

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

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Our Lady and All Saints Catholic Church

13 New Road

STOURBRIDGE

West Midlands

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GO IN PEACE

telling the Good News

sharing in the Breaking of the Bread

enriching the Community

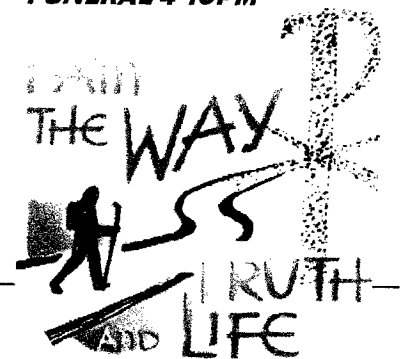
through our talents, treasure and time:

transforming the Community

by prayer and by action.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 25TH/26TH APRIL 2020 YEAR A
"A Judaeo - Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition"

DATE	APRIL	TIME	MASS INTENTION	FEAST
<i>Saturday</i>	25TH	5-00PM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	
<i>Sunday</i>	26TH	8-30AM	SPECIAL INTENTION	
		10-30AM	INTENTIONS PARISH SVP GROUP	
<i>Monday</i>	27TH	9-00AM	MARY MCGRATH RIP	
<i>Tuesday</i>	28TH	9-00AM	JACQUELINE GARLAND RIP	FUNERAL 4-10PM
<i>Wednesday</i>	29TH	9-00AM	FR TONY QUINN RIP	
<i>Thursday</i>	30TH	9-00AM	INTENTIONS MAUREEN DEVENNEY	
<i>Friday</i>	01ST	9-00AM	DANIEL ROLLINS RIP	
<i>Saturday</i>	02ND	10-00AM	THANKSGIVING	
		5-00PM	BISHOP LEO McCARTIE RIP	
<i>Sunday</i>	03RD	8-30AM	JACQUELINE WOOD RIP	
		10-30AM	MADELEINE McCANN	



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[24HOURS]

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MONDAY/TUESDAY/THURSDAY/FRIDAY 11-00AM

– 1-30PM WEDNESDAY – CLOSED

**Have a WONDERFUL Week - Filled with Faith + Joy,
Love + Peace**

Do Take Great Care Fr Des 25/04/2020 23-45PM

THANKYOU/VIELEN DANK /GRACIAS/ GRAZIE/

MERCI/ OBRIGADO

**THE PARISH IS PART OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF
BIRMINGHAM – REGISTERED CHARITY NO 234216**

We remember all those who have died recently –

CATH HAMILL, JULIA MURPHY, JIM + JUNE

CUNNANE, UNA McCOY, PHILIP MORDY, MARY

**McGRATH, PHYLLIS QUINN, VIV CLARKE, FR TONY
QUINN, LAURENZINA FERNANDEZ, EILEEN LEE,
JOSEPHINE ANISIJOBI, JACQUELINE GARLAND,
GARY FLATMAN, JULIO LEONAL PARRA
BELTRAN, POZSONYI MIHALY, FR TIM BURKE, FR
ANDY KENNY, BISHOP LEO McCARTIE, and FR
BOB WRIGHT, RIP And all those who have died
because of violence, terrorism, tragedy and the
Corona Virus – 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 –

PRAYER SUPPORT ONLINE

<https://www.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.

Thank you so much for your continued support of the foodbank during this very difficult times:

FOOD SHORTAGES

TINNED

SPAGHETTI, LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE (1L cartons), BREAKFAST CEREALS, COOKING SAUCES (jars), TINNED POTATOES / INSTANT MASH PACKETS, JAM / MARMALADE, TINNED RICE PUDDING, TINNED TOMATOES, TINNED MEAT MEALS, e.g. meatballs, TINNED FRUIT, SMALL JARS INSTANT COFFEE, LONG-LIFE (UHT) MILK 1L CARTONS.

NON-FOOD SHORTAGES

SHAVING

FOAM, DEODORANT, SHAMPOO, TOILET ROLLS, SOAP, HAND-SANITISER, FLANNELS / SPONGES.

May the Lord's Touch Strengthen Us May the Lord's Words Encourage Us May the Lord's Ways Inspire Us

A Prayer in Times of Pandemic –

Almighty and eternal God, our refuge in every danger, to whom we turn in our distress; in faith, we pray, look with compassion on the afflicted, grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners, healing to the sick, peace to the dying, strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders and the courage to reach out to all in love, so that together we may give glory to your holy name. We ask our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you, the Father, and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN.

Lord Jesus, you came to give us life to the full, and each day you fulfill your promise. Help me to accept your will for me today in the people I encounter, the events I experience and in the quiet of my heart at rest in you. May I be filled with gratitude when the day comes to its end.

*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*

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.

