

**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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**13 New Road STOURBRIDGE**

**West Midlands DV8 1DN**

**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.**

"As long as hope remains, - only the coward will despair" **ANDRE GIDE**

"Open the doors to Christ" **POPE JOHN PAUL II**

"My grace is enough for You" **2 COR 12**

"Misfortune is an occasion to demonstrate character" **SENECA**

Jesus said, 'I have come to call not the righteous, but sinners.'

Matthew 9:13



**TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL – YEAR A 27TH/28TH JUNE 2020**

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

<b>DATE</b>	<b>JUNE/JULY</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>MASS INTENTION</b>	<b>FEAST</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>27TH</b>	<b>5-00PM</b>	<b>Intentions Jane Trinham</b>	<b>ST PETER AND ST PAUL, APOSTLES</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>28TH</b>	<b>08-30AM</b>	<b>PEOPLE OF THE PARISH / Laurence Clarke RIP</b>	
		<b>10-30AM</b>	<b>Maria Oakes RIP/Margaret Pakes RIP</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>29TH</b>	<b>9-00AM</b>	<b>Intentions Clare + Philip Gilheaney [59WA]</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>30TH</b>	<b>9-00AM</b>	<b>Intentions Carly Hamilton</b>	<b>'Working together we can make a difference'</b>
	<b>JULY</b>			
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>01ST</b>	<b>9-00AM</b>	<b>Intentions Parish SVP / Vocations</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>02ND</b>	<b>9-00AM</b>	<b>Joan Fenlon RIP / Intentions Freya Lexsa Haslam</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>03RD</b>	<b>9-00AM</b>	<b>Howard Knight RIP / Intentions Bishop Patrick McKinney</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>04TH</b>	<b>5-00PM</b>	<b>Margaret Masterson RIP</b>	<b>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>05TH</b>	<b>08-30AM</b>	<b>PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>	
		<b>10-30AM</b>	<b>Fr Ian Byrnes / Fr Anthony Eagleton</b>	<b>THANKSGIVING</b>

**SERVED by and Contact Details:**

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**Mrs. Sarah Price 01384**

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**MONDAY/TUESDAY/THURSDAY/FRIDAY**

**11-00AM – 1-30PM**

**WEDNESDAY –**

**CLOSED**

**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**

**[olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org.uk)**

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

**Do Take Great Care Fr Des 27/06/2020 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**

Love alone is capable of uniting human beings in such a way as to complete and fulfil them, for

it alone takes them and joins them by what is deepest in themselves.

PIERRE TEILHARD  
DE CHARDIN  
(1881-1955)

There is a law in life - when one door closes another one opens

BERTRAND RUSSELL

***We remember all those who have died recently – CARMEL KELLY, MARGARET PAKES, EILEEN McCANN, WILLIAM JOSEPH SMITH, MARK POLE, ETHEL MULCROW, JOHN JOSEPH FARRELL, PAULINE PODLEY, 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.***

The greatest failure is the failure to try.

"Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves." James Barrie

### **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.***

### **OPENING OF OUR CHURCHES**

*This week we had the good news from Cardinal Vincent Nichols that Churches can begin to open for more acts of public worship. We have been able to open for private prayer and I am very grateful to all of those who have helped so generously with stewarding and cleaning to allow us to open safely and within the regulations. We will also be allowed to open for regular daily Mass. We will be arranging to do this for you next week.*

*Although the Government has said we can open from 04TH July most parishes will need time to get ready and to recruit volunteer helpers and stewards. At the end of the newsletter is a letter from the Archbishops explaining the reopening of our churches. You will see that they are asking us to continue Webcam Masses and advising those who are still vulnerable to use this service. They also remind us that there is no obligation to come to Mass on Sunday and that we can watch the Webcam Mass or come to any weekday Mass instead of Sunday. This will help spread the number of people wanting to come over the weekend.*

