

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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LIVE **WEBCAM** –
www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-all-saints

PARISH - NEWSLETTER/BULLETIN/NEWSPAPER!!!!

Our Lady and All Saints Catholic Church

13 New Road

STOURBRIDGE

**West Midlands
DY8 1PQ**

You can learn little from victory. You can learn everything from defeat.

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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE SEASON OF LENT 21ST/22ND MARCH 2020 YEAR A
"A Judaeo - Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition"

DATE	MARCH	TIME	MASS INTENTION	FEAST
Sunday	MARCH 22ND	8-30AM 10-30AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH Catherine Devenney RIP / HAGLEY SCHOOL TEACHER AND PUPILS RIP	
MOTHER'S DAY				
MONDAY	23RD	9-00AM	ESTHER SHARP RIP	FUNERAL MASS Reception SUNDAY 5-00PM
Tuesday	24TH	9-00AM	Anne + Cliff Preston RIP	
Wednesday	25TH	9-00AM	Fr Michael Boyle OSM RIP	THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION
THURSDAY	26TH	9-00AM	KAY KARPIC RIP	FUNERAL MASS Reception WEDNESDAY 4-00PM
Friday	27TH	9-00AM	Intentions Clare Merriman	
Saturday	28TH	10-00AM 5-00PM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH Kevin, Arthur, Frances and Dennis Barker RIP	
Sunday	29TH	8-30AM 10-30AM	Patrick + Joan Coyne RIP Deceased Sargent Family RIP / Minnie + Bill Jones RIP	

SERVED by and Contact Details:

OUR PRIEST DEAN OF DUDLEY DEANERY
CHAPLAIN HAGLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
E-mail des56@hotmail.com
Fr Desmond Devenney 01384 395308 [24HOURS]
RUSSELLS HALL HOSPITAL RC CHAPLAIN
Rev Mr. Thomas Tranter 01384 395308

**OUR PARISH SECRETARY/OUR PARISH GIFT AID ORGANISER/
 PARISH CENTRE – INFORMATION AND BOOKINGS**
Mrs. Sarah Price 01384 395308
PARISH OFFICE HOURS [SCHOOL TERM TIME ONLY]
E-mail olasoffice@talktalk.net
MONDAY/TUESDAY/THURSDAY/FRIDAY 11-00AM – 1-30PM
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].

The most difficult thing in the world is to know how to do a thing and to watch someone else doing it wrong, without commenting.

On Mother's Day, we remember -

**CHARLOTTE Blich/RUTH CLARK/ELEANOR
 FRY/FIONA COOK/ JAMES HICKMAN/CLAIRE
 FITZGERALD/ ADELE HOWELL/LOUISE GUNN/
 ANNA MANSELL/NICOLA MISIOLEK/KATIE
 MURRAY/CHARLENE O'DOWD/RICHARD PAGETT
 – **MAY THEY ALL REST IN PEACE, AMEN****

ST NICHOLAS OWEN MULTI ACADEMY COMPANY/CSEL
Mrs. Suzanne Horan M Ed BA
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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 21/03/2020 23-45PM

**THANKYOU/VIelen DANK /GRACIAS/ GRAZIE/ MERCI/
 OBRIGADO**

**THE PARISH IS PART OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
 – REGISTERED CHARITY NO.**

Days are scrolls; write on them what you want to be remembered.

– Man must not allow the clock and the calendar to blind him to the fact that each moment of your life is a miracle and a mystery.

MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK - With the uncertainty and disruption over the past week, thank you so much to all the people who have continued to donate to help provide for those who are in crisis. As the Corona Virus concern is becoming more widespread, we are making every effort to keep our service-users and staff safe across our 23 Centres. We are working hard and will continue to provide our services where possible. Many of our Foodbank volunteers fall into the "at risk or vulnerable categories", therefore several of our Foodbanks have made the choice to close during this difficult time. The remaining twenty are still open at present and we are keeping a watchful eye on all our outlets day-by-day. If we are

FOOD SHORTAGES **TINNED FRUIT, SMALL JARS COFFEE, TINNED POTATOES / INSTANT MASH, 1L CARTONS UHT MILK, FRUIT JUICE (1L cartons), JAM / MARMALADE, VEG READY MEALS, COOKING SAUCES (jars), TINNED MEAT & FISH, RICE PUDDING / CUSTARD.**

informed of any changes, we will communicate the latest news on our website as soon as possible. Please check centre details before visiting or referring clients. Details can be found at: www.blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk/locations. With all the panic buying we are seeing in the news, we have seen a slight drop in donations. Please help and continue to donate where possible. If you are struggling to get out and require a **DONATION COLLECTION**, please email or call us to arrange on: admin@blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk or 01384 671250.

NON-FOOD SHORTAGES **TOILET ROLLS, SHOWER GEL / SOAP, DEODORANT, CAN OPENERS, TOOTHPASTE, SINGLE TOOTHBRUSHES, WASHING-UP LIQUID, SHAMPOO, FLANNELS / SPONGES**

We remember all those who have died recently – ESTHER SHARP, JOE STEVENS, ANNA DUDLEY, KAY KARPIC, CANON PETER TAYLOR, and FR BOB WRIGHT, 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

*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 – 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 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*

*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 to serve our Lord and one another.
Do please consider volunteering by participating wherever
you feel you can help and serve.*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR PARISH
DURING THE SEASON OF LENT**
*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, forever and ever. Amen.*

The Season of Lent
Speak to someone about the Faith – Pray Fast Give to the Poor – Read the Scriptures every day – Help a neighbour - Don't wait to be asked – Wear a symbol of Christianity – Support the Parish Activities- Go to Mass, Holy Hour, Stations of the Cross – Pray the Rosary – Pray together as a Family - [6-00PM!!!] - Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation

PRAYER FOR THOSE SUFFERING WITH DEMENTIA
*Loving Father, you are close to the broken-hearted. Look with compassion on those whose lost memories have robbed them of home and belonging.
Comfort and strengthen those who care for them. May they make their home in you.
This prayer we ask through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

!!!!HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!!

Each week end Mass is offered for the People of the Parish – this includes all your Intentions.

A well-spent day brings happy sleep.

LEONARDO DA VINCI (1452-1519)
Artist, architect, and engineer

THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID19) [ABRIDGED]

So many aspects of our lives must change. This includes the ways in which we publicly express our faith. In order to keep each other safe, save lives and support the NHS we must not gather for public acts of worship in our churches.

We can make an act of spiritual communion by following the live streaming of Mass where possible. These are the ways in which we will sanctify Sunday, and indeed every day. The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is removed. This pandemic is the 'serious reason'

SEE WEBSITE www.cbcew.org.uk

A request has been made to exercise prudent pastoral judgement in respect of these guidelines. They are a necessary and proportional temporary response.

Care of Priests - Those who are over 70 must at this time not to make themselves vulnerable to any risk.

From Friday 20TH March the Celebration of Mass will not be public in any setting. Priests will celebrate Mass but the Church will remain closed to the public.

Our Church will be open between the hours of 10-00AM – 4-00PM Monday - Friday for the opportunity for private prayer. Please remember to follow the guidelines of hygiene and social distancing.

OTHER POINTS –

MASS will be live streamed - the link can be found on our website www.olas.org.uk

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion has been postponed.

Confirmations have been deferred

Marriage can only take place with immediate family.

Anointing of the Sick - There will be no pastoral visits but phone support can be offered.

Funerals – a Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated for the deceased once this crisis is over.

Sarah Price our Parish Secretary will be available between the hours of 11-00AM - 1-30PM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Please do not visit the Parish Office. Any communication must be made either by phone 01384 395308 or email olasoffice@talktalk.net If the situation changes the parish office will close.

We would like to thank all of our volunteers for their continued support and prayers. You are all a very valued member of our Church community.

COUNTERS AND BANKERS - As there are no collections being held the counters or bankers do not need to come to the presbytery on a Monday morning.

