

WELCOME- THE CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY OF OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS, STOURBRIDGE.

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Change your thoughts and you change your life.

A COMMUNITY OF LOVE, PRAYER AND SERVICE

A COMMUNITY OF CHRIST'S FAITHFUL.

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.

Life is the first gift, love is the second, and understanding the third.

MARGE PIERCY
American writer

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - YEAR A 11TH/12TH JULY 2020
"A Judaeo - Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition"

DATE	JULY	TIME	MASS INTENTION	FEAST
Saturday	11TH	5-00PM	Intentions John Giambone	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
Sunday	12TH	08-30AM 10-30AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH Intentions Susan Kirwin	
W Monday	13TH	9-00AM	Phyllis Quinn RIP	
W Tuesday	14TH	9-00AM 2-00PM	Sonya Jordan RIP Fr Eugene Nee RIP	
W Wednesday	15TH	9-00AM	Intentions Jean Bonser	
Thurs	16TH	9-00AM	Intentions Parish SVP Group/Vocations / Dennis Hennessy RIP	
Fri	17TH	9-00AM	James Feane RIP	
Sat	18TH	5-00PM	Andreina Thiappa RIP	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
Sunday	19TH	08-30AM 10-30AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH Mark Stepney RIP	

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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

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

Do Take Great Care Fr Des 11/07/2020 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

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

**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 -**

- **You could email: 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 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 and click on the live streaming link which can be found on the home page.**
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400 CLUB - Thank you to those who have continued to support the 400 Club to keep it up and running. Due to restriction in banking and the handling of money (any cash must not be touch for 72 hours) we have unfortunately been unable to hold any draws. Once restrictions are lifted, we intend to hold the number of draws needed to bring us up to date over consecutive weekends.

**We remember all those who have died recently – JAMES FEANE, DENNIS HENNESSY, OWEN McCLONE, JOAN ALLSOP, 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.
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.**

PRAYER 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**

Reopening of church halls and rooms in the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

In his statement on 23RD June 2020 the Prime Minister announced that community halls would be able to reopen from 04TH July. He also made it clear that conference centres are not permitted to reopen. Guidance on how to reopen community halls to hirers in a way which will make them COVID-19 secure has not yet been issued by the government, neither has there been any guidance about the activities which can be permitted in church halls. As soon as government guidance is issued, the diocese will issue detailed guidance for parishes. Until that time, church halls and rooms should not be made available to hirers

Norton Road Cemetery –

Thank you to all those who have contacted the Parish with their concerns about the Cemetery. Chris, our wonderful gardens maintenance contractor, has unfortunately been unable to work due to Covid19. He is now back at work and ensures us (weather permitting) that he will have Norton Cemetery back to how it was before the lockdown as soon as possible. He does pass on his apologies for this and appreciates your understanding and your patience.

CHURCH ROTAS ARE SUSPENDED - Please note that although our Church is now open for Mass, the Counting, Cleaning, Linen, Coffee, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers rotas are still suspended. The regulations do not allow access to the Church Sacristy, Presbytery and Parish Centre. We will of course resume all these activities as soon as we are allowed. Thank you to all our ministers and volunteers for your patience and understanding.

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**

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.**

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

FOODBANK SHORTAGES THIS WEEK –

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 Rice Pudding/Custard. Long Life Fruit Juice (1L Cartons), Long-Life (UHT) Milk 1L Cartons,

Single Toothpaste, Shampoo/Conditioner, Deodorant, Soap/Hand wash, Shower Gel, Sponges/Flannels.

We have been asked by the Foodbank run from here if we could donate if possible toiletries and small bottles of washing up liquid.

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**

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

We also have an email address specifically for Gift Aid - ga.olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org.uk

Sarah and I will continue to monitor our old email address of olast@tiscali.co.uk and

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 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.

STEWARDS FOR OUR CHURCH

We currently have 16. We need 32 to enable us to open for Mass every day – 4 for every Mass – to welcome, to guide and to clean. Thank you to everyone who was available to help during this week.

Whilst numbers of volunteers are still low – and aware of the difficulties too that this pandemic is causing - Public Mass with a congregation will be celebrated over the weekend and on Thursday and Friday Morning until the end of July.

Mass is celebrated every day and is live streamed by the webcam.

I am making an appeal for more volunteers/stewards to help in the week.

