

**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**

**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/**



**Love. Grow. Serve.**

**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 THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 16/17TH MAY 2020 YEAR A  
"A Judaeo - Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition"**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>APRIL</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>MASS INTENTION</b>	<b>FEAST</b>
Saturday	16TH	5-00PM	Intentions AOH – HARTFORD DIVISION NO 2	SIXTH SUNDAY
Sunday	17TH	8-30AM	Ida Connolly RIP	
		10-30AM	Diane + Albert Van den Hule RIP	
Monday	18TH	9-00AM	Intentions Jasvinder Dhillon / MICHAEL SHERIDAN RIP	
Tuesday	19TH	9-00AM	Intentions Susan Lee / Special Intention	
Wednesday	20TH	9-00AM	BRENDAN MEEHAN RIP	
<b>ASCENSION</b>	21ST	9-00AM	MARY MILLINGTON RIP / UNA McCOY RIP	
<b>THURSDAY</b>		7-30PM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	
Friday	22ND	9-00AM	SONJA JORDAN RIP / JACKIE BRADLEY RIP	
Saturday	23RD	10-00AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	
		5-00PM	Intentions Baby Carmello Max	
Sunday	24TH	8-30AM	Leda Whelan RIP	SEVENTH SUNDAY
		10-30AM	Eddie Geach RIP	

**SERVED by and Contact Details:**

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E-mail [des56@hotmail.com](mailto:des56@hotmail.com)**

**Fr Desmond Devenney**

**01384 395308 [24HOURS]**

**RUSSELLS HALL HOSPITAL RC CHAPLAIN**

**Rev Mr. Thomas Tranter 01384 395308**

**OUR PARISH SECRETARY/OUR PARISH GIFT AID  
ORGANISER/ PARISH CENTRE – INFORMATION  
AND BOOKINGS**

**Mrs. Sarah Price**

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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 16/05/2020 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, MARY MILLINGTON, UNA McCOY,  
BISHOP LEO McCARTIE, FR DAVID DUGGAN,  
MICHAEL SHERIDAN, BRONAGH KILGALLON,  
BRENDAN MEEHAN, AGNES McLEAN, SCOTT  
EDGAR, SONYA JORDAN, JACKIE BRADLEY, 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.**



**SING TO THE LORD  
A NEW CANTICLE ALLELUIA  
FOR THE LORD HAS DONE  
WONDROUS DEEDS+**

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

**FOODBANK SHORTAGES this week.**

**FOOD SHORTAGES TINNED POTATOES / INSTANT MASH PACKETS, TINNED SPAGHETTI, TINNED FRUIT, TINNED MEAT, [e.g meatballs, Fray Bentos Pies,] LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE (1L cartons), TINNED RICE PUDDING, TINNED CUSTARD, JARS JAM / MARMALADE, LONG-LIFE (UHT) MILK 1L CARTONS**  
**NON-FOOD SHORTAGES SHAMPOO, SINGLE TOOTHBRUSHES, DEODORANT, SOAP, HAND-SANITISER, TOILET ROLLS, WASHING-UP LIQUID**

**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.***

***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. SC&SG 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://www.facebook.com/bit.ly/SBCOMMUNITYSUPPORT)***

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

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

***International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians which will take place on Sunday 17 May 2020.***

***Around 20 million Eastern Christians will be praying for Western Christians on Sunday; and conversely a similar number of Catholics from Poland, Belgium, Monaco, France, Spain, Switzerland and Italy will be praying for Eastern Christians at the same.***

***"Heavenly Father, we pray today for peace in the world, especially in the Middle East. By your heavenly grace, strengthen the faith and hope of Eastern Christians. May they be blessed with peace and prosperity in their lands. And may we be inspired by their devotion and witness to the Gospel, by their love and compassion for all in their communities, and by their courage, their endurance and self-sacrifice against oppression. Through their charity, tolerance and friendship, bring peace and reconciliation to those troubled lands, where Christianity was born and first spread. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."***

