

**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**

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 EASTER SUNDAY 11TH/12TH APRIL 2020 YEAR A
"A Judaeo - Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition"

DATE	MARCH	TIME	MASS INTENTION	FEAST
HOLY SATURDAY		8-00PM	EASTER VIGIL	PARISH COMMUNITY – LIVING AND DEAD
EASTER SUNDAY		8-30AM	Catherine + Patrick Devenney/Terry Devenney/Frank Mullin RIP	
"HE IS RISEN"		10-30AM	Amy + Ted Baker RIP	
Monday	13TH	9-00AM	James McIlwee RIP	
Tuesday	14TH	9-00AM	Hugh McCooey RIP	
Wednesday	15TH	9-00AM	Phillip Mordy RIP	
Thursday	16TH	9-00AM	Intentions April Greenway	
Friday	17TH	9-00AM	Howard Knight RIP	
Saturday	18TH	10-00AM	June + Jim Cunnane RIP	
		5-00PM	John O'Regan RIP	
Sunday	19TH	8-30AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	
		10-30AM	Nancy McManus	

*A Blessed and 2pm!
Healthy Easter
to you All Fr. Des*

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PARISH CENTRE – INFORMATION AND BOOKINGS**
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS [SCHOOL TERM TIME ONLY]
E-mail olasoffice@talktalk.net
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 11/04/2020 23-45PM

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

**We remember all those who have died recently – ESTHER
SHARP, JOE STEVENS, CATH HAMILL, LIZ DURSLEY, ANNA
TONER, GILBERT TUNLEY, GEOFFREY UNWIN, JULIA
MURPHY, ANNA DUDLEY, KAY KARPIK, CANON PETER
TAYLOR, ARCHBISHOP PETER SMITH, ANN MAHON [TONER],
JIM + JUNE CUNNANE, UNA McCOY, PHILIP MORDY, MARY
FLANAGAN, PHYLLIS QUINN 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.**

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

**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.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.

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 SEE NEWSLETTER

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

Parish Collections: During these difficult times the last thing in the world I would want to do would be to place any undue financial burden on you – so that is the first and most important thing. This is not in any way a request or an appeal for money. If however, you would like to continue to donate to the parish, maybe by setting up a standing order with us, then please contact Sarah on olasoffice@talktalk.net regarding bank details. Please remember in order to gift aid you need to be a UK Tax payer. However you can set up a standing order for non gift aid donations too. For further help see <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/pages/FAQs/category/finance-resources>

FOOD SHORTAGES 1L CARTONS UHT MILK, INSTANT HOT CHOCOLATE, TINNED SPAGHETTI, TINNED POTATOES / INSTANT MASH. COOKING SAUCES (jars), TINNED RICE PUDDING, TINNED MEAT, TINNED FISH, TINNED FRUIT, SMALL JARS INSTANT COFFEE, FRUIT JUICE (1L cartons). JAM / MARMALADE

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

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

EASTER

"A Joyful heart is a heart burning with love."

MOTHER TERESA

"He who seeks God has found him already."

GRAHAM GREENE

"How poor are they that have not patience."

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear Lord, help us to care more about the community in which we live. Make us more forgiving of others and tolerant of their ideas and needs.

Teach us to look for the good and be less eager to criticize. Help us to understand that even when life seems hard and unfair, we can grow stronger through our difficulties, and use what we learn to help our neighbours and our friends. AMEN.

[School Mass 23-04-1999!!11]

"Yet, sometime when the sun comes through a gap, these men know God the Father in a tree - the Holy Spirit is the rising sap - and Christ will be the green leaves that will come At Easter from the sealed and guarded tomb."
Patrick Kavanagh

A TRIBUTE - Your life was one of kind deeds - A helping hand for other's needs.

Sincere and true in heart and mind - Lovely memories left behind.

These times are hard, but they will pass.

Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle...

Be safe out there...🙏

Easter is about fresh starts, and new beginnings – full of hope and possibilities. This is especially true for the Catholic Church this Easter as we celebrate under the cloud of the Coronavirus.

Some 1700 years ago St Augustine said: "We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song!"

Yes, we are an Easter people, but that does not mean we deny or turn away from the evils that surround us: the wars that have killed millions of people in the past century; the poverty that grips more than half of the human race; the hunger that kills millions every year and ruins the lives of millions more; the discrimination that divides the human family into contending parties and of course the latest threat, coronavirus, which has killed over a million worldwide and continues to affect our daily lives..

We do not deny these tragedies, these miseries, but we refuse to surrender to their power because of our faith in the Risen Lord. Suffering will be vindicated; death will be overcome; a new life will arise; that is the Easter message.

