapels of the Archdiocese on the Feast of the Holy Family, 28/29 December 2019.