



**PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS,
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SAFEGUARDING - The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Mr. Paul Shannon and Mrs. Kathryn Sargent. They can be contacted at sg.olas.stourbridge@racob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk

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Both schools are part of Emmaus Catholic MAC www.emmausmac.com

Fourth Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday – 9th/10th March 2024 Year B

DATE	TIME	INTENTION	FEAST
Saturday 9th March 2024	5-00PM	Patrick Coyne RIP (birthday)	Fourth Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday
Sunday 10th	8-30AM 11-00AM	Patricia Maxwell People of the Parish	
Monday 11th	9-00AM	Christian Mooney	
Tuesday 12th	9-00AM 9-05AM	Deceased members of the Parish lunch club Mass at Hagley School – Edward Mills (b'day)	
Wednesday 13th	9-00AM	In thanksgiving (V.R)	
Thursday 14th	9-00AM	Intentions of Mary Nisbet	
Friday 15th	9-00AM 7-00PM	Holy Souls Aitken family deceased	
Saturday 16th	10-00AM 5-00PM	Joseph Chen Louise Broomhall (recently deceased)	Fifth Sunday of Lent
Sunday 17th	8-30AM 11-00AM	People of the Parish Delia Fox (anniversary)	

PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR TODAY ARE ON PAGE 166 OF THE MASS BOOK

The appeal and car wash by Erica for the HCPT raised an amazing £4832.38 including gift aid

Thank you for your generosity!

The 2nd collection for Cathedral Maintenance raised £365.79.

CONFESSIONS – Saturday 10-30am – 11am. Also, confession is available after any Mass.

DIVINE MERCY – After Mass on Thursday **ROSARY** – 6.35pm on Friday.

ADORATION – After Saturday 10am Mass & Wednesday 8-30am

BIBLE STUDY – Wednesday at 10am in the Parish Centre

HOLY HOUR – Thursday 3pm – 4pm (with adoration and benediction) throughout Lent

ADULT INSTRUCTION - Thursday 7pm in the Presbytery

CHURCH OPENING – Church is open all day from 8-30am – 4pm on Fridays.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Friday 9am and 7pm Mass. **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** – Saturday 5pm Mass

ALL SAINTS Youth Group next meets on Tuesday 19th March 6-30pm in the parish centre.

PARISH YOUTH FUNDRAISING EVENT - We are hosting a sleep-in fundraiser for youth group activities. This will run from Holy Thursday Mass on 28th March to the Walk of Witness on Good Friday. There are sponsorship forms in the Church porch for parishioners to sponsor our young people, please do give generously.

MOTHERING SUNDAY CANDLES – Are available this weekend, £1 each. These will be lit and put on Our Lady's altar.

PIETY SHOP – Mother's Day, St Patrick's Day, and Easter cards on sale.

THEOLOGY ON TAP – Tuesday 9th April 6-30pm at the Old White Horse, Stourbridge. Text Liam on 07566 754220.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – Pilgrimage to Walsingham Saturday 11th May. Depart 7am; return c 9pm. Cost - £25 per person, children £10, servers free. Booking available from Easter.

MARCH PRAYER INTENTIONS – Pope's Intentions for March – We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm. Parish Intention; We pray for those we are being received into the Church at Easter.

MARCH SCRIPTURE COMMENTARIES available on our website olas.org.uk, “newsletter” page and in the porch.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME – If you have a child who does not attend St Joseph's and wishes to join the First Holy Communion programme, please speak to Fr Philip to obtain an application form. This is open to those children who have already celebrated the sacrament of First Confession. Session will start after Easter.

TODDLERS - Tuesday mornings term time only in the Parish Centre. Please contact Shelagh on 07742 988204

THE PARISH IGNATIAN PRAYER - Meet every 1st and 3rd Wednesday evening at 7pm on Zoom. Please contact either Sue on 07450 656757 – suemcderm@aol.com - or Alice on 07845 706362 – alice.grennan@googlemail.com.

