

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
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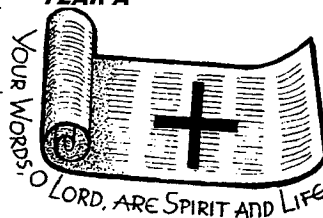
GO IN PEACE

*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.*



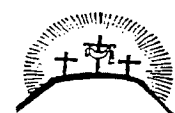
TODAY WE CELEBRATE PALM SUNDAY 04TH/05TH APRIL 2020
"A Judaeo - Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition"

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DATE	MARCH	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Saturday	04TH	5-00PM	RECENTLY DECEASED
PALM SUNDAY	05TH	8-30AM 10-30AM	Intentions of Bishop David McGough Fr Rory McInerney RIP
Monday	06TH	9-00AM	Deceased of the Corona Virus World-Wide
Tuesday	07TH	9-00AM	Those who are Sick with the Corona Virus World -Wide
Wednesday	08TH	9-00AM	Nurses Doctors Carers NHS Workers

<u>MAUNDY THURSDAY</u>	8-00PM	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	
		WATCHING WITH THE LORD UNTIL 10-00PM	[9-45PM / NIGHT PRAYER]
<u>GOOD FRIDAY</u>	9-00AM	MORNING PRAYER	
	3-00PM	GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY	
	7-00PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
<u>HOLY SATURDAY</u>	9-00AM	MORNING PRAYER	
	8-00PM	EASTER VIGIL	
<u>EASTER SUNDAY</u>	8-30AM	PARISH COMMUNITY – LIVING AND DEAD	
	10-30AM	Catherine + Patrick Devenney/Terry Devenney/Frank Mullin RIP	



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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 28/03/2020 23-45PM

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

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THIS WEEK – HOLY WEEK

ROSARY AFTER MASS MON TUE WED

HOLY HOUR 2-00PM MON TUES WED

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7-00PM MON TUES WED

God sent the Spirit of his



LEARN TO KNOW

We remember all those who have died recently – ESTHER SHARP, JO STEVENS, CATH HAMILL, LIZ DURSLEY, ANNA TONER, GILBERT TURNLEY, GEOFFREY UNWIN, JULIA MURPHY, ANNA DUDLEY, KAY KARPIC, CANON PETER TAYLOR, ARCHBISHOP PETER SMITH, ANN MAHON [TONER], JIM + JUNE CUNNANE, 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

PRAYER SUPPORT ONLINE

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

FROM BELFAST -

When you go out and see the empty streets, the empty football fields, the empty GAA pitches - even the empty children's play parks - don't say to yourself it looks like the end of the world. What you are seeing is LOVE IN ACTION.

What you are seeing in these empty spaces is how much we do care for each other - Care for our grandparents, for our parents, our brothers and sisters - for all those with underlying health problems. WE CARE FOR PEOPLE WE WILL NEVER MEET.

People will lose jobs over this - people will lose their businesses - and some will also lose their lives. This is all the more reason to just take a moment when you are out on your walk, on your way to the shops or just watching the news. Look into the emptiness and marvel at all of that LOVE - let it fill you, let it sustain you. It isn't the end of the world. It is the most remarkable global solidarity we may ever witness in our life time. So stay safe, folks. Stay at home. And may God bless you all.

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
MASS WILL BE LIVE STREAMED – THE LINK CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE –
www.olas.org.uk

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

A Message to the Sick

Cheer up, God is with you. You suffer, it is true, but He is near you. Trust in Him as you would trust in your own father. If He has let you suffer, it is because He sees something good in it which today you do not yet know. Your peace of mind is in your "Trust in God" Who can never let you down.



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

My dear FRIENDS, Holy Week begins today. Despite the fact that we cannot physically gather we are invited to keep our eyes and hearts fixed on Jesus. Through our time of prayer and watching the Celebration of the Liturgies via the webcams, we can ask ourselves – do I want to be a SPECTATOR or – or do I want to be FULLY INVOLVED?

PARISHIONERS - we are here to help when you need us. For those of you who are in self-isolation or in one of the vulnerable groups we have volunteers who are willing to help you with shopping or other essential tasks outside the home.

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.

On THE WEEKEND we are live-streaming our daily Mass at 9-00AM: check out - www.olas.org.uk LIVE STREAMING

Service times for Holy Week are shown in the Newsletter.. PRESS THE link.

Services live-streamed from St Chad's Cathedral:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/live-streaming-launches-at-st-chads-cathedral/Archbishop>.

Faith at Home for Families - Holy Week resources /The Way of the Cross for Families at Home

Please see below some useful links for Children's Liturgy and Stations of the Cross to encourage families to stay engaged with their faith at home.

