

**WELCOME – THE CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY OF  
OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS, STOURBRIDGE.  
A COMMUNITY OF LOVE, PRAYER AND SERVICE –**

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

*West Midlands  
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**A COMMUNITY OF CHRIST'S FAITHFUL.**

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN STOURBRIDGE - CTIS**

**WEBSITE** [www.olas.org.uk](http://www.olas.org.uk)

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[www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-all-saints](http://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-all-saints)

**PARISH - NEWSLETTER/BULLETIN/NEWSPAPER!!!!**

**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.*

**Alleluia - Give Praise to His Name!**

**TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 09/10TH MAY 2020 YEAR A**

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

DATE	APRIL	TIME	MASS INTENTION	FEAST
Saturday	09TH	5-00PM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	
Sunday	10TH	8-30AM 10-30AM	Eddie Geach RIP Diane + Albert Van Den Heule RIP	

Monday	11TH	9-00AM	Fr David Duggan RIP / Fiona Ward RIP	
Tuesday	12TH	9-00AM	Tom Roy RIP / Intentions Catherine Dunne	ST PANCRAS
Wednesday	13TH	9-00AM	Phil and James McCooey RIP / Paul Finn RIP	OUR LADY OF FATIMA
Thursday	14TH	9-00AM	Agnes McLean RIP / Scott Edgar RIP	ST MATTHIAS
Friday	15TH	9-00AM	Intentions Sr Theresa / Basmi + Talbot Laquis RIP	ST DYMUNA
Saturday	16TH	10-00AM 5-00PM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH Intentions AOH – HARTFORD DIVISION NO 2	
Sunday	17TH	8-30AM 10-30AM	Ida Connolly RIP Diane + Albert Van den Hule 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 09/05/2020 23-45PM  
THANKYOU/VIELEN DANK /GRACIAS/ GRAZIE/  
MERCII/ 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**

And all people  
live, not by reason  
of any care they  
have for themselves  
but by the love  
for them that is  
in other people.

**Give Praise!**

I start this day in trust in you, Lord. It may be ordinary, a day of work or study or even drudgery: I give it to you. I offer you the hours of this day, that now or later they may be in your service. I pray for those I meet. May I bring in some small way, a dawning of joy and peace in their lives. Thank you Lord for this day. AMEN.

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

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**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.*

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

**NORTON CATHOLIC CEMETERY** - Please be careful if you visit the cemetery during this time as the grass may be long and the ground uneven. The maintenance of a private Cemetery is not classed as essential and has therefore ceased during this lockdown period. Work will recommence once restrictions are lifted and Chris has confirmed he will endeavour to have the cemetery back as it was as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

**FOODBANK SHORTAGES this week.**

**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, DEODORANT, TOILET ROLLS, SOAP, HAND-SANITISER.**

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

*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*

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*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](mailto:olasoffice@talktalk.net)*

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*Stourbridge Community Support Group was started 6 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 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://bit.ly/SBCOMMUNITYSUPPORT)*

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

*For volunteer opportunities or more information please contact Emma 07740047733*

***A People who Hope in Christ  
A Message from the Metropolitan Archbishops of the  
Catholic Church in England and Wales***

***Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,***

***The radiance of the risen Lord shines upon us. At a time when so many shadows are cast into our lives, and upon our world, the light of the resurrection shines forever to renew and restore our hope. In the words of our Holy Father, Pope Francis: 'In the midst of isolation when we are suffering from a lack of tenderness and chances to meet up, and we experience the loss of so many things, let us once again listen to the proclamation that saves us: he is risen and is living by our side.' (27 March 2020)***

***The impact of Covid-19, both nationally and internationally, has been immense. So much of what we take for granted has changed. Our health and physical interaction, our capacity to travel and gather, have all been affected. There is uncertainty in our future, especially with work and the country's economy. As we know, very sadly, large numbers of people have died because of the coronavirus, and others have been or remain seriously ill. Keyworkers, not least in the National Health Service and care sectors, are serving selflessly to sustain the life of our nation. Our hearts and prayers go out to everyone who is suffering because of Covid-19, and to all those battling to overcome its effects. May those who have died rest in peace and those who are bereaved find comfort.***

***When the Prime Minister announced the lockdown, this included places of worship and therefore Catholic churches. These measures were put in place to stem the general transmission of the virus. It is right that the Catholic community fulfils its role in contributing to the preservation of life and the common good of society. This must continue until the restrictions applied by the Government are lifted.***

***None of us would want to be in the situation in which we find ourselves. While the live-streaming of the Mass and other devotions is playing an important part in maintaining the life of faith, there is no substitute for Catholics being able to physically attend and participate in the celebration of the Mass and the other sacraments. Our faith is expressed powerfully and beautifully through 'seeing, touching, and tasting.' We know that every bishop and every priest recognises the pain of Catholics who, at present, cannot pray in church or receive the sacraments. This weighs heavily on our hearts. We are deeply moved by the Eucharistic yearning expressed by so many members of the faithful. We thank you sincerely for your love for the Lord Jesus, present in the sacraments and supremely so in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The bishops and priests of every diocese are remembering you and your loved ones at Mass each day in our churches as we pray 'in hope of health and wellbeing.' We thank our priests for this faithfulness to their calling.***