LUNCHEON CLUB – The next lunch will be held on Wednesday 20th March 2024 in the Parish Centre. If you wish to attend, please contact Elaine on 07941 833026 by Monday 18th March

CHURCH GROUNDS - We are seeking help to maintain the church grounds and you may have seen the article in the Parish Alive 2023 magazine about this. This is an infrequent task (two or three times a year for a couple of hours) and one where you will meet members of the small group currently involved. It is a great opportunity to get some exercise, learn from others and contribute your gardening expertise and ideas all of which helps maintain an appealing environment when you come to church. You do not need any expertise (can you use a brush or sprayer etc?) nor do you have to attend each session. We are aware not everyone can do all dates but many hands mean sessions are shorter and easier. If you want to join the group or ask more about this, please email Ron at ronald.pate@btinternet.com

GOING INTO HOSPITAL – It is important that you notify the parish if you or a member of your family are admitted into hospital; For admissions to Russell's Hall, please notify Deacon Tom - 07415 211098 For admissions to other hospitals, please notify Fr Philip - 01384 395308

FOODBANK DONATIONS We are open on Tuesday, 12:30pm -3:00pm and Friday 10-00am – 12-30pm. Please drop your donations to the back door of the parish centre. Thank you for your continued support.

LITTLE SAINTS PRE-SCHOOL would like to thank those who supported the quiz night, it raised just over £200.

HARVINGTON HALL, an important Local centre for Catholic history is holding an open afternoon for potential volunteers. This will be on Saturday 16th March 1pm -4pm. It will be a chance to meet current volunteers and costume re-enactors. We are always in need of volunteers to do everything from gardening to guiding. You would be most welcome to attend.

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE – SATURDAY 4th May, 12noon at St Chad's Cathedral. Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2024? Are you engaged to be married this year? Or would you simply like to give thanks to God for your marriage, and ask for His ongoing blessings? Please register your attendance by Sunday 21st April by visiting www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/join-the-diocesan-thanksgiving-mass-for-marriage-2024

RETRouvaille – A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES - The next programme commences with a weekend in Welwyn Garden City 14-16 June 2024. For more information phone or text: 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 Email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com Website: www.retrouvaille.org.uk Complete confidentiality assured.

WOLVERHAMPTON AND BIRMINGHAM SUMMER PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM- 8th – 12th July.

Cost is £415 for a budget room and £492 for an en-suite room. Costs included 4 nights half-board accommodation and two half day trips. For further information please contact sueandbarbara@gmail.com or call 07946 611376.

LIVE SIMPLY – Spend time away from devices. We absorb ourselves in technology every day. Try switching time on your phone or watching TV for time outdoors, meeting up with friends or family, or reading a book!

9th / 10th March 2024

Youth Matters – Past, present and future.

As Parish Youth Worker, I am truly delighted with how far we have come in such a short space of time regarding Youth Matters at Our Lady and All Saints. I wrote recently to everyone as part of the Parish Magazine – copies of which are still available if you are yet to see one. However this very much looked at what we have done in the past, this time I would like to look forward to the future and let everyone know what is coming up.

This weekend we have 4 Altar servers attending the first ever diocesan Altar Servers retreat – “Called to Serve”. This is an exciting opportunity for our young servers to receive world class catechesis from Jimmy Mitchell, a chance for interactive sessions surrounding vocations, outdoor activities like mountain biking and abseiling along with unique sessions surrounding Eucharistic adoration and procession. I am sure they will all have a fantastic time, and I am thoroughly looking forward to journeying with them.

As well as this we also have 3 sixth formers attending the retreat as service team to experience first-hand what it is like to work as part of a mission team, leading through prayer, example, and hard graft. I hope they will enjoy the experience and take the next step in their journey of faith by joining the mission team at Kenelm Youth trust, something I cannot recommend enough having enjoyed many years as a volunteer and member of staff with Kenelm Youth Trust.

