

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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PARISH - NEWSLETTER/BULLETIN/NEWSPAPER!!!!

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

It is not how troubled the sea is
 that determines the course of
 - your life; it is who the Pilot is.

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

EMPATHY
 IS YOUR
 PAIN IN MY
 HEART.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 18TH/19TH JANUARY 2020 YEAR A
"A Judaeo - Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition"

DATE	JANUARY 2020	TIME	MASS INTENTION	FEAST
Saturday	18TH	5-00PM	SPECIAL INTENTION	
Sunday	19TH	8-30AM	PAULINE MULLAN RIP	
		10-30AM	Deacon Peter Mason RIP / Terry Devenney RIP	SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
Monday	20TH	8-45AM	MORNING PRAYER	
		9-00AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH / SPECIAL INTENTION [JT]	ST FABIAN/ST SEBASTIAN
Tuesday	21ST	9-30AM	Fr Frank Rice RIP	HAGLEY SCHOOL YEAR 12/13
		12-30PM	Freda May RIP	ST AGNES
Wednesday	22ND	9-15AM	Thanksgiving	HAGLEY SCHOOL YEAR 8
Thursday	23RD	9-15AM	HAGLEY SCHOOL YEAR 11	ST NICHOLAS OWEN - MARTYR
		11-00AM	Bishop Brian Noble RIP	HAGLEY SCHOOL YEAR 9
		1-15PM	Bishop Daniel Mullins RIP	HAGLEY SCHOOL YEAR 10
Friday	24TH	9-15AM	Canon Edward Edmund RIP	HAGLEY SCHOOL YEAR 7
		3-00PM	SUSAN MORRISSEY RIP	FUNERAL MASS
Saturday	25TH	9-30AM	ADORATION	THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL
		10-00AM	Fr Peter Kelly RIP	
		10-30AM	CONFESSIONS	
		4-30PM	CONFESSIONS	
		5-00PM	Thanksgiving	
Sunday	26TH	8-30AM	GAYLE FRIEL RIP	THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
		10-30AM	SPECIAL INTENTION [C+C]	CONFIRMATION YEAR 6
		1-00PM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	

SERVED by and Contact Details:

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CHAPLAIN HAGLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL *E-mail* des56@hotmail.com
OUR DEACON RUSSELLS HALL RC CHAPLAIN *Rev Mr. Tom Tranter* 01384 395308

OUR PARISH SECRETARY *Mrs. Sarah Price* 01384 395308
OUR PARISH GIFT AID ORGANISER *Mrs. Sarah Price* 01384 395308
PARISH CENTRE – INFORMATION AND BOOKINGS – *Mrs. Sarah Price* 01384 395308

PARISH OFFICE HOURS [SCHOOL TERM TIME ONLY] *E-mail* olasoffice@talktalk.net
MONDAY/THURSDAY/FRIDAY 9-30AM – 12-30PM *TUESDAY* 1-00PM – 3-00PM
WEDNESDAY - CLOSED

If keys or documents are to be collected, please arrange when the Parish Office is open - or do call to make an appointment.

ST NICHOLAS OWEN MUTI ACADEMY COMPANY/CSEL *Mrs. Suzanne Horan M Ed BA*
HAGLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL/ PRINCIPAL *Mr. James Hodgson B Ed [HONS]* 01562 883193
ST JOSEPH'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL/ PRINCIPAL *Mr. Andrew Carry BA* 01384 818325

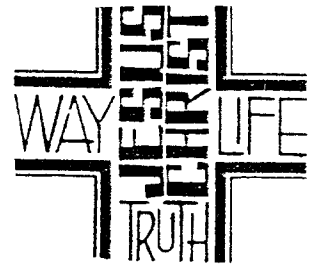
OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES *Mrs. Jill Harris/Mrs. Kathryn Sargent* 01384 395308

OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS TODDLERS GROUP *Tuesday Morning* 10-00AM – 12-00NOON
Have a WONDERFUL Week - Filled with Faith + Joy, Love + Peace Do Take Great Care *Fr Des*
18/01/2020 23-45PM *THANKYOU/VIELEN DANK /GRACIAS/ GRAZIE/ MERCI/ OBRIGADO*
THE PARISH IS PART OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM - REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 234216

The God Who Speaks - THE WORD - Jesus!