Volunteers/stewards for this weekend have been organised. We need help and support for Thursdays and Fridays until the end of July. As Funerals and Weddings and Baptisms are now to be allowed in Church we will Stewards for these Celebrations as well. Please can you let me know or Sarah your availability to help out.

One thing to note for those who have not had a chance to volunteer is that as Parishioners have wear a mask for Mass volunteers / stewards wear one as well. It can be difficult to wear a mask and a visor but this is to protect not just ourselves but those coming to Mass. Masks will be available for you.

Thanks again for all for your help - without the volunteers / stewards our Church would not been able to open.

My sincere thanks on your behalf to Sarah – Parish Secretary – Steve – Health and Safety Office – and Mervyn – Assistant Parish Secretary and Assistant Health and Safety Officer – for their time, commitment and generosity for OLAS Parish at this difficult and challenging time for everyone.

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.

OPENING OF CHURCH FOR MASS - *Thank you to all our stewards who worked so hard over the week to ensure that Church was opened following all safety guidance and regulations.*

We know it's difficult not to be able to choose where you sit - being shown to a seat ensures that social distancing is followed, that the distribution of Holy Communion can run as smoothly and as safely as possible and the time the stewards spend cleaning the areas after Mass is also kept to a minimum - we need to ensure we keep them safe, as without them we could not open our Church for the Celebration of Mass. It may seem there are empty seats in front of you but these are able to accommodate more than one person and so are left available for families for as long as possible before the start of Mass.

Thank you also to those who have volunteered since the weekend. We are also very grateful for the number of offers made by those attending Mass to stay behind and help with cleaning - we have not been

able to accept your kindness as only the Stewards on duty are able to clean, due to social distancing and the PPE required. Please contact olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org.uk or call 01384 395308 if you would like to volunteer to be a steward. Please remember anyone with underlying health issues or who lives with someone who is shielding, we are unable to accept your offer of help at this time.

We need to ensure too that we look after the welfare of our volunteers / stewards. As Sunday obligation for Mass is still suspended you can of course still continue to join us for Mass via our live stream by visiting www.olas.org.uk – live streaming.

Parish Office - Following Government guidance Sarah our Parish Secretary will continue to work from home, as she has done since the 23 March 2020. Sarah can be contacted by emailing olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org.uk or by leaving a message on the Parish Office phone 01384 395308.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT HAND SANITISER - Please be careful leaving bottles of hand sanitiser in your car. These could overheat and start a fire.

A Review of Life

This form of prayer helps us to appreciate the importance of

our own experience and to see how God is present with us in daily life.

It is helpful to use it at the end

of the day to look at how we have experienced the day, where God has been leading us, and how we have responded.

Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you back over your day and guide you in your prayer.

'Play back' the significant events of the day.

Stay with what seem to be the most significant events of the day.

What was God saying to you in those events?

What was God calling you to do or to be through those events?

How did you respond?

Depending on your response to God you can either give thanks or ask for pardon or both.

Resolve to do or to be whatever God asks of you in the future.

Make the resolution practical and something you can check on -

e.g. to say sorry to someone you have hurt.

You may find it helpful to record your thoughts in a prayer journal.

It is also possible to use this form of prayer more occasionally -

say once a week looking back over the whole week.

(Redemptorist Pastoral Publications, South Africa)

OPENING OF OUR CHURCH FOR MASSES

Our Lady and All Saints Church will open for Masses. In order to open safely space will be limited. We must follow the new seating capacity regulations for our Church.

Hygiene is paramount in keeping the Corona Virus at bay so we will be observing strict hand washing and social distancing in the months ahead. I ask you all to understand and comply fully with the guidelines that have been issued.

PLEASE DO NOT COME TO CHURCH [MASS] IF YOU HAVE ANY COLD OR FLU SYPTOMS.

- Our Church will be opened 15 Minutes before Mass begins. Please do follow strictly the guidance on Social Distancing outside Church.
[The Sacrament of Confession cannot be celebrated before Masses].*
- Because of the social distancing requirements there will be a huge reduction in our seating capacity. Social distancing of 2 metres must be observed in the church at all times.*
- Entrance to Mass will be on a first come, first served basis. Our Church may be filled with its new capacity when you arrive. When we are full we cannot let anyone else in. We are really sorry. Please be understanding about this.*
- Please do not share or offer lifts to people who want to go to Church unless you live in the same household.*
- In order to track and trace, all attending Mass will be asked to leave their name and contact details with us. [These will be held securely in accordance with GDPR Rules].*
- A one-way system will be in operation.*
- The Holy Water stoops will remain empty.*
- Please be aware - the Parish Centre will be closed. No toilet facilities will be available.*
- For your own safety and the safety of others we ask all attending Mass to use the hand sanitiser provided on entry and exit and to wear a face covering, which may or may not be a surgical mask. The face covering should cover your nose and mouth and must be worn for the duration of Mass. [Our*

Church will not provide masks / face coverings. Please do bring your own].