It is also my pleasure to be inviting our young people on many more events towards the end of this academic year. Next Wednesday members of our youth group will be attending a well-deserved trip to “Flip out” in Oldbury where they have the chance to get involved with the different elements including the trampoline park and adrenaline filled slides and jumps. The cost of this is just £12 and I would like to remind parents and carers to return the consent forms to myself or Fr Philip as soon as possible.

Members of the Youth group have also been invited to the “It’s A Knockout” event run by Kenelm Youth trust. This event is a competition weekend against other youth groups from across the Archdiocese of Birmingham. We will be camping overnight and be involved in a site wide game of hunted, a range of wonderful games, BBQ evening meal and outdoor mass. Once again please can parents and carers provide consent for this using the link provided and let me know once that has been done. The cost of this is a heavily subsidised £32 made payable to KYT through a separate payment link. If you would like to know more about this, please get in touch.

I am delighted that those young people from our parish who are of High school age have also taken a big step forward in their faith by joining up for Summer Camp at Alton Castle. We currently have 8 places full; meaning that I have a further 2 spaces available should anyone like to join. Summer camp is truly the highlight of the Youth calendar in the diocese and further information can be found at <https://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/summer-camp-2024.html> . Camp includes a day of messy games, a day at Alton Towers theme park, a secret activity to be announced soon, outdoor activities, daily prayer, and Mass along with amazing talks and chances for the sacrament of reconciliation- It is truly “THE BEST CAMP EVER.”

The KYT RECONNECT day is back on Saturday May 11th. This is a day to give parishes the opportunity to bring young people together at Alton Castle and then to journey with them to the exciting and exhilarating Alton Towers. We will then return to the castle for our Mass of thanksgiving together followed by a KYT BBQ! We are subsidising this day for parishes to RECONNECT with young people. Therefore, the cost is just £30pp. If you would like to know any more about this day, please get in touch.

I would also like to remind everyone about the sleepover fundraising event in the parish centre on Thursday 28th March until Friday 29th March. Please ensure that your child has eaten before arriving for the start of our event which is the Maundy Thursday Mass at 19:30. The children will then lead the readings and offertory at Mass before coming over to the parish centre for an evening full of fun and prayer. The evening will include options for a film night, youth group and team building activities. We will finish with hot chocolate and night prayer all together before heading in to separate gendered rooms to sleep. There will always be a youth leader on duty throughout the night who will be contactable on my parish phone number should you need to get in touch.

Our event will finish after breakfast and morning prayer together at 10am on Good Friday (29th March), where you will then have the option of joining the rest of the Parish on the Walk of Witness. If you would like to donate there are gift aid forms in the front of church. Thank you for all your support so far.

Finally, and most importantly, I would like to thank; Patricia and Anne for all their hard work with Sacrament preparation.

I would like to thank; Patricia, Jo, Sophie, Simon, Claire, Sarah, Fr Philip, and our wonderful young leaders for all their help in running our youth group.

If you would like to join the "Youth Matters" team, please get in touch.

Many Thanks

Liam Thomas

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8th – 10th March Called to serve retreat @ Alton Castle

13th March – Flip out session in Oldbury

Tuesday 19th March – Youth group @ Parish centre

28th – 29th March – Sleepover fundraiser @ Parish centre

Tuesday 9th April – Theology on Tap @ Old white Horse pub

Tuesday 16th April - Youth group @ Parish centre

Tuesday 30th April - Youth group @ Parish centre

Saturday 11th May – Reconnect day @Alton towers and Castle

Tuesday 14th May - Youth group @ Parish centre

Tuesday 4th June - Youth group @ Parish centre

Tuesday 18th June - Youth group @ Parish centre

22nd to 23rd June – It's A Knockout @ Rough close scout camp Coventry.

Tuesday 2nd July - Youth group @ Parish centre

Tuesday 16th July - Youth group @ Parish centre

21st July – 25th July – Summer Camp @ Alton Castle