*It is a big step forward, but we all have to be sensible and follow the Government and the Church Guidelines. We ask for your cooperation. It would be good to read the letters from the Archbishops concerning both private prayer guidelines and providing guidance for public acts of worship. As we open the Churches for Mass we will be asking for more volunteers to help wipe the benches when Mass is ended – to be ready for the next Mass.*

***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***

### **A Thought for the Week**

*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 Gospel. In John, the son of thunder, He saw the beloved disciple. 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.*

**CANTICLE OF SIMEON**

(Luke 2:29-32)

The Nunc Dimittis

***At last, all-powerful Master,  
you give leave to your servant to go in peace,  
according to your promise.***

***For my eyes have seen your salvation  
which you have prepared for all nations,***

***the light to enlighten the Gentiles  
and give glory to Israel, your people.***

***Glory be to the Father... Amen.***

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

**FOODBANK SHORTAGES THIS WEEK** - Small packets of Breakfast cereals, Tinned meat e.g. Corned beef, Fray Bentos, Pies, Tinned ready meals e.g. meatballs, ravioli, Tinned potatoes/instant mash packets, Bags of rice (1Kg), Squash/cordial, Tinned fruit, Tinned rice pudding/custard, Jars jam/marmalade, Long life fruit juice (1L cartons), Long-life (UHT) milk 1L cartons.  
Shower gel, Single toothbrushes, Deodorant, Soap.

**OUR PARISH 400 CLUB** is still very much operational. Since the ceasing of our services at our church, the monthly Draws are temporary on hold. Resumption is planned when we can all return to our weekend Masses and again gather for refreshments in the Parish Centre. We plan to hold whatever number of Draws are required over that weekend to bring us back into line so there could be some super pay-outs.

Thank you to the continuation of your subscriptions – and just a gentle reminder that those who renew in July your reminders will be sent out very soon.

Thank you again for your continued support of this fund raising activity for our Parish Community.

**Adventure Holidays @ Alton Castle** - This summer, why not experience a staycation like no other? At Alton Castle you can enjoy an action-packed, outdoor family holiday. Stay in the beautiful 19th century, Pugin designed castle. Surrounded by the beauty of the Churnet Valley, riddled with an historic past, a stay at the castle is a unique experience. A range of activities from mountain biking to abseiling are on offer. Stays are from Mondays to Fridays - check-in is from 4pm. Monday and check-out is no later than 10am. on the Friday. (Allowing space for a good clean!) All of our stays are COVID-19 friendly. Your family can hire a floor of the castle all to yourselves, socially distancing from the staff and activities instructors, so that you can relax and enjoy your holiday within your social bubble. For more information or to book go to: <http://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/contact.html>

**ALL SAINTS YOUTH GROUP**- This week's Messenger is available on our parish website. We hope you enjoy it. Please do let us know if you want to add anything by asking a parent to email [olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org.uk)

When you find someone doing small things well, put him or her in charge of bigger things.

## **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 BLESSING**

**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 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.**

## **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.**

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

**"Today, well lived, makes yesterday a dream of happiness, — and tomorrow a vision of hope."**

**Diocesan Email Address - The Parish/Parish Office now has a new email address Sarah our Parish Secretary can be contacted by emailing**

**[olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org.uk)**

**We also have an email address specifically for Gift Aid - [ga.olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:ga.olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org.uk)**

**Sarah and I will continue to monitor our old email address of [olas1@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:olas1@tiscali.co.uk) and [olasoffice@talktalk.net](mailto:olasoffice@talktalk.net) but this eventually will cease.**

**GIFT AID 2019/2020 - Thank you to all your Gift Aid Donations. Sarah is currently working on the year end records and we will hope to shortly submit our gift aid claim. Please can you email Sarah if you have recently moved house and confirm your new address/contact details - our new Diocesan Gift Aid email [ga.olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:ga.olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org.uk)**

**If our records are not up to date this could affect the gift aid we can claim on your behalf. Thank you for your patience and understanding at this time in the delay of the 2019/2020 being submitted.**

