



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY & ST. KENELM

Parish Priest: Rev.Fr. Stefan Laszczyk
The Presbytery, 22, Cobham Road,
Halesowen, West Midlands B63 3JZ
Telephone: 0121 602 1972



parish website <http://www.ourladyandstkenelm.org.uk> : email olstkenelm.halesowen@rcaob.org.uk
school website www.our-lady.dudley.sch.uk : email info@our-lady.dudley.gov.uk School Telephone : (01384) 816880
(Our Lady & St Kenelm's Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Registered Charity No. 234216)

LITURGY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 1st AUGUST 2021 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME (B)

TIMES OF MASS & MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 31st July	Vigil of Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	4.30pm	Leo McConvery (R.I.P)
Sun 1st AUG	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am	Pro Populo
Mon 2nd Aug	Feria	no Mass	—————
Tues 3rd Aug	Feria	10.00am	Private Intention
Wed 4th Aug	St. John Mary Vianney P	12 noon	Thanksgiving
Thurs 5th Aug	Our Lady of the Snows	12 noon	Jonathan Jose (Int)
Fri 6th Aug	Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast)	12 noon	Leo McConvery (R.I.P)
Sat 7th Aug	Our Lady on Saturday	10.00am	Private Intention
	Vigil of Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	4.30pm	Pro Populo
Sun 8th Aug	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am	Graham Evans (R.I.P)



'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.

Confessions are available by appointment.
There will be an opportunity for Confessions from 10.30 am (after Saturday 10am Mass).
The Sacrament will be exposed for prayer during the time of Confession.

MASS INTENTIONS to Father Stefan please

The Masses open to the public will be on **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10am, & 4.30pm; Sunday 10am.**

Live stream on YouTube

(https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWKQ3_Ft_zoDHsTqSXz4uiA) will be available all day should people want to watch it at a later time. If you have a problem finding the past live streams, please follow the link off the live stream option on the parish website.

Making a Spiritual Communion

- * Make the sign of the cross
- * Read the Gospel of the day
- * Then share prayer intentions
- * Say the Lord's Prayer
- * Make an act of spiritual communion
- * Close with the Sign of the Cross.

My Jesus, I believe You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

Message from Father Stefan,

As normality is returning, if there are any of the housebound who would like to receive a visit from Father Stefan and Holy Communion, if they could be in contact and Father will arrange a visit.

There was an "oops" moment of Thursday Live Stream as Father forgot one step and so the stream wasn't broadcast.

Sunday Readings Reflection

Readings: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Psalm 78; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35

The Father is the one who provides man with the food he needs for his life (First Reading, Psalm, Gospel). But like pagans, we live with empty minds (Second Reading) and are so taken up with filling our stomachs and the needs of this life that we fail to grasp the real meaning of his gifts or the incomparable worth of the bread of life who is Jesus himself (Gospel). Receiving this gift we become a new creation, with "a fresh, spiritual way of thinking." (Second Reading).

Sharon, Fr Stefan

Sunday Obligation Update

The bishops of England and Wales, have issued a statement entitled "Sunday – it is our Day". The Statement says, "It is our continuing judgement, therefore, that it is not possible at the present time for all of the faithful to attend Mass on a Sunday thus fulfilling their duty to God. It is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent 2021. In the meantime, all Catholics are asked to do their best to participate in the celebration of the weekly Sunday Mass and to reflect deeply on the centrality of Sunday worship in the life of the Church."

Urgent SVP Appeal

Can you pledge support to the Parish SVP to help a needy Dudley couple please? Mike Weaver OLSK SVP President writes....

During the COVID epidemic, the Dudley Council for Voluntary Services has referred folks that need befriending to Jane and David Clarke who have responded on behalf of the SVP.

"D" is 79 and has multiple health issues. His wife "S" is 63 and moved to the UK from the Philippines in 2006. The couple have been married for 14 years.

S is D's main carer. Every 3 years, S is required to renew her Residency Visa allowing her to remain in the UK. The costs of obtaining the visa from the Home Office, the Immigration Health Surcharge and legal fees are over £3,700 which are normally met by S from what she can save from her work. Her ability to work and save has been greatly reduced by COVID and there is still a funding gap of over £3,000. She will have to return to the Philippines if she is not allowed to stay. Without his wife, who is his carer, D will need residential care.

We are trying to raise funds from neighbouring SVP parish groups, SVP nationally and other local charities. Might you be able to pledge a contribution to the SVP to help this couple please? If so, please call or text Jane Clarke on 07960 718510 or Mike Weaver on 07714 287867. Thank you.

AUGUST Anniversaries

Remember in your prayers those deceased members of our parish whose anniversaries occur during August: Vernon Bissell, Joe Hatton, Marion Evans, Margaret Ann Conneall, Doris May Turne, George Tillotson, Irene Frances Bonehill, Joe Brody, Mary Robinson, Marjorie Gabriel, Bridene Clark, Marjorie Moloney, Eva Brine, Beryl May Hopkins, May Tillitson, Sally Wingfield, Ronald Ambrose Lingard, Kathleen (Rena) Conlan, Brendan Ryan, Pauline Harris, Ruth Chappell, James Joseph Whelan.
May they rest in peace.

SVP needs your support

At TESCO, please vote, vote, vote for the Parish SVP to raise £1,500 for families in need

During August and September when you buy from Tesco locally in and around Halesowen or at the Tesco Extra in Cradley Heath please remember to vote each time for the OLSK Parish SVP project to raise up to £1,500 to provide groceries for local families in need.

Thank you for your commitment and support.