

**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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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 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 18TH/19TH APRIL 2020 YEAR A

"A Judaeo - Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition"

DATE	APRIL	TIME	MASS INTENTION	FEAST
Saturday	18TH	5-00PM	John O'Regan RIP	
Sunday	19TH	8-30AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	
		10-30AM	Nancy McManus, Teresa Mitchell and Sister Florence Mahon RIP	
Monday	20TH	9-00AM	Julio Leonal Parra Beltran RIP	Pozsonyi Mihaly RIP
Tuesday	21ST	9-00AM	Josephine Anisiobi RIP 10-20AM	Julia Murphy RIP / 11-40AM
Wednesday	22ND	9-00AM	Fr Tim Burke RIP	
Thursday	23RD	9-00AM	VOCATIONS	ST GEORGE
Friday	24TH	9-00AM	Eileen Lee RIP	12-00NOON
Saturday	25TH	10-00AM	Cath Hamill RIP	Una McCoy RIP
		5-00PM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	ST MARK
Sunday	26TH	8-30AM	SPECIAL INTENTION	
		10-30AM	INTENTIONS PARISH SVP GROUP	

SERVED by and Contact Details:

OUR PRIEST **DEAN OF DUDLEY**

DEANERY **CHAPLAIN**

HAGLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Fr Desmond Devenney **01384 395308**

[24HOURS]

RUSSELLS HALL HOSPITAL RC CHAPLAIN

Rev Mr. Thomas Tranter **01384 395308**

OUR PARISH SECRETARY/OUR PARISH GIFT AID

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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 18/04/2020 23-45PM**
**THANKYOU/VIelen DANK /GRACIAS/ GRAZIE/
MERCII/ 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 ANISIOWI, JACQUELINE GARLAND,
JULIO LEONAL PARRA BELTRAN, POZSONYI
MIHALY, FR TIM BURKE, 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 –

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.

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*

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 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 £2000.

Nearly 100 people have been helped by the group in these short weeks, with more seeking help every day.

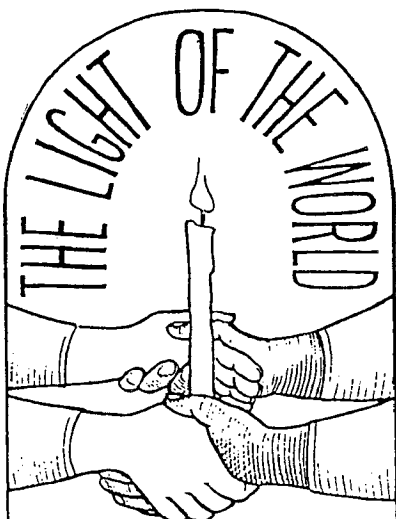
If you or someone you know requires assistance please call 01384465375 or 01384812761 for those who are vulnerable.

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

When times are good it's easy
To show the world a smile
And face with perfect confidence
Life's most tempestuous mile.
But, oh, how rare and valuable
How richly to be treasured
The smile that shines through
hurt and grief
It's courage can't be measured.



EYES OF A CHILD

One day, a four-year-old boy lost his mother at a carnival. The child searched anxiously through the crowded streets. The police joined in the search. When asked to describe his mother, he could only say, "She's the most beautiful lady in the world." The police stopped nearly every good-looking, well-dressed woman they saw.

Hours went by, but no luck. Then, a shabby, overweight, ordinary-looking peasant woman came along, tears of anguish on her face. The child shouted, "That's my Mummy." If only we could see through the eyes of a child!!!!!!

**CHRIST HAS NO HANDS
BUT YOUR HANDS TO DO HIS WORK TODAY.
CHRIST HAS NO FEET
BUT YOUR FEET TO GUIDE FOLK IN THE WAY.
CHRIST HAS NO LIPS
BUT YOUR LIPS TO TELL HOW HE DIED.
CHRIST HAS NO LOVE
BUT YOUR LOVE TO BRING THEM TO HIS SIDE.**

*Lord, give me a compassionate heart.
Lord, I place my trust in you.
Lord, open my heart to your Word.
Lord, enlighten me with your truth.
Lord, give me a contrite heart.
Lord, give me a spirit of generosity.*

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy. This is a public feast day formally established by St Pope John Paul II in May 2000. The Divine Mercy Devotion is inspired by the experiences and writings of a Polish nun, Sister Faustina, who died at 33 years of age in 1938 and was canonised in April 2000. It embraces priests, religious and laity united in their commitment to live mercy in relating to their brothers and sisters, to make the mystery of Divine Mercy known and to invoke God's mercy for sinners.

Divine Mercy Sunday is a very special Sunday when the Divine Floodgates from Heaven are wide-opened and Jesus offers us the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment to any soul, who goes to Confession and receives Him in Holy Communion, on that day. For information on the Divine Mercy and to pray the Chaplet visit:

**AN ACT OF PERFECT CONTRITION
AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

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.

JUST A THOUGHT *Celebrating the lighting of the paschal candle alone almost negates its rich symbolisms. BUT The Light of Christ STILL has come into the world.*

ST CORONA

Pray for us! It turns out that the Patron Saint of Epidemics is a little known (until now) girl called St Corona! There's a lot online if you look her up. It seems she was from Syria and was martyred at the age of 15 by the Romans during the reign of Marcus Aurelius (C2nd). Her relics are not far from the epicentre of the present pandemic and her feast is 14TH May.

'AND PEOPLE STAYED HOME' – A Famine Poem
This poem was written in 1869 by Kathleen O'Meara (died 1898), after a plague in Ireland in the late 1860s, and seems apt for the present situation:

*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.*

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR A

‘This day was made by the Lord – we rejoice and we are glad’. As we thank God for the gift of this new day, we bring before him the needs of the Church, and the world.

1. We pray for the Church throughout the world that we will remain faithful to the teachings of the Gospel, to the Eucharist, to praying together.
2. We pray for all those whose pain and anguish causes them to doubt God’s love and care for them – by faith may they see the wounded hands of the Risen Jesus reaching out to them in the love, in friendship, and in peace.
3. We pray for the leaders and rulers of nations that they will continue to support the causes of justice and peace, freedom and hope.
4. We pray for this Parish community that we will continue to witness our faith by our willingness to share our faith, our resources, our time, our talents.
5. We pray for ourselves that our faith in Jesus will grow so that we can proclaim Him as Lord in word, Lord in life.
6. We pray especially for the universal Church at this time that it will with joy bear witness throughout the world to the Risen Jesus, our Lord and God – and that our faith in God, commitment to each other, and involvement with the world will continually deepen.
7. We ask the prayers of Mary Mother of the Risen Lord – Hail Mary
8. This day was made by the Lord – we rejoice – we are glad. We pause for a moment to reflect on the goodness and the care of God in our lives.

God our Father, without beginning, without end, hear the prayers we make on this day. Join our voices to the songs of all the saints in one proclamation of praise. As the readings today have reminded us of our faith in the Risen Lord, and our responsibility to witness to that faith in our daily lives, may we one day enter fully into the eternal life of the Kingdom of Heaven. We ask this prayer as we ask all our prayers through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Risen Son, who lives and reigns with you, the Father, and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.