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!

OLAS PARISH COLLECTIONS	JANUARY – JUNE 2020
25/26 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



WEEKEND	18TH/19TH JANUARY 2020	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READERS	BELL RINGERS
5-00PM	Mary Lomax, Emily Higgins, Cathy Hounsell, Sarah Price, Tom Price		John Trinham	Robert
8-30AM	Nick Chater, Rosie Marshall, Matthew Perkins		Rose Whyman	Perkins
Family				
10-30AM	Julia Dymock, Stuart Tibbetts, Bernard Cartwright, Anne Tudor		Amar Etsibah	Barbara Alcock
COFFEE ROTA	The Keay Family		ALTAR LINEN	Ann Love

WEEK COMMENCING 20TH JANUARY 2020
GIFT AID COUNTERS Silvia Abdullah and Shella Lloyd
NON GIFT AID COUNTERS Ann Love and John Polychronakis
CHURCH CLEANING TEAM 3 Paulette and Paul Doran, Jacquie Biel, Kynan Fitzgerald and Pat Haglington

WEEKEND	25TH/26TH JANUARY 2020	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READERS	BELL RINGERS
5-00PM	Jo Mccole, Sarah Price, Dom Toni, Luke Morris, Elizabeth Fryer		Ian Oakes	Jim
Spencer				
8-30AM	Angela Fletcher, Helena Pearson, Tony Trafford		Rosie	Marshall
	Angela Marsh			
10-30AM	Robert Morley, Anna Morley, Judith Piper, Alice Grennan		Margaret	Pakes
	Tony Jones			
COFFEE ROTA	The Bakers and the Finns		ALTAR LINEN	Claire Latham

WEEK COMMENCING 27TH JANUARY 2019
GIFT AID Kevin Hartley and David O'Brien
NON GIFT AID Anne Tudor and Mervyn Lodge
CHURCH CLEANING TEAM 4 Josephine Etsibah, Brenda and David Cook, Mercy Wood, Elizabeth Fryer.

ENROLEMENT ON THE FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Sunday 08TH February 2020 at 10-30AM Mass.

If you child/children are in the current year 3 class or above (but not at St Joseph's), please complete the Archdiocese of Birmingham Registration Form which can be found in the porch by Sunday 25TH January 2020. Please provide a copy of your child/children's baptismal certificate.

WE NEED TO MAKE MORE USE OF OUR PARISH CENTRE -

We have one idea below but if you have any other ideas or clubs you would like to run - please speak to Fr Des or email Sarah in the Parish Office.

KNIT AND NATTER GROUP:

We would like to set up a group to bring together all the people who knit or crochet in the parish over a cup of tea/coffee.

It would be run initially once a month on a Thursday morning in the Parish Centre.

Tea/Coffee and biscuits would be provided. We just need you to come along with your knitting or crochet.

Please sign the sheet in the porch if you would like to join this proposed new group.

GIFT AID £536-50 **NON GIFT AID £903-03**

THE CRIB OFFERNINGS OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD FOR INTERNATIONAL PRISONERS - £239-02

The Retiring Collection this weekend will be for the work of the **STREET PASTORS IN STOURBRIDGE**.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School currently have vacancies in year 1, Year 5 and Year 6 (one vacancy in each year group). If any families are interested please contact the school office to arrange a visit on 01384 818325.

PRINCIPAL VACANCY - ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY ACADEMY AND NURSERY - WOLVERHAMPTON
HEADTEACHER VACANCY - ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - BIRMINGHAM.