<https://www.catholicfamily.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/The-Way-of-the-Cross-for-Families-atHome.pdf>

Loyola Press has a media resource with an accompanying printable pdf <https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/lent/stations-of-the-cross/multimedia-stations-of-the-cross-for-children>

If you want to listen to services on the radio, On Medium Wave radio - Premier Christian Radio broadcasts on MW 1305, 1332, 1413 and 1566 across Greater London and Surrey. The transmitters are: 1305 from Chingford (north) and Ewell (south), 1413 from Heathrow (west) and Dartford (east), 1332 from Bow (central London) and 1566 from Guildford. On DAB radio - Premier Christian Radio broadcasts nationally on digital radio. Smart speaker - Using your smart speaker, you can listen to Premier Christian Radio by simply saying "...tune into Premier Christian Radio". For example: "Alexa/OK Google, tune into Premier Christian Radio".

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament cannot be celebrated over the telephone or by conference call. A pastoral conversation and reassuring prayer may of course take place by these means. Requests for individual confession are very difficult to meet, given the demands of staying at home, social distancing and church closure. Priests must refuse such requests for these reasons.

The recent Note from the Apostolic Penitentiary on the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the current epidemic, 20th March 2020 states:

Where the individual faithful find themselves in the painful impossibility of receiving sacramental absolution, it should be remembered that perfect contrition, coming from the love of God, beloved above all things, expressed by a sincere request for forgiveness (that which the penitent is at present able to express) and accompanied by votum confessionis, that is, by the firm resolution to have recourse, as soon as possible, to sacramental confession, obtains forgiveness of sins, even mortal ones (cf. CCC, no. 1452).

Please offer this reassurance to those who request Confession.

Further guidance on this Sacrament is given below in the context of Easter Duties.

Dispensation from Easter Duties

In their letter of Dispensation 18th March 2020, the President and the Vice-President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales said "in these emergency circumstances, and for as long as they last, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is removed. This is, without doubt, the teaching of the Church (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2181). This pandemic is the 'serious reason' why this obligation does not apply at this time."

Many of the faithful will be aware of their Easter Duties; that is to receive Holy Communion during the Easter Season and by custom, to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation beforehand. The Code of Canon Law (CIC 920) says each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season unless it is fulfilled for a just cause at another time during the year. The requirement for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation comes from the need to be in a state of grace to receive Holy Communion (CIC 916).

Since it is not possible for the faithful to receive Holy Communion at this time, and into the future, the Bishops of England and Wales have dispensed the Easter Duties for the year 2020.

The Bishops have asked that all should make a Perfect Act of Contrition at this time. Perfect contrition (or a Contrition of Charity) is true and real sorrow for our sins which is created when we realise the immense love of God for each one of us. We express this contrition when we realise how we offend God by our sinful words, deeds and omissions in contrast to the immeasurable love and mercy that He continually shows us.

This requires us to be contrite of heart for what we have done, know and be overwhelmed by the love and mercy of God for His children, and to approach this grace with humility and resolution not to sin again.

An Act of Contrition My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

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 £2000.

Nearly 100 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](https://www.facebook.com/SBCOMMUNITYSUPPORT)

To donate to the Go Fund Me go to [bit.ly/SBDONATE](https://www.gofundme.com/SBDONATE)

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

Morning-time

Morning, a new day, fresh energy, beginning anew. A sense of starting again with others, and most importantly with the Lord...

Time

to give a moment to you, Lord, before I get ready for the day's commitments and chores.

Time to start afresh with you, and with others,

my Lord and my God.

I ask you to bless me

as I take on the challenges

of this new day.

Help me this morning

as I share this moment with you to be positive for the day ahead.

Thank you, Lord,

for your friendship.

Knowing that you help me

guide me in my thoughts, my

words, my actions this day

to be of help to those I meet.

Bless me

at the start of this day

as I spend this little moment

thinking of your love for me.

Lord,

help me to see

the plight of those around me,

the conditions in which people live.

Lord,

help me to hear

the cry of the anguished,

the whisper of the hopeless,

the plea of the forgotten.

Lord,

help me to recognize the stench of

poverty, the odour of illness,

the air of loneliness.

Lord,

help me to realize

why some people have no taste for life,

no palate for living.

Lord,

help me to reach out and touch

these my brothers and sisters with

humility, reverence and love. Amen.

Break-time

There are always tasks to be done first thing, both at work, and at home. And a mid-morning break opportunity to turn for a moment in our busy day to the Lord...

Time

to give a moment to you, Lord, in the midst of the morning's activities.

Time to pause and allow myself to think of you,

my Lord and my God.

I ask you to bless me

as I put my energies into the

rest of the morning.

Help me this break-time

as I share a moment with you to be happy in myself and in my dealings with others.

Thank you, Lord,

for caring about me.

Knowing that you care for me

may I show care

and consideration

to those I meet.

Bless me

this break-time

as I spend this little moment

thinking of your love for me.

Amen.

Lunch-time

Whether lunch be just a piece of fruit or even a full meal, it's an opportunity to turn for a moment in our busy day to the Lord...

