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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@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk

PARISH YOUTH WORKER – Mr Liam Thomas yth.olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org.uk
ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL Principal Mr Anthony Wilkes 01384 431980
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Both schools are part of Emmaus Catholic MAC www.emmausmac.com

First Sunday of Advent –30th November/1st December 2024 Year C

DATE	TIME	INTENTION	FEAST
Saturday 30th November	5-00PM	Agnes O'Dwyer	First Sunday of Advent
Sunday 1st	8-30AM	Intentions of Coyne family	
December	11-00AM	People of the Parish	
Monday 2nd	9-00AM	Thomas Dunphy (recently deceased)	
Tuesday 3rd	9-10AM	MASS AT HAGLEY SCHOOL	St Francis Xavier SJ
	12-30PM	John O'Dwyer	
Wednesday 4th	9-00AM	Stephen family & Stephen Palakan	
Thursday 5th	10-00AM	Wendy Johnson (recently deceased)	St Birinus
Friday 6th	9-00AM	Intentions of Mary Nisbet	St Nicholas
	7-00PM	Holy Souls	
Saturday 7th	10-00AM	Let the Children Live	St Ambrose
	5-00PM	Intentions of Kenelm Youth Trust	Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday 8th	8-30AM	Raymond Blakeway	
	11-00AM	People of the Parish	
	4-00PM	Vespers and Benediction	

PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR TODAY ARE ON PAGE 82 OF THE MASS BOOK The weekend the Second collection will be for the Parish SVP

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

ADORATION - After Saturday 10am Mass, Wednesday 8-30am, Thursday 3pm

BIBLE STUDY – Wednesday 10am in the Parish centre.

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DIVINE MERCY – After Mass on Thursday. **HOLY HOUR** – Thursdays 3pm - Adoration and Benediction before the blessed Sacrament. **ADULT INSTRUCTION** – Thursdays 7pm in the presbytery.

CHURCH OPENING – Church is open all day from 8-30am – 4pm on Fridays. <u>Please join our team of volunteers; a sign-up sheet for just an hour can be found in the porch.</u>

ROSARY - Friday 6.35pm CHILDREN'S LITURGY - 5pm Saturday.

RECENTLY DEPARTED Angela Price, formerly of this Parish and retired St Joseph's member of staff.

Patricia Mahon – Funeral Service at Stourbridge Crematorium Friday 6th December at 12-20pm

ADVENT WALK WITH ME BOOKS – Are available in the porch, £1 each. Advent calendars are also available.

CONTACTLESS AND ONLINE DONATIONS – We are now able to offer contactless payments in the porch or

donations using the following link https://donate.mydona.com/our-lady-all-st-stourbridge

NEW SUNDAY MISSALS - Please remember to collect your pre ordered Missals.

This weekend at 5pm Mass we will bless the Advent Candles and the new Lectionaries that will be used in Church. At 8-30am we will bless the new Lectionaries used for houses Masses and Masses away from Church and at 11am we will bless the book of the Gospels.

FIRST RECONCILIATION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2025— If you have a child in year 3 or above, who wishes to take part in the sacramental programme starting in the new year please download the letter and application from our website olas.org.uk "Parish Youth Matters" page. Please return the completed application form to Fr Philip along with a copy of your child's baptismal certificate before the parents meeting on Thursday 12th December.

PIETY STALL – Christmas cards, Calendars, Advent Calendars, Candles and gifts available are available now.

CAFOD – World Gift Christmas gift catalogues are available in the porch.

PARISH MAGAZINE 2024 – If you or your group would like an article included in the parish magazine due to be printed in early 2025, please email these to olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org.uk by the beginning of Advent. **MISSIO** 2024 calendars available in the porch.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE <u>NEXT</u> SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER 11AM - 2PM Please remember to pick up an envelope of raffle tickets this weekend. Boxes are available in the porch for donations, of bottles for the tombola, unwanted gifts, new unused toiletries and candles, good quality children's toys and books, items for Hampers. We are still looking for volunteers to help either on Friday 6th to set up or on the day of the fayre, please contact Fr Philip or Sarah by emailing <u>olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org</u> or call 01384 395308. Please bring donations of homemade cakes on Friday morning or on the morning of the fayre.

DECEMBER SCRIPTURE COMMENTARIES on our website, olas.org.uk and in the porch.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER – We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

EARLY BRITISH CHRISTIANITY – Professor Brian Ferry is proposing running two sessions on the topic. If you think you might be interested let Fr Stephen know by emailing fr.stephen.pimlott@rcaob.org.uk

ACTIVITIES TAKING PLACE IN OUR PARISH CENTRE

TODDLERS - Tuesday mornings term time only. Please contact Shelagh on 07742 988204

ALL SAINTS Youth Group Tuesday 10th December 6-30pm – 8-30pm.

Advent Prayer Morning - The Ignatian Prayer Group are meeting on Thursday 5th December 10am-12.30pm to ALL ARE WELCOME. For more information please contact either Sue McDermott on 07450 656757 – suemcderm@aol.com - or Alice Grennan on 07845 706362 – alice.grennan@googlemail.com .

LET THE CHILDREN LIVE FUNDRAISER Mulled wine and Mince Pies, Saturday 14th December, 11am.

LUNCHEON CLUB – December lunch is now fully booked.

FRANSICAN MEETING - Wednesday 18th December, 7pm. All Welcome

ADVENT REFLECTION 2024 – The Word was made flesh led by Fr Frank Johnson. Sunday 1st December 2-30pm – 5pm St Joseph's Catholic Church Willenhall, WV1 2QN.

H PORTER & SONS CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL SERVICE Wednesday 4th Dec, 7pm, St Mary's Church, Old Swinford

JUBLIEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI – 20th – 25th MAY 2025. The cost is £1095 for adults and £1080 for children. Please contact either Fr Louis on 07758 942747 or Helen Peters on 07973 630297 if you would like to book a place or require further information.

FOODBANK DONATIONS - We are open on Tuesday, 12:30pm -3:00pm and Friday 10-00am – 12-30pm. Please drop your donations of food to the back door of the parish centre. Thank you for you continued support. If you wish to donate other items please check with the foodbank volunteers first.

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

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES WITH THE ARCHDIOCESE Saturday 24th – Friday 30th May – to register your interest please visit Lourdes Pilgrimage 2025 | Home | Birmingham Diocesan Trust

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN STOURBRIDGE - We are singing just before Christmas, so people should be in a festive mood (or need encouragement and good cheer), please encourage your church members to come and sing on Saturday, 21st December. We gather at 10.00 for 10.15 start in the usual spot outside Tesco and will sing for about half an hour. Then we move to the Ryemarket, by the empty shop next to ECO Maniax. We'll start singing there about 11.00. It would be good to have a sizeable crowd of singers, so come along to either or both venues.