

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
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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.

O that today you would listen to his voice - **Arden hat your hearts!**

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE TWENTY – SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - YEAR A 29TH/30TH AUGUST 2020
"A Judaeo - Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition"

DATE AUGUST TIME MASS INTENTION FEAST

O Praise the Lord -
for He is Good !!

PUBLIC MASSES FOR AUGUST

Saturday	29TH	5-00PM	Denis Hernan RIP / Fr Brendan O'Malley RIP	—
Sunday	30TH	8-30AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	
		10-30AM	Irene O'Keefe RIP / Fr Gerry McCarthy RIP	

WEBCAM ONLY MASSES FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

Monday	31ST	9-00AM	Davide Scaruffi RIP	
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SEPTEMBER

Tuesday	01ST	9-00AM	Michael Callaghan RIP	
Wednesday	02ND	9-00AM	Charles + Sarah Callaghan RIP	
Thursday	03RD	10-30AM	Special Intention [AR]	
Friday	04TH	9-00AM	Intentions Baker Family	

PUBLIC MASSES FOR SEPTEMBER

Saturday	05TH	5-00PM	Intentions Ron Pate	
Sunday	06TH	8-30AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	
		10-30AM	Intentions Jo Griffin	

Sing for joy to God our strength.
Begin the music, strike the
tambourine, play the melodious
harp and lyre. Psalm 81 verses 1, 2.

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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

PARISH SECRETARY/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 29/08/2020 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.

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 – MICHAEL FOSTER, BEDE HOWELL, FR GERRY McCARTHY, 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.

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.

HARVINGTON HALL ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE 2020 - ONLINE.

Every year hundreds of pilgrims made their way to Harvington Hall in Worcestershire for the annual pilgrimage to commemorate the English martyrs, led by Bishop David McGough.

This year sadly the pilgrimage must take place online, and will be aired on the Archdiocese of Birmingham website and [Facebook page](#) at 3pm, Sunday 6 September.

Mass will be held by Mgr John Moran in the Hall's chapel- a unique room with an historic hide, which would have been used to conceal any evidence of Mass in the event of a house search.

Foodbank Shortages - Tinned meat e.g. corn beef and ham. Marmalade/Jam, Long life fruit juice 1L Carton, Tinned Potatoes/Instant Mash Packets, Squash/Cordial, Tinned Rice Pudding/Custard. Non-Food Shortages - Deodorant, Single Toothbrushes, Shampoo, Small bottles of washing up liquid.

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

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.

*" My soul proclaims the
Greatness of the Lord "*

*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.

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

Every one has three characters:
That which they exhibit, that which they
have, and that which they think they have.

Two men looked thro' prison bars;
one saw mud, the other saw stars.

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**

*" Father - Sister -
Celebrate - Go !! "*

A tree is known by its fruits -
not by its roots.

The aim is not more goods for
people to buy, but more
opportunities for them to live.

Closed Doors/Open Doors



Recently, many of us have been living behind closed doors, and some of us still are, thanks to COVID19. We can feel safe and protected, but after a while it can be very restricting, and we can feel cut off and lonely.

There is a famous painting by Holman Hunt of a closed door, and Jesus, with a lantern standing outside knocking, usually known as "The Light of the World". Hunt printed three of these, almost identical, but on the frame of the one in St. Paul's Cathedral is a written quotation from Revelation 3, verse 20: 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock.' A closer look at the painting shows that there is no handle on the outside door.

We must conclude that the handle is on the inside, on our side, my side of the door. Look at this door, or any other closed door with which you might be familiar, or a closed door in your imagination. What does it say to you? How do you feel when you look at it for a while? It might be the closed door of your church - all of them are closed at this time. How does that make you feel? Drew Leder, in a book called "Sparks of the Divine" wrote: *"A door is a truly amazing thing. Closed it is an agent of separation ... BUT swing it open and it becomes an invitation, uniting what before was separate."*

Again, during this pandemic, these words have particular significance, especially for many of us who are unable to swing open the doors at present. Jesus declared in St. John's Gospel Chapter 10 that he is the gate/door keeper. In Luke Chapter 11, we hear, "Knock and the door will be opened to you." This is an invitation to open the door of our hearts, or to heed the knock that Jesus is making.

- Are you being asked to open the door of your heart?
- Is God inviting you to a deeper intimacy with Him?
- Are you being invited to receive some special grace and blessing?

Spend some time in quiet and stillness pondering these questions, maybe even summoning the courage to open the door of your heart, as Joyce Rupp suggests in her prayer:

*"Great door of Love, assure me of your protective presence
as I wander about the landscape of my life.
When I become lost, clear a path for hope.
May every seeking footstep of mine take me through the doorway of your love.
Be my passageway today. I open the door of my heart."*

When we truly open our hearts to God there are unimaginable blessings awaiting us, and invitations. Again, Joyce Rupp expresses this:

*"Heart of Hope you draw me to the world's heartache.
You strengthen me when I feel frail. You encourage me when I am downhearted.
I go now to share what you daily give to me.
Thank you that I can be a channel of hope. Once again I open the door of my heart to you. I open the door."*

A. McCarthy