

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY & ST. KENELM



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LITURGY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2021 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME

TIMES OF MASS & MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 4th Sept	Vigil of Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	4.30pm	Carolyn Kearney (Anni)
Sun 5th Sept	Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am	Jose Vazhappilly (Birthday Int)
Mon 6th Sept	Feria	no Mass	
Tues 7th Sept	Feria	10.00am	Private Intention
Wed 8th Sept	Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	12 noon	Private Intention
Thur 9th Sept	Feria	12 noon	Private Intention
Fri 10th Sept	St. Gregory the Great	12 noon	Glennis Cutler RIP
Sat 11th Sept	Our Lady on Saturday Vigil of Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am 4.30pm	Pro Populo Mary Goddard (Int)
Sun 12th Sept	Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am	John Nott (R.I.P)

Sunday Readings Reflection

Readings: Isaiah 35: 4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37

One of God's attributes is "the liberator". This is the attribute which this Sunday's liturgical texts especially focus on. God frees all human beings from their sad condition of outcasts, and he frees nature from its barren dryness (First Reading). He frees us from illnesses of the heart and of the spirit, "everything he does is good, he makes the deaf hear and the mute speak" (Gospel). He frees the Christian from any distinctions of class, for whether we are rich or poor, we are all the same before God (Gospel).

Shelton, Fr Stefan

MASS INTENTIONS to Father Stefan please

All Masses are now open to the public
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

SEPTEMBER Anniversaries

Remember in your prayers those deceased members of our parish whose anniversaries occur during September: Esther Mundon, Bernadette Realf, Sheila Knight, Joe Conlan, Maria Elizabeth Rowley, Denis Tapparo, Lilian Staples, James Breen, Hylda Dawson, Dennis Abbot, Patrick Dawson, Denis Clarke, Pat Carew, Harold Williams, Sidney Clark, May Bradley, John Christopher Maddocks, James Edward Jarvis, Thomas Griffin, Philip Smith, Geraldine Talboys, Olive Shelton.
May they rest in peace.

Lately Dead

Please keep in your prayers John Nott, Stephen Peter Gurden and Irma Iantosca.
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.

CAFOD school volunteers needed!

Could you spare some time to volunteer with CAFOD and help children and young people learn about global poverty, and motivate them to take action? We are looking for volunteers in the Dudley area to visit Catholic schools. For further information please contact Joanne O'Meara at CAFOD Birmingham. Email birmingham@cafod.org.uk

Congratulations to Glennis on her 80th birthday.

Second Collections

THIS WEEKEND: 4th/5th September: for our Maintenance Fund.
Weekend of 19th September: for **Catholic Evangelisation.**
Weekend of 26th September: for **Father Hudson's Society.**

Letter from our local Parishes about Clustering

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 community.

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 Fr Stefan Laszczyk.

Change of the Saturday Vigil Mass

Part of the idea behind clustering is that there is a known way to cover Mass especially in times of illness of the priest.

Looking at the Mass times around the five parishes, in order to be able to facilitate cover, we will need to alter the time of our Saturday Vigil Mass. (This isn't unexpected as we were going to look at it as it was temporarily moved from 6.30pm to 4.30 pm)

Next weekend there will be a voting sheet available after the weekend Masses, for people to put down their preference of Mass time, it will be either 3.30pm or 6.30pm. I will be also sending out an email for those who are on our parish's records for them to be able to comment. The Mass time for Sunday does not need to be changed.

The Mass time change is planned to come into effect on the weekend of the 2nd/3rd October.

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