

**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!!!!

'Pray, hope and don't worry.

Anxiety doesn't help at all.

Our Merciful Lord will listen to your prayer.'

Saint Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 23/24TH MAY 2020 YEAR A

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

DATE	MAY	TIME	MASS INTENTION	FEAST
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>23RD</i>	<i>5-00PM</i>	<i>Intentions Baby Carmello Max</i>	
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>24TH</i>	<i>8-30AM</i> <i>10-30AM</i>	<i>Leda Whelan RIP</i> <i>Eddie Geach RIP</i>	SEVENTH SUNDAY
<i>Monday</i>	<i>25TH</i>	<i>9-00AM</i>	<i>Intentions Margaret Pakes</i>	ST BEDE
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>26TH</i>	<i>9-00AM</i>	<i>Terry Devenney RIP</i>	ST PHILIP NERI
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>27TH</i>	<i>9-00AM</i>	<i>Helen O'Malley RIP / Bishop Vincent Malone RIP</i>	ST AUGUSTINE
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>28TH</i>	<i>9-00AM</i>	<i>Noreen Long RIP / Intentions of Parish SVP</i>	
<i>Friday</i>	<i>29TH</i>	<i>9-00AM</i>	<i>Mai Sheehy RIP / Vocations</i>	ST POPE PAUL VI
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>30TH</i>	<i>10-00AM</i> <i>5-00PM</i>	<i>Jim + June Cunnane RIP</i> <i>Trinham + James Families</i>	
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>31ST</i>	<i>8-30AM</i> <i>10-30AM</i>	<i>John Joe McHendry RIP</i> PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	PENTECOST

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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.

'My past, O Lord, to your mercy;

my present, to your love;

my future, to your providence.'

Saint Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

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Peace be  
with You!  
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**Have a WONDERFUL Week - Filled with Faith + Joy,
Love + Peace**

**Do Take Great Care Fr Des 23/05/2020 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

**'Start by doing what's necessary; -
then do what's possible;
and suddenly you are doing the impossible.'**

**OUR PARISH SECRETARY/OUR PARISH GIFT AID
ORGANISER/**

PARISH CENTRE - INFORMATION AND BOOKINGS

Mrs. Sarah Price 01384 395308

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

E-mail olasoffice@talktalk.net

MONDAY/TUESDAY/THURSDAY/FRIDAY

11-00AM - 1-30PM

WEDNESDAY - CLOSED

**We remember all those who have died recently -
MARY MILLINGTON, UNA McCOY, BISHOP LEO
McCARTIE, FR DAVID DUGGAN, MICHAEL
SHERIDAN, BRENDAN MEEHAN, AGNES McLEAN,
SCOTT EDGAR, SONYA JORDAN, JACKIE BRADLEY,
ANGELA DEJACO. 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.**

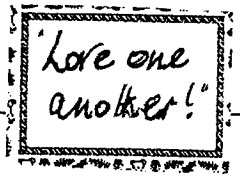
ETERNAL PEACE, GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD.

Lord, I praise you not only for the blessings of my life, but for the many ways that you have turned sorrow into joy and weakness into strength. You have promised to be with us always, and your constant presence benefits us in ways that become clear only with time. I pray especially in gratitude for the gift of faith, something I could never have constructed or maintained on my own.

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

**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**

A Simple Prayer –



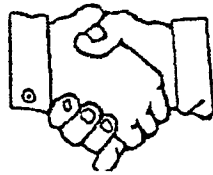
PRAYER SUPPORT ONLINE

<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**



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

JESUS BELIEVES IN US

JOHN 17:1-11.

How important it is that we should have faith in Jesus. In times of temptation, we need to believe that He is there to help us say no to sin. In days of discouragement, we need faith He can lift us. In times of poverty, we need faith in His care and provision. In times of moral failure, we need faith in His forgiveness. In fact every day of our lives, in a dozen different ways, we desperately need to believe in Our Lord.

I want to reverse that emphasis and think for a few moments of Jesus believing in us. This is precisely what today's Gospel is telling us. Jesus said, "I have given to them the words you gave me and they have kept them."

This is a remarkable sentence. You could well ask, "How could Jesus speak like this the day before He died?" Tomorrow He knew He would die. His public ministry was over. He had given His teachings to these twelve men and poured out His life to so many and He had very little to show for it. The vast majority of people rejected Him and His message. Now He will preach and teach no more. He has handed the torch to these very plain, ordinary men and yet He confidently believes that it is in good hands.

All we can say is that He must have had a very profound faith in His first followers. He also has that same kind of faith in you and me. That seems an incredible thing. We have great difficulty in believing in each other, and much of the time we don't even believe in ourselves. How is it possible that Jesus believes in us? Let us see if we can make sense of all this.

First let us remember that Christ's faith is based on a thorough knowledge. He knew those men and women better than they knew themselves. The same can be said of us. We all know we have a skeleton or two hidden away in some secret closet. We would prefer that they remain hidden from everybody else, but they are not secret to Jesus. Yet He believes in us. This is because if He knows our worst, He also knows our best and He also knows, with His help, what we can achieve. When Jesus looks at anyone He not only sees who they are, but what they can become. In Simon, the impetuous fisherman, He saw Peter, the rock of His Church. In Levi, the tax collector, He saw Matthew the author of one of the four Gospels. In John, the son of thunder, He saw the beloved disciple. In Zachaeus, the greedy tax collector, He saw a generous philanthropist. That is how Jesus knows you and me, and this is precisely why He has faith in us. He sees possibilities in everyone of us that no one else has ever seen.