**As you are aware Gift Aid envelopes were due to be made available the weekend Church was closed. If you wish to continue to Gift Aid please do consider setting up a Standing order, please email Sarah for further details - this of course can be changed back if you wish to envelope donation once we return.**

#### **OPENING OF OUR CHURCH FOR PRIVATE PRAYER.**

**We will need volunteers to help with stewarding, to carry out regular cleaning throughout the times that our Church is open and to ensure that social distancing is observed. There will be a general clean by the stewards at the end of each opening.**

**We will need to have a rota of volunteers and relevant PPE in place before we will be permitted to open. Please think of whether, how and when you can assist. Unfortunately anyone over 70 or under 70 with underlying health issues will not be allowed to help at this time.**

**Please contact Fr Des by emailing [des56@hotmail.com](mailto:des56@hotmail.com) or calling 01384 395308 or Sarah at [olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org.uk) if you are able to volunteer.**

**If you have keys to the Church please do not let yourself into Church.**

**OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN - PLEASE PRAY FOR THEM - AND THEIR MUMS AND DADS TOO!**

#### **OUR THANKS**

**Thank you to our team of volunteers who cleaned, marked out the Church to ensure social distancing and organised the opening of OUR CHURCH following the documents of guidance and regulations we were given.**

**We plan to open again for Private Prayer on Wednesday 01st between 10.00AM and 12Noon and between 6-00PM and 7-00PM.**

**Please can you wear a face mask or face covering if possible.**

**If you or anyone in your family has symptoms please stay at home.**

**We would be really grateful if you develop symptoms within 2 weeks of your visit if you or a member of your family contact Fr Des. This ensures we follow regulations issued by Public Health England.**

**A number of people have asked about the Offertory collections.**

**If you wish to make a payment to the parish to help us through this time -**

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- You could email: [olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org.uk) for our bank details.**
  - Visit the Archdiocese of Birmingham and follow the information found by clicking the donate button, if you do donate in this way please can you contact Sarah at [olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org.uk) to confirm the payment made so they can be added to our accounts/gift aid system**
  - Or you could just keep your weekly offerings to one side and hand them in when the churches can be fully opened again.**
  - Please remember the best way to access the Webcam for Mass is to visit our website [www.olas.org.uk](http://www.olas.org.uk) and click on the live streaming link which can be found on the home page.**
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#### **Sponsored sewing endeavour will benefit NHS Birmingham and the SVP**

**SVP Conference Vice President, Jane Clarke and her seamstress buddy have embarked on a sponsored sewing project to make 300 PPE Gowns for the NHS in Birmingham and raise funds for the SVP parish group. The money raised will help the SVP locally provide essentials to those who are struggling through the effects of the corona virus epidemic. We are seeking sponsorship donations. They can be easily and securely made through the Halesowen SVP Just Giving page. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/halesowensvp> There is a link with more information and pictures on the OLSK parish website <https://www.ourladyandstkenelm.org.uk/svp-sponsored-sewing-ppe-gowns-for-nhs-birmingham1.html>**

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#### **OPENING TIMES FOR PRAYER IN THE DEANERY**

Monday	07-00PM – 08-00PM	BRIERLEY HILL
Tuesday	10-00AM – 11-00AM	OLD HILL
Wednesday	10-00AM - 12NOON 6-00PM – 7-00PM 12-00PM – 1-00PM	STOURBRIDGE STOURBRIDGE KINGSWINFORD
Thursday	2-00PM – 3-00PM	BRIERLEY HILL
Friday	10-00AM – 12-00N00N 10-00AM – 12-00N00N 6-00PM – 7-00PM	SEDGELEY GORNAL OLD HILL
Saturday	10-00AM – 12-00N00N 10-00AM – 12-00N00N 5-00PM – 7-00PM	SEDGLEY GORNAL WARLEY
Sunday	10-00AM – 11-00AM 10-30AM – 11-30AM 10-00AM – 12-00N00N 11-00AM – 12-00N00N	OLD HILL BRIERLEY HILL WARLEY KINGSWINFORD

## **A Message from the Metropolitan Archbishops of the Catholic Church in England**

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

On Tuesday we heard the announcement that, from the 4<sup>th</sup> July this year, places of worship will be able to reopen for prayer and services. We welcome this news with great joy. Since the lockdown began, members of all faiths have faced restrictions on how they have been able to celebrate important religious festivals. Our own experience of Easter was unlike any other we have known. Now, in our churches, and with our people, we can look forward again to celebrating the central mysteries of our faith in the Holy Eucharist.

