

**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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**Our Lady and All Saints Catholic Church
13 New Road
STOURBRIDGE**

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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.*

"THE CHARACTER OF THE SPEAKER IS HIS MOST POWERFUL WEAPON
OF PERSUASION". Aristotle

When we put our problems in God's hands, God puts his peace in our Hearts.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 02/03RD MAY 2020 **YEAR A**
"A Judaeo - Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition"

DATE **APRIL** **TIME** **MASS INTENTION** **FEAST**

Saturday **02ND** **10-00AM** **THANKSGIVING**
5-00PM **BISHOP LEO McCARTIE RIP**
Sunday **03RD** **8-30AM** **JACQUELINE WOOD RIP**
10-30AM **MADELEINE McCANN**

**IT IS IN THE SHELTER OF ONE
ANOTHER THAT WE SURVIVE!**

Monday **04TH** **9-00AM** **John Guerin RIP**
Tuesday **05TH** **9-00AM** **PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**
Wednesday **06TH** **9-00AM** **Jim Walker RIP/ Gary Flatman RIP/
Lawrenzina Fernandez RIP**
Thursday **07TH** **9-00AM** **Andrew Robinson RIP**
Friday **08TH** **9-00AM** **Thanksgiving [MT]**
Saturday **09TH** **10-00AM** **Bronagh Kilgallon RIP**
5-00PM **PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**
Sunday **10TH** **8-30AM** **Eddie Geach RIP**
10-30AM **Diane + Albert Van Den Heule RIP**

*God comes in at
the deepest part
of the stream and
lends you a
helping hand.
Samuel Lukeford*

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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 02/05/2020 23-45PM
**THANKYOU/VIELEN DANK /GRACIAS/ GRAZIE/
MERCI/ OBRIGADO**

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

*We pray that God will bless our Parish and all our
homes and families for the many good unseen things
that go on - which are always seen by God.*
THANK YOU SO MUCH

We remember all those who have died recently – TOM ROY, JIM WALKER, GARY FLATMAN, MARY MILLINGTON, JULIA MURPHY, UNA McCOY, MARY McGRATH, LAWRENZINA FERNANDEZ, EILEEN LEE, JOSEPHINE ANISOBI, JACQUELINE GARLAND, FR TIM BURKE, STUART CHARLESWORTH, FR ANDY KENNY, BISHOP LEO McCARTIE, AGNES McLEAN, SCOTT EDGAR, 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.

PRA YER 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.

Stourbridge Community Support Group was started just 5 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. SC5G 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 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

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

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

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

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

NON-FOOD SHORTAGES SHAMPOO, SINGLE TOOTHBRUSHES, SHAVING FOAM, DEODORANT, TOILET ROLLS, SOAP, HAND-SANITISER, FLANNELS / SPONGES

To download the latest visit BCFB Shortages/Frequently Used List

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

A MESSAGE FROM ALL SAINTS YOUTH GROUP LEADERS – *We should have had a Youth Group session last Thursday evening and we are disappointed that we are not able to meet at the current time. So, Sarah, Kathryn, Marie and Cathy thought we could keep in touch through a fortnightly newsletter. Our first newsletter can be found in the Youth Group Section of our Parish website : www.olas.org.uk/youth-group. We hope you find it interesting. If you are in school years 5 to 9 and, even if you haven't been coming to the Youth Group, you are welcome to look at the Newsletter and join in.*

Please visit our website olas.org.uk to look at the Coronavirus Wellness leaflet that is being shared by all Churches in Stourbridge.

