



# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY & ST. KENELM

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## LITURGY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2020 SOLEMNITY of ALL SAINTS

### Mass Times in Church this week

Sat 31st Oct	Solemnity <i>Vigil of All Saints</i>	4.30pm	Pro Populo
Sun 1st Nov	of ALL SAINTS	10.00am	Sheila Knight RIP
Mon 2nd Nov	Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed	12 noon 5pm <i>Vespers</i>	Holy Souls
Tues 3rd Nov	St. Martin de Porres R	10.00am	Evelyn Brennan RIP
Wed 4th Nov	St. Charles Borromeo B	<i>Private Mass</i>	Michael Moran RIP
Thur 5th Nov	Feria	<i>School Mass</i>	Private Intention
Fri 6th Nov	Feria	12 noon	Denis Houston RIP
Sat 7th Nov	Feria <i>Vigil Mass</i>	4.30pm	November Dead

**Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage: Sunday 1st November 2020**



**Live streamed at 12 noon from St. Chad's Cathedral**

**All Souls** There is an extra public mass this week at 12 noon on Monday for the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed. There will also be an option for a visit at 5pm when Father will be celebrating Vespers for the Faithful Departed.

A plenary indulgence, applicable to the souls in purgatory, is granted to the faithful who devoutly visit a Church or Public Oratory on 2<sup>nd</sup> November and there pray at least the Our Father and the Creed. Only one such indulgence can be gained by any one person on this day.

**Private Masses** are celebrated by Fr Stefan alone as we do not have enough stewards to open the church during the whole of the week. If you are under 70 and in good health and wish to help out in this important ministry of keeping our church and our fellow parishioners safe whether it is helping out on a Sunday or another day, please contact either Fr Stefan or Mike Weaver.

### MASS INTENTIONS to Father Stefan please

**Mass Intentions.** If you require a Mass intention, speak to Father Stefan either personally at Mass or give him a call on the phone.

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

Follow Mass on-line: \*<https://www.churchservices.tv/whats-on-now/>  
\*<https://www.mcmedia.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 in Time of Danger and Illness

*God Our Father, each person is precious to You. You are the Giver of life. Have mercy on us and protect us at this time, as the Coronavirus threatens health and life. You are an ever-present Helper in time of trouble. Watch over those who are suffering, give strength to those who are aiding the sick and give courage to all in this time of anxiety. We ask this of you in the name of your Son Jesus Christ. Amen*

### 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. We continue to remember in our prayers Philip Curtis, Brian Bonehill, Sheila Knight, Frank McCann, John Maddocks, Mick Massingham and Vera Jarvis and those deceased members of our parish whose anniversaries occur about now – Cyril Jones, Anne Simpson, Jack Stevenson and our former Archbishop Maurice Couve de Murville.

### Message and Reflection from Father Stefan

This week we have the wonderful celebration of All Saints, and the important commemoration of the faithful departed. Especially in this time of having to minimise what we are up to it is still important for us to mark these two days.

We can always light a candle at home and find time to pray: on Sunday giving thanks for the wonder of the saints to inspire us, especially as please God this feast will one day be ours; on Monday it is about praying for those souls who are journeying through purgatory to the wonder of Heaven and supporting them (especially our family and friends) so that they can complete their journey and be with all the Saints in Heaven. The readings in this Sunday's solemnity refer, in different ways, to the Kingdom of Heaven. St. John's Letter reminds his listeners that they have now, through God's love, become God's children. Even so, the visible, external manifestation of this reality has not yet been revealed. All we know is that, in some way, we will be like God. The reference to 'the world' is to those people who refused to accept Jesus' teaching and example. The Book of Revelation presents two imaginative visions – the life of the Christian on this earth and the assembly of the Kingdom of Heaven. Those 'marked with the seal' (v.5) on earth, those identified as Christian, appear to be protected by God in the midst of great turbulence. The second vision is of Heaven, with particular emphasis on those wearing white robes, those who 'have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the lamb' (v.14). These are men and women who have become Christian in their earthly lives and have been transformed by remaining firm in 'the time of great distress' (v.14).

St. Matthew's Gospel presents the well-known passage of the beatitudes and Our Lord's clear and paradoxical teaching on the right dispositions towards this life for anyone who aspires to the Kingdom of Heaven. The 'beatitudes' refer to signs and dispositions we would probably consider misfortunate, but that, from a Christian perspective, are reassuring. First of all, we are told to be spiritually detached from goods and possessions. We are told to be merciful, just and pure of heart. We are to count suffering as a spiritual blessing. We are to work for peace and justice. Especially, we are to count as a blessing all insults and persecution because of our Christian faith. We are told that our reward in Heaven will be great. Wishing you all the best for the week ahead. *Shalom*



Fr. Stefan

### Live Streaming

Father Stefan has the equipment to live stream the mass from Church. Over the next week, there will be some practise session and then the URL will be placed on the website and in the newsletter. With the limited number of people that we can get into church at this moment in time, it is a way for our community to still share together the wonders of God love and support for one another.

### Next Weekend

Sat/Sun 7/8 Nov '20

32nd SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME (A)

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

During NOVEMBER the Devotion of the month is to the HOLY SOULS Pray for them.

### Saint Kenelm lives on- we are still thriving!

As Father Stefan begins his life as our Parish Priest and Father Bruce takes his well-earned retirement, it is interesting to look back on the last 23 years of Our Lady & St. Kenelm's and see how our Mass attendance has held up during a period that has been difficult for the wider Church. Your parish treasurer, that lover of Gift Aid and standing orders, has delved into our archives and come up with Mass numbers for the same few weeks but 22 years apart: ..... to find out more about John Conlan's figures, visit the church website (see address above)