***A MESSAGE FROM ALL SAINTS YOUTH GROUP LEADERS –***

***We have to miss another Youth Group Session this week and our Newsletter renamed is The Messenger is way for us to keep in touch with you all. Our 2nd edition can be found on the Youth Section of the Parish Website [Olas.org.uk](https://www.Olas.org.uk). Please feel free to pass it on to anyone who you think might be interested. Take care, stay safe, Cathy, Marie, Kathryn and Sarah.***

***CAFOD launched its coronavirus emergency appeal on 30 April. The effects of coronavirus on developing countries where CAFOD works are likely to be devastating. Families without enough to eat and without access to clean water and healthcare are particularly vulnerable to coronavirus. The poorest and most marginalised communities will be pushed further into poverty. Your prayers and gifts are needed now more than ever to help protect the lives of those in poor communities. While we are not able to hold a physical collection in our church, you can donate as individuals at [cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal](https://www.cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal)***

***THANK YOU***

*Doubt sees the obstacles  
Faith sees the way.*

*Doubt sees the darkest night  
Faith sees the day.*

*Doubt dreads to take a step  
Faith soars on high.*

*Doubt questions, "Who believes?"  
Faith answers, "I."*

***Your service  
to others  
is a blessing  
from the 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 –**

#### **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**

**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**

**Pope Francis' Spiritual Communion Prayer**  
**At the feet of Christ I prostrate myself, and I offer you the repentance of my contrite heart, which is humbled in its nothingness and Your Holy Presence I adore you in the Sacrament of Your Love – the ineffable Eucharist. I desire to receive you into the poor dwelling that my heart offers you. While waiting for the happiness of Sacramental Communion I wish to possess you in Spirit. Come to me O My Jesus since I for my part am coming to you. May your Love embrace my whole being in life and in death. I believe in you, I hope in you, I love you. So be it.**

**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.**

**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**

**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.**

**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)**

#### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR PARISH**

**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.**

#### **We pray for the welfare and the well-being of people – ALWAYS in our thoughts and prayers –**

**Please remember in your prayers to the Lord this week the elderly, the ill, the house-bound, the sick of our Parish – all who receive Holy Communion from our Eucharistic Ministers - all those in our hospitals – all in our nursing and residential homes - those dying in our hospices - and all those who have asked us to pray for them.**

**May all know the Lord's Comfort and Peace – May the Lord bless all those who care for them.**

#### **Dear Friends and Parishioners –**

**The RESURRECTION is a guarantee that we too shall rise with Christ one day. We praise and thank God for his love and gifts to us, especially the gift of his Son, Jesus. We are called to be a people of joy, a people of hope, a people of love. It is now the Fifth Sunday of Easter already and soon will be Pentecost Sunday.**

**Oldest Summary of Christian Belief - "I Paul handed on to you first of all what I myself received - that Christ died for sins in accordance with the Scriptures - that he was buried, and, in accordance with the Scriptures: rose on the third day - that he was seen by Peter - and then by the twelve." 1 Corinthians 15 3-5**

**"He saw and he believed" (John 20:9)**

*A month ago I was asked to share my thoughts, a reflection, an observation on "Running a Virtual Parish" if that's the right phrase – but with so many, many "alterations" to the accustomed practice we have been having [for years!].*

*Constantly being asked – phone, text, email, what's app, face time, zoom – "What is it like saying/celebrating Mass with no congregation?" I simply have replied "Empty Benches – Full Churches!" Knowing the Altar contains Relics of the Saints in the altar stone I have never ever felt on my own! With Parishioners, Friends, many others from around the world – Australia, New York – celebrating and sharing together the Word and the Eucharist – the Mass – what is UNSEEN by us is always SEEN by God.*

*Reading the First Reading and The Responsorial Psalm at Mass now for the last seven weeks – instead of listening [or daydreaming!] has really been a highlight – I am much more attentive – dare I say it – particularly with the Acts of the Apostles in this Eastertime Season. It has been vibrant and refreshing seeing the vitality, enthusiasm, zeal of the early Church – and Peter and Paul at the forefront in proclaiming the Good News.*

