

**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

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www.watchmcnmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-all-saints

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.

Speak to God often of your life, your plans, your troubles, your joys, your fears — of everything that concerns you; but above all, converse with God confidently and frankly, for God is not likely to speak to one who does not want to share.

St Alphonsus Liguori

*"Oh, the Word of my Lord,
Deep within my Being!"*

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – YEAR A 01ST 02ND AUGUST 2020

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

DATE	AUGUST	TIME	MASS INTENTION	FEAST
Saturday	01ST	5-00PM	Intentions Parish SVP Group / Vocations	
Sunday	02ND	8-30AM 10-30AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH Claire Bretecher RIP	
Monday	03RD	9-00AM	Intentions Parish SVP Group / Vocations	
Tuesday	04TH	9-00AM	Helen Smith RIP	ST JOHN VIANNEY
Wednesday	05TH	9-00AM	Phyllis/Vic Hendy + Pauline Heathcote RIP	MARY MAJOR BASILICA
Thursday	06TH	9-00AM	Intentions Dr Natalie Rowley	THE TRANSFIGURATION
Friday	07TH	9-00AM	intentions Jim Spencer	
Saturday	08TH	5-00PM	McCooey Family RIP	
Sunday	09TH	8-30AM 10-30AM	Joan Coyne RIP Leda and John Geoffrey Whelan RIP	

*Smile -
TODAY!*

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

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 01/08/2020 23-45PM
THANK YOU/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

PRAYER SUPPORT ONLINE

<https://www.pray-as-you-go.org>

<https://www.sacredspace.ie><https://jesuitprayer.org>

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<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

A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

When the storm of sorrow comes, Jesus will be there with words of comfort. When the storm of temptation comes, Jesus will be there with words of strength. When the storm of guilt comes, Jesus will be there with words of forgiveness. When the storm of discouragement comes, Jesus will be there with words of hope. In the midst of all of life's storms, if we look for Jesus, we will see Him; if we listen, we will hear Him say, "Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid."

A village was being flooded when the walls of a dam next to the village broke. It was declared a national disaster. Every available help was sent in. The priest of the village was an obstinate man. He stayed in his house and nothing would move him. As the flood rose, He sought refuge on the roof of his house. A man in a rowing boat pleaded with him to come into his boat for safety. He told him to help another person who may be in need. The waters rose higher, and he now sought refuge on the roof of his Church. A man in a motor boat told him to jump in. "Don't worry," was his reply, "God will look after me." Finally, a rescue helicopter came, but still he was adamant and would not take their help. Finally, the waters rose so high and the priest drowned. When he met God, He complained, "I thought you promised that you would never let your children down. Why did you allow me to drown?" God replied, "My son, I sent you a rowing boat, a motor boat and a rescue helicopter and you turned them all down. What more could I do?" It is true, God will never desert us. In the midst of every storm, His presence is always there and He will enable us to weather it.

FOODBANK SHORTAGES - Dried Spaghetti, Tinned Potatoes/Instant Mash Packets, Squash/Cordial, Tinned Rice Pudding/Custard, Long Life Fruit Juice (1L Cartons).

NON FOOD SHORTAGES - Single Toothbrushes, Shaving Foam, Deodorant, Hand wash, Shower Gel, Small bottles of washing up liquid.

Life of a Parish Secretary in a living virtual parish.

What has changed in my role as Parish Secretary -

The busy days with lots of volunteers in and out of the presbytery -

The knocks at the door - not knowing who will be there and what question will be asked or what request for help will be made.

The phone calls giving me the honour of speaking to someone dealing with all aspects of life's journey from the joy of a Baptism or a Wedding to the sad passing of family and friends -

no longer being taken by me to pass on to Fr Des. The cancelled bookings in the parish centre and crossed out meetings in the diary -

The many times each week I get to open the door and walk into our beautiful Church, even if it is just to check how many candles we need to order.

This is a privilege I will no longer take for granted.

The first few weeks of still being able to work in the office - that I feel very much at home in - were strange enough. No one was allowed to visit but the lockdown brought its own challenge of what I would need to have to be able to work entirely from home. Some things never changed - the Parish bills still need to be paid.

The circle of life keeps moving on as families lose love ones and so dealing with cemetery records still needs to be done. Although not meeting the cemetery contractor, grave digger, stone mason or funeral directors face to face - many of whom I have known for a number of years and even able call some of them friends.

The continued support of the Archdiocese finance, gift aid and communications teams is fantastic, although they are learning to adapt to this new way of working too.

The use of email and the online websites enable me to carry on with many aspects of my job. However the impersonal nature of it highlights more and more what is missing. The little thing of being able to ask a question and getting an instant response or thought.

The generosity of parishioners never ceases to amaze me. Daily requests asking how donations can still be made although physical collections are no longer possible. The overwhelming offers of help for others in our parish, all under social distancing measures. A small word of thanks - written at end of a text or an email - for what I do meaning more than anyone will ever appreciate.

Wanting to give everyone I have got to know over the last 8 years a call just to say "hi and are you ok" but knowing it's an impossible task.

However I feel and I hope that I am still there to support our parish priest and parishioners although not in the ways we are all used to.

We are after all - all in this together.

THANK YOU SARAH FOR THIS - FR DES

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.

FUNERALS IN CHURCH - Due to ongoing restrictions the number of people allowed to attend a funeral is 30. Anyone attending will be invited by family.

We know many parishioners may wish to come and attend the Funeral Mass. However we would ask that you do not attend as it may not be possible for you to enter into Church.

Sincere apologies for this but we have to abide by the regulations set by the government and the Diocese.

PARISH OFFERINGS -

Thank you to all our parishioners who have been able to maintain their regular offerings. The best way to help our Parish is by setting up a Standing Order. It is easier for you. It also costs the parish less as the bank has put into place increased cost of coin handling.

It is also possible to set up a regular or a single donation to the parish via the diocesan website. Visit www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk, click on Donate (top right) and follow the instructions. When asked which church you are donating to - please select 'Stourbridge'.



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

It is also possible to bring offerings to the daily Mass (not just on Sundays) or to post them through the presbytery letter box.

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

We remember all those who have died recently -
JOAN ALLSOP, CALISTO GUIDUCCI,
FR JOE TYNAN, 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.

MISSING

Age at disappearance: 15

Date missing: 13 Jul 2020

Missing from: **Morecambe,
Lancashire**

Sophie we are here for you whenever you are ready; we can listen, talk you through what help you need, pass a message for you and help you to be safe.



Sophie Odere

Please call or text 116 000

It's free, 24hr and confidential

or email 116000@missingpeople.org.uk or write to FREEPOST Missing People

To help Missing People bring Sophie to safety
text HOPE to 70707* to donate £3

*Texts cost £3 plus your standard network charge. Missing People receives 100% of your donation. Obtain the bill payer's permission. Customer care 020 8392 4571.

**To join the appeal for Sophie visit
www.missingpeople.org.uk/help-us-find**

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