Time

to give a moment to you, Lord, at the end of the morning's activities.

Time to pause and allow myself to think of you,

my Lord and my God.

I ask you to bless me

as I recoup my energies

from the morning's activities.

Help me this lunch-time

as I share this moment with you to be upbeat in myself and in my dealings with others.

Thank you, Lord,

for accepting me.

Knowing that you accept me

may I accept others

and show patience

to those I meet.

Bless me

this lunch-time

as I spend this little moment

thinking of your love for me.

Amen.

Tea-time

Tea-time, time to renew energies, time to renew our friendship with the Lord, though just for a moment...

Time

to give a moment to you, Lord, at a break in the afternoon's activities.

Time to pause and allow myself to think of you,

my Lord and my God.

I ask you to bless me

as I gather my energies

for the rest of the day.

Help me this tea-time

as I share this moment with you to be joyful within myself and in regard to others.

Thank you, Lord,

for helping me.

Knowing that you help me

may I see the best

in those I meet

and be of help to them.

Bless me

this tea-time

as I spend this little moment

thinking of your love for me.

Amen.

Dinner-time

me to enjoy a meal, to share wraps with family and friends, catch up on the day's news, or perhaps to venture out...

Time

to give a moment to you, Lord, and to give you thanks for all we receive from your bounty.

me to pause and allow myself to think of you,

my Lord and my God.

I ask you to bless me

as I unwind from the routine

of the day.

Help me this dinner-time

as I share this moment with you to rejoice in your goodness to me and to others.

Thank you, Lord,

for being close to me this day.

Knowing that you are close

may I try to please you

in my thoughts and words

as well as in deeds.

Bless me

this meal-time

as I spend this little moment

thinking of your love for me.

Amen.

Evening-time

Time to wind down, to relax or just enjoy a quiet evening, to finish any chores or tasks. Time to catch up on personal matters...

Time

to give a moment to you, Lord, as I move into the evening and all that the day may still hold.

Time to pause and allow myself to think of you,

my Lord and my God.

I ask you to bless me

as I relax and reflect

on the day.

Help me this evening-time

as I share this moment with you to be peaceful within myself and in regard to others.

Thank you, Lord,

for keeping me safe this day.

Knowing the wonderful gift

of your kindness to me

I ask you to help me to show

kindness to others.

Bless me

this evening-time

as I spend this little moment

thinking of your love for me.

Amen.

Bed-time

Bed-time, end of the day, time those final few minutes when sleep calls and we are still pottering about...

Time

to give a moment to you, Lord, time to thank you before I go to sleep for all your blessings.

Time to pause and allow myself to think of you,

my Lord and my God

and to ask you

to watch over me

and my loved ones this night.

At the close of the day

I ask you to forgive any faults or failings in thought, word or deed.

Thank you, Lord,

for the blessings of this day.

May you bless all my family

all loved ones far away,

and all those I hold dear,

including loved ones departed.

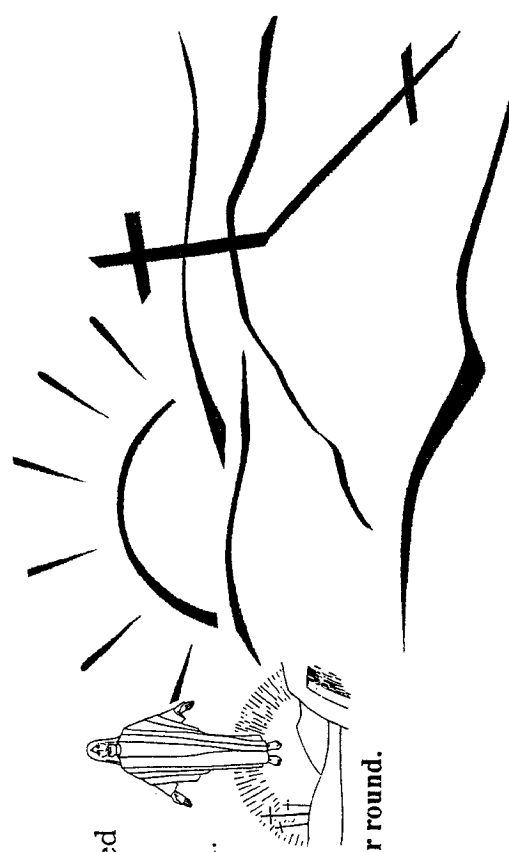
Bless me

to enjoy a good night's sleep

so that I will wake refreshed

and ready for the day ahead.

Amen.



Today we proclaim the impossible. One who walked among us, one who was put to death as a criminal and whose death was witnessed by disciples and strangers; this one has been raised and lives again. Christ is risen. We believe in the impossible. Let us remember our duty as **believers** and pray for the whole world

.... that all Christians who celebrate Christ's resurrection at Easter, may lead lives full of faith, hope and love all year round.