CHURCH CLEANERS - If you are happy to still clean and are not in an at risk category you may continue to clean the church. However please remember to continue social distancing.

VACANCY FOR VICE PRINCIPAL, SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL KIDDERMINSTER –

Required for May 2020 or Autumn 2020

Salary Range L8 –L12.

Visits to the school are welcomed most warmly, please contact Kate Fish at the school :

scf@st-ambrose.worcs.sch.uk or on 01562 823568

A full application pack is available from Lucy Meadows – PA to the Catholic Senior Executive Leader by email : patocsel@stnicholas-mac.org.uk or 01562 549460 and also on the St Nicholas Owen Catholic Multi Academy website (www.stnicholasowen-mac.org.uk)

Closing date for applications: Monday 20TH April at 12Noon.

Date for interviews: Monday 04TH May 2020.

For Your Newsletter:

*Seeing your Life through the
Lens of the Gospel*

John 9:1-41

A long story like the one we have today provides many different points of entry for prayer. Read the story and stay with what resonates with you. Some possible points of entry are:

1. The blind man was healed. Can you recall occasions when some blindness of yours was taken away and you could see in a new way? What was that experience like for you.
2. The Pharisees claimed to be the ones who could see, who knew where God was to be found, when in fact they were blind. It was the man born blind who showed himself open to seeing the hand of God at work in what happened. There can be some of each attitude in us. What has helped you to be open to seeing the hand of God at work in your life? Who have been the Jesus people who have led you to this point?
3. There are many characters in the story: Jesus, the blind beggar, the disciples, the neighbours, the blind man's parents, and the Pharisees. Put yourself in the position of each one and see what you learn from identifying with them.

John Byrne OSA
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*The difference
that made
the difference*

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A

As we approach the great experience of Easter-Time, we reflect on our own blindness and hardness of heart. As we give thanks to God for the gift of light, the gift of sight, in our lives, we pray for the Church and the world that Christ's light may shine in all hearts.

1. We pray for the Church throughout the world – for all those who have been anointed in the name of Christ that goodness and kindness shall follow them all the days of their life.
2. We remember the physically blind and all who help them – may we support them in every way and be thankful to them for their example of courage and determination.
3. We pray for those who live in the darkness of sin and who cannot see the light – we pray that the Lord will give them a new heart to discover his way of life and joy.
4. We pray for those who are afflicted by doubt and by anxiety – may they see God's light in Jesus and learn to walk humbly with faith in him.
5. We pray for this community here – called and chosen to worship and to pray. May the Lord send his Holy Spirit into our hearts so that we may follow him more faithfully each day.
6. We pray on this day for all Mothers. May they be blessed for their care – rewarded for their love – inspired in their faith. We thank God for all their goodness – may we never take their presence for granted.
7. Mary is the Mother of the Lord – the mother of God's family on earth. We ask her prayers – Hail Mary
8. We take a moment to pray for those deceased recently – we remember especially members of our family and all our friends.

God our Father, you sent your Son among us to share our sorrows, to heal our weaknesses, to forgive us our failings. Grant us grace and wisdom to follow the path of hope. During this season of Lent, we have looked at our lives. We have promised that we will change. Fill our hearts with your Good News so that we may live and walk as children of the light. We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you, the Father, and the Holy Spirit, one God, our God, forever and ever. Amen.

A special Lenten fast

- Give up harsh words: use generous ones.
- Give up unhappiness: take up gratitude.
- Give up anger: take up gentleness and patience.
- Give up pessimism: take up hope and optimism.
- Give up worrying: take up trust in God.
- Give up complaining: value what you have.
- Give up stress: take up prayer.
- Give up judging others: discover Jesus within them.
- Give up sorrow and bitterness: fill your heart with joy.
- Give up selfishness: take up compassion for others.
- Give up being unforgiving: learn reconciliation.

MATURITY

A lot of growing up takes place between "It fell" and "I dropped it."

Everyone wants to be appreciated, so if you appreciate someone, don't keep it a secret.

MARY KAY ASH
Founder, Mary Kay Cosmetics

You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (1929-1968)
Civil rights leader