

**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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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.



God creates out of nothing. Wonderful; you say. Yes, to be sure, but he does what is still more wonderful - he makes saints out of sinners.

SOREN KIERKEGAARD

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE TWENTY - FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - YEAR A 22ND/23RD AUGUST 2020
"A Judaeo - Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition"

DATE AUGUST TIME MASS INTENTION FEAST

*'He humbled himself for us;
let us glorify him.'*

*Saint Augustine of Hippo
(354-430)*



PUBLIC MASSES FOR AUGUST

Saturday 22ND 5-00PM

**Sunday 23RD 8-30AM
10-30AM**

**PEOPLE OF THE PARISH / Mr Dennis Menezes RIP
Sonya Jordan RIP / Irma Toni RIP
Norah + Arthur Lewis RIP**

WEBCAM ONLY MASSES FOR AUGUST

Monday 24TH 9-00AM

Tuesday 25TH 9-00AM

Wednesday 26TH 9-00AM

Thursday 27TH 9-00AM

Friday 28TH 9-00AM

Intentions Jane Trinham / Jimmy Morgan RIP

Bede Howell RIP

Intentions Dr Natalie Rowley

Teresa Struckzynska RIP

Special Intention / Bill Kelleher RIP / John Fallon RIP

ST BARTHOLOMEW

ST LOUIS

BLESSED DOMINIC BARBERI CP

ST MONICA

ST AUGUSTINE

PUBLIC MASSES FOR AUGUST

Saturday 29TH 5-00PM

**Sunday 30TH 8-30AM
10-30AM**

Denis Hernan RIP / Fr Brendan O'Malley RIP

PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Irene O'Keeffe 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

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

PARISH CENTRE - INFORMATION AND BOOKINGS

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

**Do Take Great Care Fr Des 22/08/2020 23-45PM
THANK YOU/VIELEN DANK /GRACIAS/ GRAZIE/
MERCI/ OBRIGADO
THE PARISH IS PART OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF
BIRMINGHAM –
REGISTERED CHARITY NO 234216**

Thanks to all who have supported us financially through the lockdown. We do need your financial help. You can make up the weeks when you have been away by simply making a cheque made payable to "Our Lady and All Saints" and posting it through the presbytery door or bringing it to Mass. We are so grateful to those who have set up standing orders for both gift aid and non-gift aid contributions - this is more cost effective for the Parish especially as bank charges are always increasing. Please either visit the Archdiocese of Birmingham website Birminghamdiocese.org.uk and download a standing order form or contact Sarah by emailing olas.stourbridge.org.uk Please be aware that any gift aid donations made cannot be back dated so will form part of the gift aid claim for 2020/2021 Tax Year. I know that people's finances will have changed and please don't feel under any obligation or pressure to donate if it's not sensible for you.

Thank you for the patience and understanding of everyone now attending Mass over the weekends. It's really helpful that everyone turns up with a mask, offers their details for Test and Trace and follows the instructions of our Stewards.

Last weekend we reached our capacity under the guidelines at both 5-00PM and 8-30AM Mass. Our volunteers had the unenviable task of telling people we had reached our guideline number. The fairest way for us to open Church is on a first come first serve basis. Please do not feel that by attending Mass it makes it impossible for others to attend. Everyone is welcome - it's just at this moment in time we do not have the capacity to accommodate everyone at the Masses. In order for our Church to stay open we must continue to follow the guidance issued by both the Government and the Archdiocese. To keep everyone safe, especially those most vulnerable, we will continue with the 2 metre distancing and the wearing of Masks.

Baptisms will recommence shortly. We must bear in mind that any Celebration held in our Church requires the Church to be cleaned afterwards. It is important that we comply with the regulations and do not have people trying to exceed the 30 people allowed for funerals - (government advice is close family only), Baptisms and Weddings.

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

Parish Centre - We have now received guidance/regulations from the Archdiocese on how to safely open our Parish Centre. For the moment it will remain closed to all but the Foodbank. The gathering of those for refreshments after 10-30AM will continue to be suspended as any opening excludes the use of the kitchen. Social distancing measures and cleaning practices will need to be put in place and a risk assessment completed before the centre can be used by any parish group or for private hirer.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help with Opening of Church for Masses, Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals. The weekend teams are working really well and will continue at present. In the middle of September some weekday Masses will be celebrated with a congregation and a new rota will be issued.

FOODBANK SHORTAGES THIS WEEK –

Tinned Meat, e.g. corned beef, ham.

Long Life Fruit Juice (1L Cartons).

Tinned Potatoes/Instant Mash Packets,

Squash/Cordial, Tinned Rice Pudding/Custard,

Single Toothbrushes, Shampoo/Conditioner.

Shaving Form, Deodorant, Shower Gel,

Small bottles of washing up liquid and hand wash.

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 – DAVIDE SCARUFFI, GABRIELLE WOOD, APRIL GREENWAY, FERGUS, MICHAEL FOSTER, BEDE HOWELL, 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.

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.

God's Timetable is Different from Ours.