***As the Government's restrictions are relaxed step by step, we look forward to opening our churches and resuming our liturgical, spiritual, catechetical and pastoral life step by step. This will also be of service to***

***those beyond the Catholic Church who depend on our charitable activity and outreach through which much goodness is shared by so many volunteers from our communities.***

***None of us knows, as yet, how or when the lockdown will end. There is likely to be a phased return to travelling and gathering. As a church, we are now planning for this time and our discussions with the statutory public health agencies and Government representatives are ongoing. Together with Catholics across England and Wales we desire the opening of our churches and access to the sacraments. Until then, we are continuing to pray and prepare.***

***We want to acknowledge with gratitude the service of our fellow bishops and priests, our deacons and religious, our families and lay faithful, together with all our parish and school communities, for the wonderful ways the life of the faith is being nourished at this time, especially in the home. We also pay tribute to the Catholic organisations and networks that are working to support the vulnerable and needy.***

***On that first Easter day, the disciples were in lockdown and the doors were closed. In their isolation the Lord Jesus came among them and said 'Peace be with you.' May the peace of the risen Lord reign in our hearts and homes as we look forward to the day we can enter church again and gather around the altar to offer together the Sacrifice of Praise.***

***We unite in asking the intercession of Our Blessed Lady and assure you of our prayers and blessing***

***Yours devotedly in Christ,***

- ✠ Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster***
- ✠ Malcolm McMahon OP, Archbishop of Liverpool***
- ✠ Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham***
- ✠ George Stack, Archbishop of Cardiff***
- ✠ John Wilson, Archbishop of Southwark***

***Prayer for Vocations***

***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.***

***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.***

A man asked to have placed on his tombstone the epitaph, "Don't bother me now; don't bother me ever. I want to be dead forever and ever." What is our attitude to this life of ours? Most of us want to survive death and live forever. There are some who have had such a hard and painful life that they would want this life to be the end. There have been times when many of us would have been willing to lie down, go to sleep, and never wake up again. When we have had more than our share of failures, been tired and discouraged, we want more than what this life has to offer. The only thing that can make sense of our present struggles is an after life where there is supreme bliss. How often in times of crisis and boredom we have said, "There must be more to life than this?" There is - eternal life! Only in eternity will we find the answers to all our questions and compensation for the hardships we've had to suffer upon earth.

For Jesus eternal life was indispensable to His plans and purposes. Jesus had more than His share of setbacks and disappointments, for no one ever suffered as He did. He pursued the kind of goals that could not be finished in a few years. To complete them would take an eternity. He spoke of this in today's Gospel reading. Looking death squarely in the face, He said to His disciples, "I am going to prepare a place for you; then I will come back and take you with me, that where I am you also may be." That is how Jesus thought of death. It would not be the end of His work, nor the end of His involvement with the people He loved so dearly. That there should be life after death mattered supremely to Him.

He had set before His followers an ideal which they could not possibly attain in one lifetime. In the Sermon on the Mount, He told them that they "must be as perfect as their heavenly Father." What a lofty goal that is! Jesus knew it could not be reached in one's lifetime on this earth. That kind of goal needs an eternity. He believed that His disciples had the capacity to develop a character like that of God Himself, but it would be a long and slow process. However long and however well people may live, they will approach the end, knowing they have only reached a portion of their potential. Our earthly life is the start of an eternal pilgrimage. So how we live this life matters supremely.

Jesus most certainly lived His life on the basis of this conviction. He undertook that final journey to Jerusalem, knowing full well that it would lead to His death. His disciples thought He was foolhardy and tried

to persuade Him not to go, but He would not be deterred. He was willing to die because He saw His death as part of an eternal plan.

His entire life was an adventure, based upon a conviction of more life to come. He loved people with His whole heart, allowed them to learn to love Him in the same way. He did this with the full knowledge that He would soon be taken from them, and their hearts would be broken. That seems almost cruel. But we do the same. Our lives get all entwined with other people. We love them and allow them to love us. The greater the love, the greater the pain, when death pulls us apart. The one sure way to shelter ourselves from that kind of grief is to seal up our hearts, and not let anyone inside. Thank God, most of us are unwilling to do that. We agree with Tennyson, "Tis better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all."

There is, however, one thing that can cut the loss in half and ease the pain and that is a firm faith that separation is not forever. Jesus counted on that for He said, "I shall come back to take you with me, that where I am you also may be." So, if we care about the things for which Jesus cared; if we love as He loved, this life on earth can never be enough. Eternity was an essential part of His plans. For Him, and for all those who share His convictions, life after death really does matter, for the best is yet to come.

This weekend we commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. We thank God for all the sacrifices made by so many to secure peace in Europe.

Our thanks to some very generous anonymous donors who have given substantial amounts to help the parish activities. Please remember to look out for vulnerable neighbours and see if you can help them.

Try to keep to a good routine and try to include some time for prayer and exercise. If you wish to volunteer to help the housebound and those in isolation, there are a number of ways you can do this.

Please continue to pray for those working for the National Health, helping with the supply chain of goods needed by us all and those staff looking after children of essential workers in our schools.

#### *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.*

***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](http://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.*