May we all be touched once more by the joy of the good news that Jesus Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

'Nothing therefore can come between us and the love of Christ. ... For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no principality, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.' - St Paul's Letter to the Romans, 8:35-39

Easter Messages: Cardinal Vincent Nichols: The Archbishop of Westminster is to broadcast a Catholic service across the UK on Easter Day in an unprecedented response to the closure of churches because of the coronavirus. Cardinal Vincent Nichols will be leading a service on all 39 BBC local radio stations on Easter Sunday from 8am.

Archbishop Bernard Longley shares his greetings this Easter season, "a most unusual Easter for all of us" and invites us to pray.

During the current emergency the Archdiocese of Birmingham has produced several sets of resources. Below are links to a few of them. For a full review please see the Archdiocese website. Archdiocese of Birmingham

The Domestic Church: How to develop your own domestic Church in your home. Domestic Church. Prayers in a Time of Illness: The Liturgy Office has prepared Prayers for use during a time of 'flu and illness.

Coronavirus Prayers

CAFOD Children's Liturgy: CAFOD already has downloadable children's liturgy resources available for most Sundays throughout the year. Parents and children are encouraged to join CAFOD online.

Register for Children's Liturgy St Matthew's Gospel Course: Sacred Heart in Henley offers a course on St Matthew's Gospel. You can download the course guides and materials from the page, for use at home.

A HAPPY AND BLESSED EASTER FROM FR DES, DEACON TOM AND MAGGIE, AND SARAH

It is unprecedented times but we still wish you a Happy and Blessed Easter Time and the peace and joy of the Risen Lord. We take this opportunity to thank the many people of the Parish who work so generously for our Parish Community. To everyone our grateful thanks!

My dear FRIENDS, EASTER 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.

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

Services live-streamed from St Chad's Cathedral:

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

<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>

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.

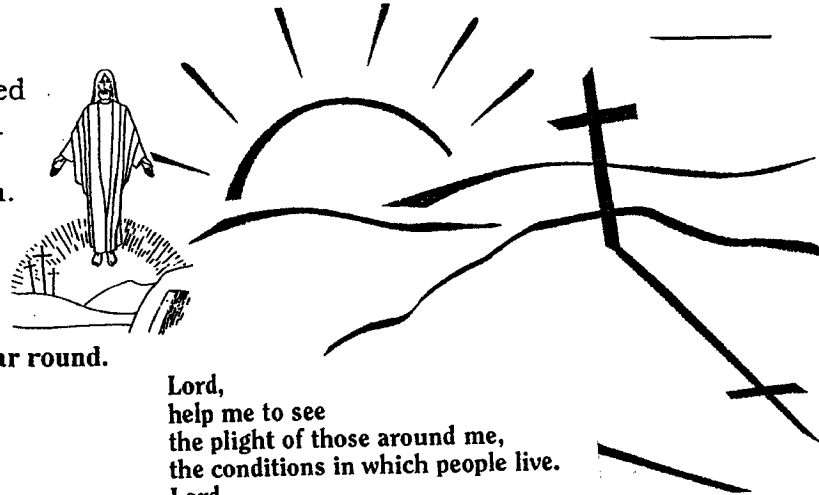
Join the group on Facebook at bit.ly/SBCOMMUNITYSUPPORT

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

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.



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
 humilitv. reverence and love. Amen.

EASTER **CROSS** **HE IS RISEN** **SUNDAY** **CELEBRATION**

HOPE LOVE BLESS HE IS RISEN TRUTH SUNDAY
 CROSS PRAY God
 LOVING PRAYER MASS RELIGIOUS WORSHIP
 PURIFY BELIEF JOYFUL
 REJOICE SAVIOR Resurrection
 Glory JESUS CHURCH
 HOLINESS CRUCIFIED SACRAMENT BIBLE
 REBIRTH Faith
 PROMISE Repent
 PEACE PRAYER
 BE UPON YOU EASTER
 PALM BLESSINGS

Prayers & Blessings

Prayer for Mothers

Nurturing God, thank you for all mothers as well as those who have mothered us in so many ways. Be with them as they provide comfort, encouragement and guidance. Deepen their awareness of your presence in their lives. Give mothers who are fleeing wars or other violent situations the courage and consolation they need as they seek safety and shelter for their family. Amen.

Terri Mifek

Prayer for Fathers

Creator of All Life, as we honor the good, righteous and untiring efforts of fathers, we pray for the men who gave us life and those who served as father figures, extending their love to us. We thank you for fathers who have served as examples of how to live the faith, and we pray also for fathers who have left this earthly life, that they may dwell in heaven with you forever. Amen.

Terence Hegarty