- You will be directed to your seat by a steward. This will not be where you would normally choose to sit. Please be compliant - seating will be limited as many of the benches cannot be used. Please do follow the instructions given by the Stewards at all times.*

There will be no Mass books provided. The Lighting of Candles will not be available.

Candles will be lit at the Font, at the Lectern, and on the Altar before Mass.

- At this time and in accordance with Diocesan Guidelines, there will be no Singing, Prayers of the Faithful, Offertory Processions, Sign of Peace.*

I value enormously all our Ministers for Mass - Altar Servers, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers. Again, at this time, we cannot avail of your services. [social distancing / hygiene regulations].

- To limit movement and the always possible contamination inside our Church, Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass. A Steward will direct you to Holy Communion and so, please wait for instructions before getting out of your seat. It will not be possible to return to your seat after you have received Holy Communion. Please therefore keep your belongings to a minimum and ensure you take everything with you. Any item left will unfortunately have to be disposed of.*
- A basket for the weekly collection will be available in the porch as you leave Mass.*
- While it will be lovely to celebrate Mass together – please resist the urge to congregate afterwards.
If you are in the vulnerable category please heed Government advice and keep yourself safe by staying at home.*

These regulations may seem very severe but they are very necessary at this present time for all of us.

Understandably, too, many people will be/are/may be uneasy at the prospect of returning to our Church at this time.

PLEASE REMEMBER: OUR BISHOPS HAVE SUSPENDED THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS.

You do not have to attend Mass and those who are afraid or vulnerable in any way are strongly encouraged to stay at home and follow Mass using our Live Stream. [www.olas.org.uk]

Please continue to be very careful and take every precaution to keep yourself, your loved ones, and us all safe. The Corona Virus has not gone away. By working together we have a chance of making our country and world COVID 19 free. Keep in your Prayers that that day may come soon.

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help with the Opening of Our Church for both Private Prayer and for Mass. Anyone who has volunteered has been contacted and a rota has been organised. The guidance has now changed and those over 70 are able to help as stewards/cleaners. However you must not have any underlying health issues or live with someone who is in the clinically Vulnerable Category. Please do think carefully before you volunteer as we do not want to put anyone at risk.

If you are able to help please contact Fr Des or email Sarah (who is working from home) at olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org.uk. We will need more volunteers as this may be our "PRACTICE" for the weeks ahead.

Please read the following instructions carefully. Copies will also be available in Church.

GUIDELINES FOR STEWARDS RESPONSIBILITIES

Please arrive 30 minutes before Mass begins. Please enter through the Sacristy Door.

The main doors to our Church are to be opened 15 minutes before Mass.

A team of at least 4 Stewards is required for each Mass – this will be reviewed after the first week.

Please be aware that Stewards will not have a seat for Mass and any family members will need to wait outside with other parishioners.

Social distancing must be maintained in Church even though some people will not have seen each other for over three months.

Please wear the visor you have been provided with.

Finally, I want to thank Sarah, Steve and Mervyn – along with our volunteers and stewards – for their time, commitment and goodness at this most difficult of times,

As I say – TOUGH TIMES NEVER LAST BUT TOUGH PEOPLE DO.

*And – GOD BLESS FOR THE MOMENT.
FR DES*

PS

Thank you so much for volunteering so that Church can be open. Apologies to anyone we did not contact regarding our Church opening for Private Prayer. Things changed so quickly that we did not have the opportunity to include everyone. We are opening for Mass this weekend and will need at least 4 volunteers for each Mass - if not more as parishioners/visitors get used to our "PRACTICE" with a limited capacity in our Church.

Please can you let me know your availability for both weekend Masses and in the week (Mass will be celebrated at 9-00AM Monday-Friday).

The rules has now changed slightly and we can have volunteers over 70. However we have been advised if you have any underlying health issues that put you in the extremely clinically vulnerable category we cannot accept your help - advice from the Government is not to visit Places of Worship until 1 August 2020.

