



**PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS,
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3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 12th/13th December 2020 - Year B

DATE	TIME	INTENTION	FEAST
Sat 12 th	5-00PM	In thanksgiving (M and A Wilson)	3 rd Sunday of Advent
Sun 13 th	8-30AM 10-30AM	Taft family deceased People of the Parish	
Mon 14 th	No Mass		St John of the Cross
Tues 15 th	12-30PM	Intentions of Declan Devenney	
Wed 16 th	9-00AM	Deirdre Callaghan	
Thurs 17 th	9-00AM	Intentions of Pat Fekulac	
Fri 18 th	10- 00AM 7-00PM	Susan Morrissey Holy Souls	
Sat 19 th	10-00AM	Margaret Simmons (Anniversary)	4 th Sunday of Advent
	5-00PM	Vocations to the priesthood & religious life	
Sun 20 th	8-30AM 10-30AM	People of the Parish Margaret Casey	

PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR TODAY ARE ON PAGE 87 OF THE MASS BOOK

GIFT AID £176.00 NON-GIFT AID £374.22 STANDING ORDER 5th – 11th December £680.00

RECENTLY DEPARTED

Eileen Redmond, Catherine Pedersen, and Jackie Bradley.

Olive Price – Funeral Service in Church on Wednesday, 23rd December at 12-45pm

Christina Beamer – Funeral Service on Wednesday, 6th January, at 12-30pm at Stourbridge Crematorium.

Under Tier 3 restrictions all Funerals are restricted to 30 attendees – Attendance is by family invite only.

CONFESSIONS – Church will be open between 10-30am (after 10am Mass) until 12 noon for Private Prayers, Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament and Confession this Saturday 12th and 19th December. Fr Philip is also available to hear confessions after any Mass. Please ask the stewards.

GAUDETE SUNDAY- The 3rd Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday because the Church’s joyful expectation of the birth of the Saviour today is greater than the call to repentance which took precedence last Sunday, with the gospel of John the Baptist calling people to receive baptism and confess their sins in preparation for the coming Messiah. Gaudete is Latin for ‘rejoice’, the theme of the entrance antiphon at Mass. So, the liturgical colour is rose, not violet - we have a rose coloured advent candle and rose coloured vestments. Rejoice Stourbridge, your King is near!

The great ‘O’ antiphons – From Thursday 17th to Wednesday 23rd the Church at evening prayer prays the great ‘O’ antiphons.

Thursday - O Sapientia - O Wisdom, teach us the way to truth.

Friday - O Adonai - O God (Lord), come and save us.

Saturday - O Radix Jesse - O root of Jesse, come and deliver us.

Sunday - O Clavis David - O King of David, free us from darkness.
 Monday - O Oriens - O rising Sun, enlighten your people
 Tuesday - O Rex Gentium - O King of the Peoples, save us who you have made.
 Wednesday - O Emmanuel - O God with us, your people wait for you

These ancient texts draw on the hope and expectations of the people of Israel who were waiting for the promised Messiah., the Christ, the anointed one. They also express the yearning we have for Christ to come afresh into our lives to guide, enlighten, save, redeem, and free us.

CHRISTMAS MASSES – To give as many parishioners as possible the opportunity to celebrate the joy of Christmas, 8 Masses will be said between Christmas Eve and Christmas Sunday 27th December as follows
 Christmas Eve Thursday 24th December 5-00pm (Fully Booked) and 8-30pm,
 Christmas Day Friday 25th December 8-30am and 10-30am,
 St Stephen’s Day Saturday 26th December 10-00am – we would particularly like to invite our Altar Servers and their families to this Mass.

Altar Servers are still not allowed serve at Mass due to social distancing restrictions.

Feast of the Holy Family Saturday 26th December 5pm, Sunday 27th December 8-30am and 10-30am.

As many parishioners have now booked their places at the Christmas Mass of their choice. We can open bookings for 10-00am, 5pm Saturday 26th and 8-30am and 10-30am Sunday 27th for those we wish to attend these Masses too. Bookings for Mass can be made by calling [07377 893208](tel:07377893208) between the hours of 2pm and 6pm Monday to Friday until December 24th. Please be patient as this booking line is manned by one person.

Please call the booking line as a place must also be booked at these Masses. We do not want to put our stewards in the position of having to turn people away. Please share these details with anyone you know who may not have access to the website.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM THE SOWER MAGAZINE AND PARISH 2021 DIARIES – Are available at in the Church porch. The Diocesan Directory 2021 will be on sale this weekend for £3.00

PARISH DONATIONS – Any donations to the Parish will be allocated to fundraising for the refurbishment of our parish centre toilets. Thank you for your support.

CHURCHES TOGETHER ADVANCE NOTICE: RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE - January 2021

Have you ever found yourself wanting a deeper personal relationship with God? Do you sometimes find it difficult to pray? Do you ever find yourself wondering about the connections between faith and everyday life? Would you like to know more about different ways of praying? Then a Retreat in Daily Life might be right for you. The retreat will start on Monday, 11 January and close on Monday, 15th February. At the moment, with all the restrictions due to COVID19 and the changing regulations, the retreat can only be offered through the use of zoom, but if you have never used Zoom please do not be put off. We are happy to help. If you would like more information or would like to sign up for the retreat please contact Sue McDermott, email suemcderm@aol.com, 07450656757 Or Judy Spencer judithspencer43@gmail.com 07828 538109.

REPLENISH FOODBANK IS STILL OPEN THROUGHOUT THIS SECOND LOCKDOWN. We are open on Tuesdays, 12:30pm – 3:00pm and Fridays, 10:00am – 12:30pm and donations can be received at the back door of the building. Shortages this week – TINNED POTATOES or INSTANT MASH, SMALL PACKETS TEABAGS, TINNED FRUIT, TINNED MEAT, e.g., corned beef, ham, SMALL BAGS SUGAR, BOTTLES OF SQUASH / CORDIAL, TINNED SPAGHETTI, LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE (1L cartons), LONG LIFE MILK (1L cartons). WASHING-UP LIQUID, DEODORANT. Thank you so much for your continued support of the foodbank especially in the time of uncertainty for many.

MESSAGE FROM THE CARE HOME MANAGER OF THE NEW CARE HOME PARKFIELD GRANGE, ON THE HAGLEY ROAD. She is running a community initiative and has asked us to share it with you. They have 50 FREE bags, containing various food items, Pick up from Parkfield Grange Care Home, Any weekday, Between 10am – 3pm Up until Fri 18th Dec. No appointment needed, just turn up and collect. Anyone can pick up for a loved one, or our seniors themselves can wander along.