



# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY & ST. KENELM

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## LITURGY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2020 24th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME (A)

### Mass Times in Church this week

Sat 12th Sept	24th SUNDAY of	*4.30pm*
Sun 13th Sept	ORDINARY TIME (A)	10.00am
Mon 14th Sept	EXALTATION of the HOLY CROSS	————
Tues 15th Sept	Our Lady of Sorrows	10.00am
Wed 16th Sept	Pope St. Cornelius & St. Cyprian MM	————
Thu 17th Sept	St. Robert Bellarmine BD	————
Fri 18th Sept	Feria	12 noon
Sat 19th Sept	St. Januarius BM	<i>Vigil Mass</i> *4.30pm*

### MASS INTENTIONS to Parish Clergy please

**Mass Intentions.** If you require a Mass intention, speak to Father Gerry either personally at Mass or give him a call on the 'phone. He celebrates Mass every day.

### What Should I do if I Can't go to Mass?

Follow Mass on-line: \*<https://www.churchservices.tv/whats-on-now/>  
\*<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-all-saints> or visit the Birmingham Archdiocese website to find other churches in the diocese to stream.

### Making a Spiritual Communion

- \* Make the sign of the cross
- \* You could 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 that 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*

### A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus

*Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Heal the sick! Sustain and support the anxious. Be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.*

*"Make mercy the air you breathe."*  
Pope Francis

### May they rest in peace

Had the SVP Parish Group been able to meet during this month, we would have remembered those who have recently died (Philip Curtis, Brian Bonehill, Mick Massingham and Vera Jarvis) and those deceased members of our parish whose anniversaries occur about now – Denis Abbott, May Bradley, James Breen, Pat Carew, Denis Clarke, Pat Dawson, Maria Rowley, Bernadette Realf, Olive Shelton, Philip Smith, Geraldine Talboys and Denis Tapparo.  
Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Sheila Knight**, a delightful, devout member of our parish, who died on Monday in Mary Steven's Hospice; she will be sadly missed.  
Condolences to her daughter Ann and her family.



### Message from Father Gerry

Dear Friends, I hope you are all well. As I write this, we are again facing impending restrictions on our lives due to an increase in Coronavirus infections, especially in the Birmingham and surrounding areas. It goes without saying that we must all do all we can to protect ourselves and others by following the instruction to keep washing our hands, cover our face, and keep a space between each other. Please be assured that everything possible is being done to keep you safe from the virus in Our Lady & St Kenelm's.

In order to maintain our current high standard of cleanliness and infection control, **I am again appealing for more people to volunteer to help with cleaning of the church and to act as stewards in Our Lady & St Kenelm's.** I am very grateful to those that do so willingly undertake this important work at the moment; without their help we would be left with no alternative but to close our doors again, something I and you do not wish to happen. However, the number of volunteers is low and this doesn't always allow for cover if one or more of the volunteers is sick or unable to perform their duties on any given day, a situation that is only likely to worsen as winter and the 'flu season draw near. **Could YOU volunteer to help in this way, and are you able to?** According to Diocesan instructions, volunteers should be between the ages of 16 and 70 with no underlying health conditions. Please remember the old adage: 'Many hands make light work'. **If you can help, please give me a call on 07789473198 - your assistance will be greatly welcome!**

Elaine Burgess has been very busy sewing washable face coverings and she has kindly donated a supply of these for parishioners to take and use. These will be available at the Masses this weekend. On your behalf, I would like to thank Elaine for this initiative.

Weekday Mass in church this week will be as follows:

**Tuesday 15th September: 10.00am Friday 18th September: 12 Noon.**

There will be Mass in Our Lady & St Kenelm's School on Thursday. However, due to ongoing Coronavirus restrictions, parents and parishioners are not allowed to attend at this time.

Enjoy the warm weather that has been promised for the coming week. Keep safe, keep smiling!

Fr Gerry x

### John Conlan writes ....Maintenance work in church continues

We have continued vital maintenance work (remember the roof leaks before lockdown) while the church has been closed even though the parish income has fallen dramatically in the absence of offertory collections. If anyone who has not been able to give would consider switching to bank standing order to help us during this time it would be enormously helpful. You will find a standing order form with instructions for completion on the "Your Offertory Giving" page on the parish website at <https://www.ourladyandstkenelm.org.uk/how-to-support-the-parish.html>  
We are working hard to ensure that your church is in the best condition possible for the day when we all meet up again at Mass.

**Your Offertory giving is still vital.  
Please consider a standing order.  
Thank you for continuing to support your parish**

### SVP Parish Group supports Fatima House in Birmingham with gift of £200.00

Close to the centre of Birmingham, Fatima House offers safe shelter to female asylum seekers who would otherwise be destitute and homeless. Up to eleven women can be housed at Fatima House. The SVP across the Archdiocese offers befriending and support to the women staying there. The SVP also provides destitute Fatima House guests with access to a small weekly allowance. The Parish SVP Group has donated £200.00 to the SVP Fatima House Appeal to help ensure the weekly allowances continue. Many thanks to parishioners for their continued support of the SVP and making this donation possible.

**Next Weekend Sat/Sun 19/20 September '20  
25th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME (A)**

**MASSES at revised weekend times  
Saturday : \*4.30 pm.\*  
Sunday : 10.00 am.**