Please see the adverts at the back of Church for further details.

ALL SAINTS YOUTH GROUP – Thursday 23 January 6-30PM – 8-00PM in the Parish Centre. At our last session we talked about reconnecting with people and we learned how the RLNI volunteers connect with people through volunteering. We even made boats, we hope you spotted them in the Parish Centre. Come along and join us to see what we will be doing this week. Everyone is welcome from year 5 -9. It only costs £1!

If you would like any further information please speak to Youth Leaders – Kathryn Keay/Cathy Clement/Sarah Price/ Marie Elcock.

If God is for us - who can be against us? Rom 8:31.

Very often a change of self is needed more than a change of scene.

you aren't fired with enthusiasm. you will be fired with enthusiasm.

BLACK COUNTRY

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

2019-20 YEAR of the WORD: The God who Speaks

The year-long celebration will serve to commemorate two important anniversaries of Scripture's role in the life of the Church. First, 2020 marks the tenth anniversary of Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation, *Verbum Domini*. The year will also mark the 1600th anniversary of the death of St Jerome.

Verbum Domini builds upon the teachings of *Dei Verbum*, the Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation. Benedict's exhortation has also changed the context of biblical exegesis. It ended more than 60 years of fixation on the historicity of the Bible.

Benedict XVI's three books on the life of Christ were written partly with the purpose of combating this. His first volume hailed the new movement towards "canonical exegesis". This involves reading individual texts within the totality of Scripture. It helps to restore the notion of the Bible as a holy book inspired by God, one which can be understood only through the eyes of faith. The same is true of the person of Christ. According to Rudolf Schnackenburg, quoted by Benedict, "without anchoring in God, the person of Jesus remains shadowy, unreal and unexplainable". Though Benedict's magnificent biographies of Christ were not magisterial works, *Verbum Domini* is not only authoritative but also, in the words of one English bishop, a "fantastic teaching document" because of its rich theology of revelation and insights from the Church Fathers and great medieval scholar saints. By drawing on such teachings, the Year of the Word will be an opportunity for Catholic parishes to be transformed by Scripture, to rekindle their enthusiasm for the Bible and their faith and, ultimately, to know better and draw closer to Christ. Because the Word – to quote *Verbum Domini* – "sheds light on human existence and stirs our conscience to take a deeper look at our lives", it may also prepare the faithful for evangelisation and help to create the "missionary parishes" recommended by Pope Francis.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF OUR PARISH – DURING JANUARY

Paul Vincent Tompkins	01 January 2016	May Sheeran	29 January 2016		
Thomas Kubinski	11 January 2017	Dennis Barker	27 January 2017		
Bernadine Mary Hartland	4 January 2018	Sheila Dunn	14 January 2018	Anthony Caveney	19 January 2018

WEEK OF CHRISTIAN UNITY 19-25 JANUARY 2020.

The theme for this year's Week of Prayer is *Unusual Kindness* and has been prepared by the church in Malta and Gozo. Shared prayer times in Stourbridge are as follows:

Sunday, 19 January: our shared service is at Chawn Hill Church. Drinks will be served from 6.00 p.m. with service beginning at 6.30 p.m.

Monday, 20 January: "SILENCE IN THE TOWN" - Come to the Quaker Meeting House in Scotts Road for a time of silent contemplation, arriving any time between 1pm and 2.30. You can be still and peaceful in our historic Meeting Room for as long or short as you like – from a few minutes to an hour or more. Hot drinks and conversation are provided in the outer room. We plan to finish at 2.45pm.

Thursday, 23 January: Oasis prayer time at New Road Methodist Church 9.45-10.15 a.m. Stay on for our regular coffee morning.

Friday, 24 January: Prayer time at the Life Centre (above Café 105) 2.30-3.30 p.m.

Saturday, 25 January: Prayer breakfast at Hope Baptist Church 9.00-10.30 a.m.