Prayer for Vocations Sunday 2020

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the witness and ministry of the bishops, priests and deacons and consecrated men and women in the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Continue to send labourers into your harvest. Inspire the hearts of your people to answer your call to the priesthood, the diaconate and to the religious life. Bless our families with a spirit of generosity and may those you call have the courage to give themselves to your Church in faith. Send your Holy Spirit upon me to guide me in my own vocation. Enlighten my mind to show me what you want of me; fill my heart with the determination to answer your call in faith, hope and love. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

For more information or support contact us: Diocesan Vocations Office Email: office@vocations.org.uk Facebook: BirminghamVocations Twitter: @AskInvitePray www.vocations.org.uk The Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity 234216

The Feast of the English Martyrs – MONDAY – This feast celebrates the many men and women who suffered for the Faith in England between 1535 and 1680 and have subsequently been recognised by the Church. These included priests, both secular and religious, as well as laity who were prepared to shelter them, to arrange Masses in secret and to witness the faith. From all ages and backgrounds, their heroic witness helps us have a greater love for the Church, the Mass and the Priesthood. We are blessed to have Harvington Hall where Faith was heroically protected within our Archdiocese of Birmingham.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND Due to Covid-19, we cannot hold the fundraising events that many of you have supported over the last 10 years. Meanwhile, the impact of the virus on Christians in the Holy Land is devastating as so many rely on the income from pilgrimages and tourists. The Charity has launched the FHL Pentecost Challenge to raise funds before Pentecost on 31 May. Three long standing supporters have pledged to match fund the first £100,000, so every £1 you donate will have the impact of £2. Please donate at <http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pentecost-challenge> www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pentecostchallenge and please be generous, recognising what you might have donated in better times when attending our events.

World Day of Vocations

This Sunday, May 3rd will be the 57th Day of Prayer for Vocations.

The concept of Vocation – the God who calls us – is the business of the whole Christian people, from our baptism to our earthly death. Vocations can include specific roles within the church: priesthood, the permanent diaconate, and religious life. There are also those opportunities for Christian service which arise within marriage, the single life, and widowhood; at our work, in the home, and the local parish. Although this year we cannot celebrate the Day of Prayer for Vocations in our parishes, you can still take part at home with some resources prepared by the Vocations

team. This year Pope Francis has chosen to reflect upon Jesus' call for Peter to walk across the water during the storm. He offers a very beautiful reflection on vocation, which seems very apt in our current circumstances. With the closure of the seminaries, all but one of our 11 seminarians are currently in presbyteries around the diocese, continuing their formation online. You may have seen one or two of them featured in the various live-streamed Masses. There are also 14 men who continue their formation for the permanent diaconate. Please continue to keep them all in your prayers. Although many events are uncertain at the moment, we are praying that we will be able to celebrate the ordination of four new priests for the Archdiocese on 18th July. Please keep Clive Dytor, Sean Gough, Alex Taylor and Benedict Skipper in your prayers.

For use by parents and children

Pause whenever you need more time . . .

At the end of the day or after the evening meal or at whatever time is best for you: gather together!

If helpful, light a candle as a way of asking for God's light as you look over the day . . .

Say a prayer that you all know, such as the Our Father

Go through your day: what happened this morning? . . .

What happened at lunch time . . . and in the afternoon? . . .

How was the evening meal together? . . .

What else do you remember about today? . . .

What was good about today? . . .

Did you get out at all? . . .

What was difficult about the day? . . .

What are you finding hard about having to stay inside at the moment?

What helps you to fill the time?

Ask God for what you need for tomorrow . . .

Pray for anyone else you who might be feeling lonely or sick at this time . . .

Thank God for this day . . .

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**PASTORAL LETTER OF THE MOST REVEREND
BERNARD LONGLEY ARCHBISHOP OF BIRMINGHAM
FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 2/3 MAY 2020**

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, dear friends,

We are living through the strangest and most unsettling of times together. None of us has ever experienced a Holy Week and Easter quite like this year's as the coronavirus took hold across our communities. I know that many of you have been anxious about your family members and friends who have been ill and our prayers are with those who have suffered bereavements in recent days. We pray that all those who have died will see the light on the face of the risen Christ.

Over recent weeks we have had to modify our way of life and our way of faith for the wellbeing and safety of one another and this has inevitably changed the way that we practise our faith day by day. I realise what a burden it is not to be able to visit your parish church or to receive the sacraments, but this sacrifice is contributing to the good of others.