Sarah Price our Parish Secretary will be available between the hours of 11-00AM - 1-30PM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Any communication must be made BY email olasoffice@talktalk.net

Stourbridge Community Support Group was started just 3 weeks ago by a small group of people passionate about helping their communities. Within days, the Facebook group gained over 2000 members, and has signed up over 200 volunteers to date.

SCSG are working with Dudley Voluntary Services, Black Country Food Bank, and Churches Together in Stourbridge, to provide a coordinated approach to helping those who are isolated or shielding in our community during this Coronavirus crisis. VOLUNTEERS can do shopping, collect prescriptions, or even provide a friendly phone call for people feeling afraid or lonely. The group have also set up a food parcel distribution centre to complement Joy Moss' food bank, and provide emergency food for those who cannot get to the food bank.

The food bank are struggling for donations due to the lockdown and panic buying, and a fundraiser to bulk buy essential food has already raised almost £4000.

Nearly 200 people have been helped by the group in these short weeks, with more seeking help every day.

If you or someone you know requires assistance please call 01384465375 or 01384812761 for those who are vulnerable.

Join the group on Facebook at bit.ly/SBCOMMUNITYSUPPORT

To donate to the Go Fund Me go to bit.ly/SBDONATE

For volunteer opportunities or more information please contact Emma 07740047733 or Cat 07453789968

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FAMILIAR.
LUKE 24:13-35.

For some unexplained reason, the disciples had difficulty in recognising Jesus after His resurrection. He appeared to them on several occasions and nearly every time they did not know who He was. Mary of Magdala saw Him in the garden outside the empty tomb and thought He was the gardener. Recognition only came when she heard His voice speaking her name. Another time He appeared to His apostles recognition only came when He showed them His wounds.

Today's Gospel tells about two disciples who walked and talked with Jesus for at least an hour, on the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus without their ever suspecting His true identity. This took place in the evening of that first Easter Sunday. Jesus asked them what they were discussing and why they looked so downcast. They poured out their story of Jesus - how He had brought hope into their lives, and now that hope had been shattered by His crucifixion. A rumour was circulating that He had risen from the dead, they couldn't believe it.

Jesus listened patiently to their story and then began to quote from Scripture. He showed them that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and die. While He talked, the miles slipped by and they arrived at their destination. The day was far spent, and it was time for the evening meal. They begged their Companion to stay with them and He graciously accepted. As they reclined at the table, Jesus took some bread, said the blessing, broke it and shared it with them. Suddenly, and only then, they recognised Him. Perhaps they saw the marks of the nails in His hands or the familiar way in which He broke the bread. As soon as they recognised Him He vanished.

This story is sealed in the memory of the Church, because it indicates the two primary ways that Christ makes Himself known to His disciples. One is through Scripture, and the other is through the Eucharist. But what strikes me is the simplicity and the familiarity of the entire event. How often there is the tendency to look for Jesus in the spectacular and unusual. We have never seen Him, but we are quite certain that if we ever did, it would never be in a place so familiar as our own dinner table.

Familiar things, places and people play a vital role in our lives. In hours of despair or when their heart is breaking, what people have needed most is something or someone familiar. They will go to a familiar place or turn to a trusted friend. They may open an old photograph album, and thumb through it slowly, pausing occasionally to wipe away a tear. In funeral services people want the familiar hymns and Scripture readings. When a child is going to bed at night and feels a little insecure, what does he want? Probably the oldest and dirtiest toy he owns. He wants to be told the same old story he knows off by heart. There is strength and comfort in the familiar.

This is exactly where these two disciples found themselves. It was one of the darkest days of their lives. Jesus had died, and it was as if the sun had fallen out of the sky. They spoke of hope only in the past tense. 'We had hoped that He was the one.' Jesus was dead and their hopes had died along with Him. The thing that renewed their hopes and turned their lives around was a familiar gesture - the breaking of bread. Suddenly their eyes were opened and recognition flooded in.

He was not a stranger at all. He was their friend Jesus, they had known, loved and trusted.

Jesus clearly understood the importance of the familiar. It is true that He was a blazer of trails, a thinker of new thoughts. He was in the best sense of the word, a progressive, but He recognised the need for stability and permanence. That's why He provided His Church with a few things that would never change, namely the reading of Scripture and the breaking of bread. In other words the Mass. The Mass has stood at the centre of Christian worship from the beginning and will do so to the end. Jesus assured that place of permanence when He said, 'Do This in Memory of Me.' It is in the most familiar and ancient rite of Christian worship that Jesus wishes us to meet Him. On that first Easter Sunday He celebrated the Scriptures and the breaking of bread with two of His disciples. We have been doing that ever since. Like millions of others, we will find Christ in the familiar.

My Dear Friends and Parishioners –

The RESURRECTION is a guarantee that we too shall rise with Christ one day. We praise and thank God for his love and gifts to us, especially the gift of his Son, Jesus. We are called to be a people of joy, a people of hope, a people of love. It is now the Third Sunday of Easter already and soon it will be Pentecost Sunday.