No access is allowed on the Sanctuary, the Confessional and the side Altars. No candles will be available for Parishioners to light. No toilet facilities are available. The Parish Centre will not be opened.

Please do not accept money from anyone. A collection plate/basket will be in the porch as parishioners leave.

Although it goes against what you would normally do – please do not physically assist people unless absolutely necessary, e.g. in an emergency for first aid. If in doubt call 999 giving 13 New Road, Stourbridge, DY8 1PQ.

BEFORE MASS PLEASE DECIDE AMONGST YOURSELVES WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR EACH ROLE.

Steward 1 -

In the Porch

Please open only one door so we can control the flow of people into Church.

Please welcome people into Church and ensure two metre social distancing.

All those under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Anyone with cold or flu symptoms should be politely but firmly asked not to enter Church.

Everyone entering the Church must wear a mask or face covering - only the under5's are exempt.

Please ensure that everyone who enters or leaves Church uses the sanitiser provided – and for those wearing gloves, please ask them to remove them for the duration of Mass.

Once Church is full – [reached our specific number] please APOLOGISE to anyone who arrives and JUST GENTLY INFORM them that we have reached capacity and WE SADLY CANNOT LET THEM ENTER.

Encourage them to attend an alternative Mass - Time.

Please do leave the Church door open.

Please remain in the Porch throughout Mass.

Once everyone is seated please put out the collection basket ready for the end of Mass.

Steward 2 - In the Porch

Please take a note of names and a contact number – this will help in contacting those present if we are notified of a case of Covid19.

Steward 3 and 4 (Plus extra Stewards if available)

Please fill up from the front following the one-way system. People CANNOT choose where they wish to sit.

Only those who live in the same household can sit together.

Only specified seats can be used. These are indicated by a green circle. Please try where possible to seat parishioners who arrive alone in the seats marked for one or two.

HOLY COMMUNION - the carpet down the middle aisle has been marked for two metre distancing.

Steward 1

Please open the double doors at the back of Church to enable parishioners from the left-hand side to go down the middle aisle for HOLY COMMUNION or a BLESSING.

People are to leave Church as soon as they have received Holy Communion/Blessing following the one-way system.

Please ensure they use the sanitiser provided as they leave Church.

Once everyone has left - please put on a pair of gloves and take the collection plate into the Sacristy.

Steward 2

Starting from the back, on the left-hand side - the aisle the side of Our Lady's Altar - please direct people towards the side door to the porch - they will then be directed down the middle aisle through the double doors to Holy Communion by Steward 1. Please include the 4 individuals sitting on the end of the middle pews. Once everyone from these aisles has gone to Holy Communion, please join Steward 1 in the porch.

Steward 3

Once those from the left- hand side pews have been directed to Holy Communion, please direct people in the middle pews starting from the front on the left-hand side working your way back to the porch. Then start again from the front and direct those on the right-hand side. Everyone must leave following the one-way system using the aisle by Our Lady's Altar.

Steward 4

Once those in the middle aisles have been directed to Holy Communion, please direct those seated in the aisle in front of St Joseph's Altar to Holy Communion starting from the front. Please include those sitting at the ends of the middle pews.

AFTER MASS FOR ALL STEWARDS

You must put on an apron, gloves and a mask, which will be provided for you.

Each area where someone has sat must be cleaned including the kneelers.

Please also clean any areas that may have been touched - e.g. the pew ends.

Please dispose of all cloths, gloves and masks in the bin provided. Any items found during cleaning must be disposed of with the PPE.

Once you leave Church please go straight home, wash your clothes and take a bath or shower.

We know this may appear to be onerous.

However, in order for us to open Church for Mass we must follow the guidelines issued by the Archdiocese of Birmingham, the Government and Public Health England.

If someone tests positive for Covid19 who visited Church, the Parish will contact everyone present at that time and you will need to comply with government guidance. If you develop symptoms, please contact Fr Des, self-isolate and get a test. If you are contacted by a Tracer please follow their instructions. Our Church will need to close, be thoroughly cleaned and guidance followed that has been issued by Public Health England.

The Messenger - All Saints Youth Group 09TH July 2020

Hi Everyone, Can you believe it is nearly the summer holidays? No more school work. Some people think that the reason the holiday lasts for six weeks is so that children could help farmers by working in the fields over the summer? Not sure if it is true but spending some time helping in the garden might be a nice way to spend some time this year.