Resources can be found at: <https://ctbi.org.uk/resources-for-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2020/>

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 RIP	[ST CHAD'S CATHEDRAL 22/01/2020 12 NOON],
SUSAN MORRISSEY RIP	[24/01/2020 3-00PM], RIP –
ALAN JONES RIP	[27/01/2020 12 NOON],
JOHN MESSIANIE RIP	[29/01/2020 3-00PM],
FR BRIAN DOOLAN RIP	[ST CHAD'S CATHEDRAL 04/02/2020 12 NOON],
TIM HERNAN RIP	[07/02/2020 11AM],
MARGARET LITTLEWOOD RIP	[ST TERESA'S WOLVERHAMPTON 13/02/2020]

HAPPINESS
IS SERVING
OTHERS

FUNERAL MASSES ALREADY CELEBRATED -

FR JOHN ELLIS, FR JOHN DEWIS, SISTER SABINA, JOAN TOMPKINSON, MARGARET WIECKOWSKI, TRACEY COLLINS, RENNE HOMER, MARGARET SIMMONS, MAY DELANEY, RIP
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.

He has the film of my whole life in view, not just the snapshot of my present situation.

No one ever became thoroughly bad all at once.

"Ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country."
John F. Kennedy.

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>

A small boy was carrying his little brother up a steep hill. Moved by the sight of the boy obviously struggling under the weight of his burden, a passer-by called out - 'Isn't that a very heavy load you are carrying?' 'No,' the boy replied, 'He ain't heavy - he's my brother!'

The next Ignatian Prayer Meeting will take place on Wednesday 5 February in the ASSISI ROOM of the Parish Hall. The scripture we will be praying with is Matthew 5 v13-16 (Salt of the earth and light of the world). The meeting will start promptly at 7pm and we aim to be finished by 8.15 pm. 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 there are information leaflets on the table at the back of the church or please speak to Sue McDermott (07450656757/suemcderm@aol.com) or Alice Grennan (07845706362/alice.grennan@googlemail.com).

SENIOR LUNCHEON CLUB – Thank you to Pam Perry, Margaret Glynn and team for all their hard work organising, shopping, cooking and serving the lunch last Wednesday. It was very much enjoyed by all those who attended. The next lunch will be held on Wednesday 19 February 2020.

CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

Could you spare some time to volunteer with CAFOD and help young people learn about global poverty, and motivate them to take action? We are looking for volunteers in the Dudley area to visit Catholic schools and Parish Groups. For further information please contact Joanne O'Meara at CAFOD Walsall on 01922 722944 or email birmingham@cafod.org.uk

MESSAGES OF THANKS FROM VISITORS TO OUR PARISH OVER CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR

Dear Fr Des

A quick email to thank you and the parishioners of OLAS for the lovely Christmas Eve Family Mass we attended on our recent visit to the West Midlands. It was so good to see a packed church with so many children and their families all buzzing with expectation and excitement. We particularly appreciated the welcome we received and the way in which you introduced the liturgy and proceedings. We only rarely hear the children's proper of the Mass but your use of it on that occasion was just right. Oh that we would use it more often! The parish newsletter gave a wonderful insight into the parish and all that the parishioners are doing to spread the Good News and to help the less fortunate in Stourbridge. We pray that these good works bear much fruit. We look forward to our next visit.
With every grace and blessing to you and OLAS in 2020.

Dear Father Des

I attended 10-30AM Mass yesterday and thanked you for being so inspiring on the way out - I just wanted to reiterate that message. I am a former parishioner, I left Stourbridge almost twenty three years ago. Thank you for providing a warm welcoming environment for visitors and for people in the parish. I love the newsletter full of gems and uplifting messages to keep you going through the week! Thanks again,
Happy New Year and God Bless.

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

It is better to begin in the evening than not at all.

"It is with the heart that one sees rightly - what is essential is invisible to the eye."
The Little Prince - Antoine de St Exupery.