Oldest Summary of Christian Belief - "I Paul handed on to you first of all what I myself received - that Christ died for sins in accordance with the Scriptures - that he was buried, and, in accordance with the Scriptures: rose on the third day - that he was seen by Peter - and then by the twelve."

1 Corinthians 15 3-5

"He saw and he believed" (John 20:9)

FOR ALL OUR TEACHERS – ESPECIALLY IN OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS –

"Lord God of power and might, nothing is good which is against your will, and all is of value which comes from your hand. Place in our hearts a desire to please you and fill our minds with insight into love so that every thought may grow in wisdom and all our efforts may be filled with your peace".

Bless, in a special way, DIVINE TEACHER, all who undertake the vocation and career of a Teacher. AMEN



He said, "I will instruct you... in the way you should go – and watch over you". (Psalm 32:8 NIV). Your job is to trust him with your heart and lean not on your own understanding.

His job is to set your path straight. (Proverbs 3: 5-6).

There's no requirement for you to figure it all out!

Prayers & Blessings

Morning Prayers

Creator God, as this new day dawns, guide my thoughts and actions. Help me to listen attentively to what the events of this day have to teach me. When I encounter challenges, remind me of your constant care and deepen my appreciation of the beauty and goodness around me. Amen.

Terri Mifek

Help me this morning, dear Lord, to welcome all of the joyful happenings that you have seen fit to lay before me this day. May I appreciate the gifts that you will give to me and may I, even if only in some small way, serve as a gift to someone else today. Amen.

Terence Hegarty

O God of Creation, as this year's growing and harvesting seasons stretch out ahead, let me celebrate each minute as a gift. May these seasons remind me of your presence through all growing things, in their beauty and goodness, and in the sustenance they provide to me and to others. Amen.

Phil Fox Rose

I Said a Prayer For You Today

I said a prayer for you today
And know God must have heard -
I felt the answer in my heart
Although He spoke no word
I didn't ask for wealth or fame
(I knew you wouldn't mind) -
I asked Him to send treasures
Of a far more lasting kind
I asked that He'd be near you
At the start of each new day
To grant you health and blessings
And friends to share your way
I asked for happiness for you
In all things great and small -
But it was for His loving care
I prayed the most of all.

In Robert Frost's poem "The Road Not Taken," a man faces a fork in the road and has to choose which way to go. Reflecting on his choice, he says,

Two roads diverged in a wood,
and I,
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the
difference.

Life has many different roads. The road of discipleship is not well traveled today. But those who do follow it find treasures beyond compare: salvation and eternal life. They discover God's unconditional love. And they are moved to love other people as Jesus loves them. This road makes "all the difference" in our lives—simply because Jesus said, "It is finished."

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Stopping the Blaming Game is called forgiveness. That is precisely what forgiveness is: the process of stopping, of ending, the Blaming Game. And it is tough.

We know that God's arithmetic is somewhat odd. When you subtract by giving away, you get more. When you seek to hoard, somehow you lose out.

ARCHBISHOP
DESMOND TUTU, B.1931

Forgiveness requires facing evil squarely. That is not easy by any stretch of the imagination. Real forgiveness is a tough, tough process, but it is an absolutely necessary one for your mental health.

If you have to self-isolate or are quarantined due to the COVID-19 coronavirus, it is unlikely that you will be able to receive the sacraments as normal. In these circumstances, there are devotions through which you can receive absolution for your sins, (under certain conditions), and the consolation of Eucharistic grace.

Act of Perfect Contrition

Through an act of Perfect Contrition, you receive pardon for your sins outside of confession, even mortal sins, on condition that you determine to amend your life and make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as this becomes possible for you. Perfect Contrition is a grace from God, so sincerely ask for this gift "My God, grant me perfect contrition for all my sins". Contrition is 'perfect' if you repent of your sins because you love God and are sorry for offending Him and causing the sufferings of Christ on the cross. Before the Crucified Christ remember your sins, repent of them because they have brought our Lord to His sufferings on the Cross. Promise him, that with His help, you will not sin again. Make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as practically possible.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

'AND PEOPLE STAYED HOME' –

*And people stayed home And read books and listened
And rested and exercised
And made art and played
And learned new ways of being
And stopped And listened deeper
Someone meditated Someone prayed
Someone danced Someone met their shadow
And people began to think differently
And people healed
And in the absence of people who lived in ignorant ways
Dangerous, meaningless and heartless,
Even the earth began to heal
And when the danger ended
And people found each other
Grieved for the dead people
And they made new choices And dreamed of new visions
And created new ways of life
And healed the earth completely
Just as they were healed themselves.*

May
the Easter Message
of God's abiding Love
that conquers even death
fill your heart
with Peace and Joy