



**PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS,
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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 4th/5th September 2021 Year B

| DATE | TIME | INTENTION | FEAST |
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| Sat 4th September | 5-00PM | Patrick Murphy | 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| Sun 5th | 8-30AM | People of the Parish | |
| | 10-30AM | Mary Lee | |
| Mon 6th | No Mass | | |
| Tues 7th | 12-30PM | Intentions of Mervyn Lodge | Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary |
| Wed 8th | 9-00AM | Paul Fitzgerald | |
| Thurs 9th | 9-00AM | Kathleen O’Sullivan (recently departed) & Intentions of Doney O’Sullivan | |
| Fri 10th | 9-00AM 7-00PM | Holy Souls Intentions of Deacon Tom and Maggie | |
| Sat 11th | 10-00AM | Mr and Mrs Connelly | 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| | 5-00PM | In thanksgiving for intentions granted (JFC) | |
| Sun 12th | 8-30AM | People of the Parish | |
| | 10-30AM | James Doran | |

PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR TODAY 129 ARE ON OF THE MASS BOOK

FRONT DOORS OF CHURCH – The front door of Church will be open for weekend Masses. To reduce the use of the door we will continue to use the Sacristy door for weekday Masses. Thank you for your understanding.

RESTARTING PARISH LIFE –

MASKS – Although the wearing of Masks is no longer law. The bishops of England and Wales and the Diocese has asked that we strongly encourage everyone (except those who are exempt) to wear one at all times whilst in church and especially for singing. This not only protects you but those around you too.

GIFT AID AND NON-GIFT AID COUNTERS – If you are available on a Tuesday morning from 10am to join the counting rota, please contact Sarah in the parish office. The rota will restart on Tuesday 7th September and will run fortnightly.

ADULT INSTRUCTION – Adult instruction classes will begin in October. Anyone interested in coming is asked to send their name and contact details to Fr Philip.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL – It is important that you notify the parish if you or a member of your family are admitted into hospital, as hospitals do not give lists of Catholic patients to clergy, due to data protections law. For admissions to Russell’s Hall, please notify Deacon Tom - 07415 211098 For admissions to other hospitals, please notify Fr Philip - 01384 395308

To the Parishioners of Kingswinford, Brierley Hill, Old Hill, Halesowen and Stourbridge,

Discussions are currently taking place to restructure the deaneries across the archdiocese, when the deanery of Dudley will be closed. This will be followed by consultations in preparation for parish reorganisation in 2022/2023. We, your priests, all of whom are new to our responsibilities, have consulted with Bishop Stephen, our area bishop, and will be forming a "cluster", drawing our five parishes together as we look to the future.

This will, we hope, offer significant benefits to us all;

- To improve spiritual and pastoral support
- To increase cooperation and interaction across our parishes
- To develop our strengths, and share them across the cluster
- To draw in the talents and gifts of our parishes, and welcome involvement from a wider area.

For example, on a practical level, we will be able to offer priestly support to one another, when one of us is away on holiday, pilgrimage etc. This will require a few changes to Sunday Mass times.

We, your parish priests are committing ourselves to working collaboratively and constructively with one another to secure the long-term future of our parish communities. We are confident that this will be a positive experience for everyone. We hope you can support us in this.

Fr Philip Griffin, Fr Shanju John and Fr Stefan Laszczyk

GIFT AID AND NON-GIFT AID DONATIONS – Thank you to those who have agreed to change to standing order donations. For more information on how to do this please contact Sarah in the Parish office by emailing olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org.uk or call 01384 395308 (Tuesday and Friday) Paying by standing order reduces bank charges for the parish.

FOODBANK SHORTAGES THIS WEEK. - We are open on Tuesday, 12:30pm -3:00pm and Friday 10-00am – 12-30pm donations can be received at the back door of the building. Shortage's this week are: **VEG READY MEALS, TINNED SPAGHETTI, SUGAR (SMALL BAGS), LONG LIFE MILK (1L CARTONS), LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE (1L CARTONS), TINNED MEAT, SMALL JARS OF COFFEE, TEA BAGS (40s), PONGES / FLANNELS, SINGLE TOOTHBRUSHES, BABY SHAMPOO, SHAVING FOAM OR GEL** Thank you so much for your continued support of the foodbank especially in the time of uncertainty for so many.

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO HARVINGTON HALL – SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER - Mass will start at 3pm and be presided over by Bishop David Evans. This year's pilgrimage is relatively small and only priests and parishioners from the Deaneries of Kidderminster, Dudley and Worcester are invited. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will not be offered before Mass as it has in previous years. As the Pilgrimage is reduced in scale and in consideration of the volunteers, neither free tours of the Hall nor refreshments can be offered this year. **Please take your own chairs**, as they are unable to provide them. A link to the livestream for those unable to attend in person. <https://youtu.be/PSf52Lw33pU>.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - Just to update you all, that the last eighteen months has been a strange and difficult time for us all. We at the SVP group at Our Lady and All Saints, although no visits have been allowed have kept in touch with those who we visit, by regular telephone calls and helping out in other various ways. Also, we would like to express our thanks to those who have sent us donations, as obviously no church collections could be organised. We hope in the next month can resume visiting, so if anyone knows of anyone who would like a visit from the SVP or in fact is interested in joining our Parish group, please give any details to the Parish office. Thank you again.

National Mass for the Guild of Saint Stephen - Mass, on **Saturday 25 September 2021 at 12noon**, at the parish of **Ss. Mary & John, Wolverhampton led by Archbishop Bernard.**, followed by refreshments in parish centre. This Mass, to which servers from across the country are invited, is in addition to our annual diocesan Mass, which takes place each spring at the Cathedral. It is completely **FREE** to attend, but booking is required. Everything you need to know is at www.vocations.org.uk/guild-national