*The day for me passes quickly and quietly but I have personally tried and encouraged others to keep a rhythm and routine – balancing the time if you like – to make life and faith rhyme. And as difficult as it is for us all this is a time – and hope – for renewal, healing and restoration of our lives in response to this pandemic.*

*All our lives are, have been, and will be changed for ever more as will finance, the economy, retail, culture, social mission, lifestyles, work, travel, holidays, education, sport – the list goes on, or rather does not stop. And, of course, religion, the practice of our faith, the Church – that too will have a different perspective in and for the future. And so, the question is – what about the future steps, as an example, of the Catholic Church, governance, buildings, churches, ministry, when we "resume" – [my word]. The third Commandment says – "Keep Holy the Sabbath!" Maybe it should be now – "Keep Holy EVERY day!" After all every new day is a gift – every new day is a bonus!*

*The Rosary I describe as a photograph album, a twitter account, a Facebook journey, of the life of Jesus – with its joyful, sorrowful, glorious, and mysteries of light moments. Let me share with you if I may some joyful, sorrowful, glorious, and mysteries of light moments with you from the last eight weeks.*

*JOYFUL – the goodness of people helping out – the applause for the cause of the NHS – our world IS a global village in the words of St Pope Paul VI – the live streamed Masses – people's commitment to social distancing – amazing communication opportunities –*

*SORROWFUL – the anguish, pain, heartache of families of not being able to be with their loved ones – not being able to celebrate Funeral Masses – Baptisms – Weddings – Reconciliation – visits – taking Holy Communion – the exhaustion of our carers, nurses, doctors – the loneliness – the trauma, tragedy of Corona Virus has brought to communities – difficulty of financial challenges for Parishes in collecting for those in need and the many charities that are supported –*

*GLORIOUS – Pope Francis' leadership – Easter and the Resurrection – the incredible witness of so many good people "laying down their lives for their [often unknown] friends" – homes and families and children being a domestic church – the affirming comments received about the Masses on the Webcam –*

*MYSTERIES OF LIGHT – these are – if you like – the statements of our faith that keep me and us going – the banquet described in Isaiah 25: 4-9, Jesus words in John 14:1-6 – I am the Way [that leads to Heaven] – I am the Truth [every word I speak is a promise] and the Life [I have come so that you may have life – I call you friends – I chose you – I commission you – I command you ]. We take encouragement from the Old Testament when the Jews were exiled to Babylon for years – and were without their temple – their place of worship. We take inspiration from the Acts of the Apostles 2; 42 where people gathered together in small groups.*

*I miss the daily contact with people – at Mass – the School and Class Masses I miss enormously – the sacramental involvement preparation with the parents and children – I feel like I am on the Thirty Day Retreat – but not quite!!*

*At the beginning of each Mass we pray that those who have died overnight will experience the love of God and see the Face of Christ. I feel a sense of powerlessness at times and yet St Paul would tell us – "It is when I am weak that I am strong" and "the Lord loves a cheerful giver!"*

*I know people will ask "Where is God?" Maybe the question is "Where is God for me?" Or maybe even – "Where am I for God?" These are hard times – difficult times – unprecedented times. But tough times never last – tough people do.*

*We are asked at this moment in time to live our faith without the availability of the Sacraments – as many Catholic communities do in sacramentally deprived areas of the world. But it does not stop us loving God and loving others. And it does not either stop us from reading the Word in Scripture, doing our best for each other each day, and saying the odd prayer every now and then!!*

*May God the Father who created each one of us in his own image and likeness and calls us by name bless us and keep us safe each day.*

*May Jesus the Risen Lord who redeemed us all from sin by dying on the Cross and opened for us the path to the eternal life embrace us and hold us in his loving arms.*

*May the Holy Spirit the Paraclete who gives us his seven fold gifts and the power to live daily the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit anoint us and strengthen us to live the Way, the Truth and the Life. Amen.*

*We behold the splendour of God  
shining on the face of Jesus.  
We behold the splendour of God shining  
on the face of the Son.*