This faith that Jesus has in His followers is rooted in unconditional love. This seems hard to believe. Jesus staked His belief in His followers the night before He died, knowing full well of their infidelity. One would betray Him, others would forsake Him, and one would deny Him. He knew all this long before it ever happened. Do you think He stopped loving them because of this? Certainly not. He loved them before it happened. He loved them during their disloyalty. He loved them when it was over. His love was not dependant on their loyalty.

Is there anyone listening to me whose heart is hurting with guilt? Are you ashamed of something you have done or something you have not done? Do you think that Jesus has stopped loving you because of this? May I assure you that His love for you has never wavered or changed one bit. I don't know how that makes you feel. I know how it made Peter feel. When He had realised what he had done, and when he remembered what Jesus had told Him, it broke his heart and he wept bitterly. So be convinced that Christ has faith in you. Knowing the faith He has in us may inspire us to renew our faith in Him.

LORD, MAKE ME SEE YOUR GLORY IN EVERY PLACE – Michelangelo

Even the lion must put up with flies!

The kindest word is the unkind word unsaid.

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 8 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. SCSC 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.

AN INTERESTING QUESTION

Why is abbreviation such a long word?

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

A MESSAGE FROM ALL SAINTS YOUTH GROUP LEADERS –

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 30TH 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)

A message from Churches Together in Stourbridge.

Dear Friends,

We are planning a Stourbridge Christian Aid Quiz Night for Thursday— 28th May.

We are inviting you, your friends and family to come and join us on Zoom for a friendly quiz from 6.45 pm until just before 8.00 pm (so that we can go out and clap front line workers if we wish). There is no set entry fee, we will simply be asking for donations to Christian Aid. I will be keeping the Stourbridge Christian Aid Just Giving page open. I have added the directions to join the quiz below. It is being hosted by Michael Sykes of New road Methodists – for which we are most grateful.

Michael Sykes' Zoom Meeting

Thu 28 May 2020 18:45 – 20:30 United Kingdom Time

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85699695943?pwd=MFZBQoFDTVTRTI2UnhmNWoxRmt5Zz09> (map)

• sykulmikes@googlemail.com- organiser

Michael Sykes is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85699695943?pwd=MFZBQoFDTVTRTI2UnhmNWoxRmt5Zz09>

Meeting ID: 856 9969 5943

Password: 294007

Dial by your location

0203 481 5240

0131 460 1196

0203 051 2874

0203 481 5237 Password: 294007 Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85699695943?pwd=MFZBQoFDTVTRTI2UnhmNWoxRmt5Zz09>

A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery while on a detour.

*'Faith is to believe what we do not see;
and the reward of this faith
is to see what we believe.'*

Appeal by Friends of the Holy Land –
As the Covid-19 crisis deepens in the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan we have widened the scope of our Bethlehem Coronavirus Shutdown Appeal to include all areas of the Holy Land. We have therefore launched our 'FHL Pentecost Challenge', a campaign with a limited time focus to ensure the Charity continues our activities and provide resources for immediate relief to our most vulnerable brothers and sisters devastated by this crisis. We have had many messages from our contacts in the Holy Land which have prompted this move.

To help inspire us all to bring our maximum effort to bear behind this campaign, we are most fortunate that three long standing supporters of Friends of the Holy Land have together pledged to match donations to the FHL Pentecost Challenge up to £100,000 received by 31 May 2020. This will double your donation and the impact it will generate. For more details please

visit www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pentecost-challenge will direct parishioners to the FHL website where more information is available. You may also wish to view the news story on our diocesan Website <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/fhl-launch-pentecost-challenge>.

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.

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.

'The Lord measures our perfection neither by the multitude nor the magnitude of our deeds, but by the manner in which we perform 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 RICH MAN was dying so he called his three sons and said to them, "I wish to leave my fortune intact, so I will set each of you the same task to see which one is the most capable at managing money. In my warehouse there are three large storerooms, all of the

same size. Here is a bag of silver each. Your task is to each fill one storeroom with as much as your silver will buy."

The first son bought sand with all his money and filled a third of his room.

The second son bought soil with all his money and filled half his room.

The third son spent only a small portion of his money and bought some candles and matches to fill his room with light.

STEPHEN CASSETTARI
Pebbles on the Road

For Economic Security

Lord, you are the rock of our lives, the source of all true stability. Grant that your people might find their security in you first of all. Help them to find meaningful employment during their working years and a measure of comfort in their retirement. Help us all to learn to live within our means so that we can help those in our neighborhoods and across the globe who have less than we do. Replace the fear in our hearts with gratitude, and give us confidence in your providence. May we hope in the future and in the blessings and opportunities of today. Amen.

Mark Neilsen

This is Jesus message of good news for us today. "You in me – I in you."

No matter what the future holds, we will not be alone. "You in me – I in you".

We are the body of Christ, we are not alone.

"You in me – I in you".

We have purpose and meaning to life because God loves us and the natural outcome is that we would love God and love one another.

"You in me – I in you".