As we continue our journey through the Easter season today's Gospel offers us consolation and encouragement just when it is most needed. Today is Good Shepherd Sunday – the moment in Eastertide when we hear the risen Christ calling us as our shepherd: I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. This year more than ever we need to hear the voice of the shepherd calling us forward – to be carried on his shoulders so that as his flock we may gain fresh strength and purpose.

Our Lord calls us to be watchful and attentive as the sheep of his flock, to recognise and love the sound of his voice. When the Lord calls us it is more than a beckoning – it is a vocation, a calling to be his disciples and to do his bidding. On Good Shepherd Sunday we pray for an increase of vocations within the Church – vocations to married life, to Religious and consecrated life, to the ordained ministries.

I would ask you to pray especially today for those in formation for the Permanent Diaconate and for the Priesthood. It will be a great blessing this year to ordain three of those who are currently in formation as Permanent Deacons and I know how much they will bring to the parish and chaplaincy communities they are looking forward to serving.

This summer we shall welcome our three newly-ordained priests at the conclusion of their studies and formation in Rome. I am also looking forward to ordaining four of our eleven current seminarians as priests. During the coronavirus pandemic all our seminarians have been stationed in parishes across the Archdiocese. I thank the clergy and the parishioners who have kindly made them so welcome during this unexpected pastoral placement. I also thank all the seminary staff who have continued to support them in their formation.

Priests and deacons witness and work in close collaboration with all the lay faithful, recognising and grateful for the wide range of charisms they have received from the Holy Spirit. The Church's life is enriched by the different vocations that come from the

Good Shepherd. We have all been touched over recent weeks by the dedicated work of doctors, nurses and care-workers and I am grateful for the healthcare chaplains and volunteers who support them.

I am also grateful to those whose vocation finds its fulfilment in education. Thanks to our teachers and governing bodies, very many of our Catholic Schools have remained open, providing a vital local service for children and their families through their outreach work and care. Children and staff have been making food parcels and seeing them delivered to families and foodbanks. Some schools have been making PPE equipment for local hospitals and NHS workers or delivering hand-painted cards to lonely parishioners.

There are others whose vocation from the Good Shepherd lies in social outreach, making the Church's social teaching alive and active in our local communities. Father Hudson's Care supports the work of several agencies across the Archdiocese, making a real difference to those in need during the current pandemic.

In Birmingham Tabor House usually provides emergency night-shelter for those who have been sleeping rough on the streets of the city. It is currently helping the City Council to staff a crisis centre in a central hotel providing accommodation for over fifty people. In Smethwick the Brushstrokes centre has remained open, thanks to staff and volunteers. Last week it provided food for over two hundred destitute people, either delivered to their homes or safely collected from the centre. You will know of other good examples in your own neighbourhood.

In these difficult days I recognise the wonderful and courageous witness of those who work in our Care Homes and I ask your prayers for the six Catholic Care Homes in the Archdiocese. They have come face to face with the coronavirus and they have offered the consoling touch of the Good Shepherd to those who are sick and recovering, as well as those on their final journey to the Lord.

Many of us would have been preparing during the month of May for your annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. The experience of Lourdes has sparked or fostered many a vocation. This year I shall celebrate a special Lourdes Mass to be live-streamed from St Chad's cathedral on the afternoon of Sunday 24 May, the Seventh Sunday of Easter when our pilgrimage was due to begin.

In all of these different settings the ministry of deacons and priests is greatly valued as they represent the Good Shepherd himself. On this special day of prayer for vocations, please pray for those in formation for ordained ministries at our seminaries and currently in our parishes. Pray also for those hearing or reading this who are aware of the calling of the Good Shepherd, that they may have courage and find in Christ the confidence they need to offer their whole lives to him.

Dear friends, we also pray for one another as we continue the journey in company with the risen Christ and always encouraged by his promise to us: I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.

**Yours devotedly in Christ
Bernard Longley Archbishop of Birmingham**

Given at Birmingham on the 1 May 2020 and appointed to be read in all Churches and Chapels of the Archdiocese on 2/3 May 2020