The recent reopening of our churches for individual private prayer was an important milestone on our journey towards resuming communal worship. Our churches that have opened have put in place all the measures needed to ensure the risks of virus transmission are minimised. This includes effective hand sanitisation, social distancing, and cleaning. We remain committed to making sure these systems of hygiene and infection control meet Government and public health standards.

We want to thank everyone within the Catholic community for sustaining the life of faith in such creative ways, not least in the family home. We thank our priests for celebrating Mass faithfully for their people, and for the innovative ways in which they have enabled participation through live-streaming and other means. We are grateful for the pastoral care shown by our clergy to those for whom this time of lockdown has been especially difficult, and, in particular, towards those who have been bereaved. We recognise too the chaplaincy services that have played a vital role in supporting those most in need. Gaining from the experience of all that we have been through, and bringing those lessons into the future, we must now look forward.

With the easing of restrictions on worship with congregations, we tread carefully along the path that lies ahead. Our lives have been changed by the experience of the pandemic and it is clear that we cannot simply return to how things were before lockdown. We remain centred on the Lord Jesus and His command at the Last Supper to "*do this in memory of me.*" We must now rebuild what it means to be Eucharistic communities, holding fast to all that we hold dear, while at the same time exploring creative ways to meet changed circumstances.

It is important to reaffirm that, at present, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended. A significant number of churches may remain closed as they are unable to meet the requirements for opening for individual prayer. Fulfilling these requirements is a precondition for any church opening after the 4<sup>th</sup> July for the celebration of Mass with a congregation.

Please be aware that there will be a limit on the number of people who can attend Mass in our churches. This will be determined locally in accordance with social distancing requirements. We therefore need to reflect carefully on how and when we might be able to attend Mass. We cannot return immediately to our customary practices. This next step is not, in any sense, a moment when we are going 'back to normal.'

We ask every Catholic to think carefully about how and when they will return to Mass. Our priests may need to consider whether it is possible to celebrate additional Masses at the weekends. Given there is no Sunday obligation, we ask you to consider the possibility of attending Mass on a weekday. This will ease the pressure of numbers for Sunday celebrations and allow a gradual return to the Eucharist for more people.

Moving forward, there will still be many people who cannot attend Mass in person. We therefore ask parishes, wherever possible, to continue live-streaming Sunday Mass, both for those who remain shielding and vulnerable, and also for those unable to leave home because of advanced age or illness.

When we return to Mass there will be some differences in how the celebration takes place. For the time being, there will be no congregational singing and Mass will be shorter than usual. None of this detracts from the centrality of our encounter with the Risen Christ in the Eucharist. We ask everyone to respect and follow the guidance that will be issued and the instructions in each church.

*"As I have loved you," said the Lord Jesus, "so you must love each other." (Jn 13:34)* The lockdown has brought forth remarkable acts of charity, of loving kindness, from Catholics across our communities as they have cared for the needy and vulnerable. We have seen love in action through charitable works, and through the service of many front-line keyworkers who are members of our Church. Now we can begin to return to the source of that charity, Christ himself, present for us sacramentally, body, blood, soul and divinity, in Holy Communion. As we prepare to gather again to worship, let us, respectful of each other, come together in thanksgiving to God for the immense gift of the Holy Eucharist.

Yours devotedly in Christ

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

*This letter is addressed to the Catholic Community in England; the opening of the Catholic Churches in Wales is devolved to the Welsh Assembly who are still evaluating their position on opening Places of Worship.*