It is time for the Messenger to have a holiday too. But if we can't meet again in September it will come back then. We hope you have found it interesting.

Please feel free to pass it on to anyone who you think might be interested. Do you have any ideas or suggestions about what you would like to see in future editions?

Quiz Answer the questions and then use the first letter of the answer to find a 10 letter word about this season. Good luck. Answers at the end of the newsletter.

1. Country where you will find the Great Pyramid
2. A person who performs conjuring tricks
3. Country also known as Erin
4. River running through London
5. Surname of the Harry Potter author
6. Animal with tusks and a long trunk
7. A preserve made from citrus fruits
8. The clever, brave, book-loving girl in a book by Roald Dahl
9. One of Manchester's football teams – Not City
10. Darth Vader is the most popular character in these films

The Challenge: there are 2 challenges this week.

a. Shalom

The holidays are a time of enjoyment, rest and peace. Your challenge is that for a whole day not to say anything nasty or negative to anyone about anything. If you catch yourself nearly saying something you could say or think "shalom". This is a Jewish word meaning peace. Perhaps one day could become 2 days or even a week.....

b. Cloudscape

Often during holidays we find ourselves lying on the grass or on the beach looking up at the clouds. They often make amazing shapes. Have you seen animals or birds in the shapes they make? You could even look out of your bedroom window. The challenge is to make a small sketch of the clouds every morning and evening each day for a week. Are they always the same? What shapes have you seen this week?

Saint of the Week – St Rose of Lima Feast Day – 23RD August



- Rose was born in 1586 in Lima, Peru to parents who had come from Spain. She was named Isabel Flores de Olivia and was exceptionally beautiful.
- Her beauty was so great that she was nicknamed "Rose." At her confirmation in 1597, she officially took the name of Rose.
- From an early age, Rose wanted to become a nun. She often prayed and fasted in secret. She performed secret penances and daily adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and took communion every day.
- Rose's parents wanted her to marry and were unhappy that Rose wanted to take a vow of chastity. Her father eventually relented and gave her a room to herself.
- St. Rose kept herself cloistered in her room, spending long periods in prayer. It was said she slept only two hours per night so as to have more time for prayer. She died when she was 31.

- St Rose is the patron saint of gardeners and florists

St Rose pray for us

Invitation: Again 2 invitations this week.

1. The Sanctuary at Lourdes

This year the pilgrimage to Lourdes from Birmingham was cancelled. I know that Archbishop Bernard, Fr Des and many young people were very disappointed. Visit the website: www.lourdes-france.org to see the grotto which recently opened to pilgrims but with social distancing. There are a number of interesting things on the website including Mass in English live streamed at 5.00pm. French time.

2. Summer Camp online – Friday July 31st to Sunday 2nd. August

Another victim of COVID 19 is the summer camp which is held every year at Alton by the Kenelm Youth Trust.

If you are in secondary school this is for you **and it is free.**

Three leaders, Dom, Sarah and Jimmy will be leading the camp from America this year. Join them for talks, Mass and silly games. In the UK Fr Brendan and Meg will also be taking part.

Type in Kenelm Youth Trust Summer Camp and the link will take you where you can find the programme, a summer camp teaser trail and how to register. You don't have to watch it all – you can pick and choose. For example, you might like to talk in a small group, or look at hot chocolate and campfire on Saturday evening or want to see Fr Marco, who was in our parish for a little while a few years ago, celebrating Mass in St Chad's Cathedral on Sunday 2nd. August at 1.30pm. alongside Fr Tim Menzies.

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, We thank you for our lives and families. We praise you for the graces we have received Dear Lord, we ask you to bring peace to us, our families and friends. We pray for a world free from selfishness and violence so that everyone may live in peace. Amen.

We hope you enjoyed The Messenger this week. If you have comments or ideas for future editions please get in touch or ask you parents/carers to get in touch via Sarah by emailing olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org.uk

Have a great summer. God Bless, Sarah, Marie, Kathryn and Cathy

Answers:

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| 1. Egypt | 6. Elephant |
| 2. Magician | 7. Marmalade |
| 3. Ireland | 8. Matilda |
| 4. Thames | 9. United |
| 5. Rowling | 10. Star Wars |

The first letters of the answers reading upwards spell: Summertime