Have you noticed that when we pray for something, we not only make our request, but we set the delivery date. Is that right? Shouldn't we leave God to deliver the goods when He sees fit? We must understand that heaven's clock is different from ours. We operate in the realm of time; but God operates in the realm of eternity. Simon Peter wrote, "One day with the Lord is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day." God never has too little time. He is always right on time. So when we request something from God, we must be patient. Our prayer will always be answered, but always God's way.

Another reason why we do not understand is because God thinks differently from the way we think. We can only see our way. God has a panoramic view of life. Spread out before Him is the total picture of history. If we fail to understand all God's ways it is because our human intelligence is finite and limited, so God's ways are bound to be mysterious to us. We experience life one event at a time. We must be patient and try to understand that God's thought processes are different from ours. He knows everything and see everything in one glance.

I remember a conversation a young boy had with his father. He said, "Dad, I think God made some mistakes when He made the world." "Really son? What makes you say that?" "Well, take for example this oak tree. It's big and strong and its fruit is a tiny acorn. Now look at that tiny plant, how frail it looks and its fruit is a huge marrow. You would have thought it would have made more sense if the marrow had been the fruit of the oak and the acorn the fruit of that frail plant." At that very moment a slight breeze stirred the oak tree and an acorn fell and hit the boy on the head. He rubbed his head, smiled and said, "Dad, thank God, it wasn't a marrow!"

When day is done, a figure turns and says a last goodbye,
Although we cannot understand where they must go or why.
But as they leave our sorrow and our sad tears far behind,
They move ahead to seek the peace that every soul must find.
For now they sail a different ship upon a different sea -
A voyage filled with love and hope and new discovery.
And when the journey brings them to that distant, lighted shore,
They'll be greeted by the outstretched arms of those who've gone before.
And people they have known and loved and voices from the past
Will be singing out the welcome news that they are home at last.

JESUS SAID -

LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME -

LOVE ONE ANOTHER -

I CALL YOU FRIENDS

WE TRY EACH DAY TO LIVE TO LEARN TO LOVE IN HIS WAY.

AND JUST A THOUGHT FOR ALL OF YOU -

THANK YOU SO MUCH OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS PARISH, STOURBRIDGE

I AM SO BLESSED WITH YOU AND BY YOU.

THANK YOU SO MUCH - PEACE AND JOY - GOD'S BLESSING FOR THE MOMENT

FR DES

'Lord, our hands and hearts are open to your grace Our lives still waiting for the fullness of your presence.

We are those who have been promised a Kingdom, and we can never forget. Yet, we have a foot in both worlds and so we stumble.'

*'Christ does not force our will,
'He only takes what we give Him.
But He does not give Himself entirely
until He sees that we yield ourselves
entirely to Him.'*



*'Preach the Gospel at all times
and when necessary use words.'*

*Saint Francis of Assisi
(1181-1226)*

'Repentance.....

it is always to start over again.'

*Saint Jean-Baptiste Marie Vianney
(1786-1859)*

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 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.

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.

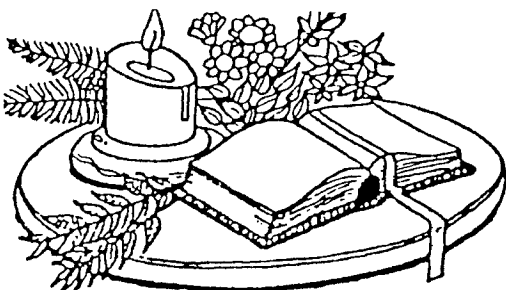
*May the Lord's Touch Strengthen Us
May the Lord's Words Encourage Us
May the Lord's Ways Inspire U*

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.

Pause for thought

"The dark moment the caterpillar calls the end of the world is the sun filled moment that the butterfly calls the beginning"



J E S U S

The earliest picture is from **MARK**. His Jesus is a lean, gaunt figure - a harried, hurried man always just one step in front of his persecutors. His expression is sad, his walk is rapid - as if he was in a hurry to get his life over with. He is a lonely man and a loner. He is not very good company but, when you are in pain, you will easily recognize Mark's Man of Sorrows.

MATTHEW'S Jesus is more relaxed, calmer, a little aloof, rather professional. He is, in fact, a teacher. He takes that particular pleasure that teachers do in instructing people because he has that peculiar presumption of all teachers that people always want to learn. Like any good teacher, Jesus is sometimes patient, sometimes demanding, sometimes agreeable, sometimes argumentative. He is not a man for all seasons, but, when you are in the mood to learn a thing or two about life or death, Matthew's Jesus is your man.

Jesus according to **LUKE** is a nice fellow. He goes to weddings and wakes; he drinks a little, cries a little. He has rich friends and poor friends. He has the leisure to notice lilies and sparrows, and his native talent allows him to spin good yarns about runaway boys and lost sheep. There is something of the poet about him. He likes women and children. If you long to have a good, all-round human being for company, Luke's Jesus makes a find friend.

The gospel according to **JOHN** gives us another profile. Here, Jesus loses his human side and takes on a glow of divinity. Nothing bothers this Jesus - no one crosses him, either. He is in complete charge at all times. He even decides when he will allow people to kill him. His death is not a defeat but the hour of his triumph. John's Jesus fairly sparkles with majesty. So if you are not sure about God, this Jesus will straighten you out.