**ST CHAD AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH (Sedgley) and**

**ST PETER AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS (Lower Gornal)**

***(Registered Charity Number 234216)***

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 **SUNDAY 2nd AUGUST 2020. 18TH Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR A**

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| Sat | 01 | Aug | 5.00pm6.30pm | **(Vigil)** Margaret Parkes RIP**(Vigil)** Kathleen Beale RIP  | St PeterSt Chad’s |
| Sun | 02 | Aug | 9.00am10.30am | Pop Mass Pat Hodgenson RIP B’D Mem. | St PeterSt Chad’s |
| Mon | 03 | Aug |  | No Mass  |  |
| Tue | 04 | Aug | 7.00pm | Fr David Barry (J) | St Chad’s |
| Wed | 05 | Aug | 10.30am | Josephine Wong RIP | St Peter |
| Thu | 06 | Aug | 09.3011.15  | Mass: Transfiguration Of The LordFuneral Service: Stanislov Strandryt RIP | St Chad’sBushbury |
| Fri | 07 | Aug | 6.30pm | Avril Balkeen RIP  | St Peter |
| Sat | 08 | Aug | 5.00pm6.30pm | **(Vigil)** POP**(Vigil)** Geofrey Caddick RIP | St PeterSt Chad |
| Sun | 09 | Aug | 9.00am10.30am | Anne & Lilian RIPMarie Heald RIP | St PeterSt Chad |

**Please Note: Masses (shown in red above)**

**will also take place at St Chad, Sedgley, with Communion on exit**

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|  | **CONFESSIONS:** | Lower Gornal following Mass on Friday(Confession will take place outside the exit doors) |

**FUNERAL SERVICE: Stanislov Standryt RIP Thur 6th August at 11.15**

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR WONDERFUL CONTINUED GENEROSITY***

**We pray for those who have died in Christ that they may see Him face to face in His Kingdom of light and peace. We commend them to the loving Heart of Jesus. Eternal Rest Grant unto**: Fred Wilkes RIP, David Rowe RIP, Mark Wood RIP, Peter Blackwell RIP, Anne De Susa RIP, Connie Coombs RIP, Michael Joseph Hytch RIP, Doreen Maddin RIP, John Pountney RIP,Pauline Cashmore RIP, Patrick Duffy RIP, Ron Mason RIP, Mgr Lewis McRaye RIP, Tania Jones RIP Brenda Timmins RIP, Winnie Wasdell RIP, Eamon Friel RIP, Rita Walters RIP, Mary Davenport RIP, Jean Green RIP, Sheila Hinds RIP, Ray Todd RIP, Bernadette Pugh RIP, Brian Derry RIP, Dermott Smith RIP, Walter Davis RIP, Cynthia Broster RIP ,Gerard Mee RIP, Michael Weaver RIP, Ben Parker RIP, Ken Lee RIP, Margaret Russell RIP, Eileen Harris RIP, ArthurGriffiths RIP, Gilbert Fellows RIP, Margaret Rushbury RIP, Joan Walker RIP,Vince Cartwright RIP, Betty Dick RIP**,** Mary Worthington RIP,Sally Bate RIP, Terrance David Hyde RIP, Irene Grimes RIP, Frank Fox RIP, May Rodway RIP, Christine Meek RIP, Mona Mason RIP, Marge Ward RIP, Timothy Shee RIP, Monique Lyons RIP, Rosanna O’Driscoll RIP, Lucy Hale RIP, Jill Shaw RIP, Pat Watton RIP, Bernard Hegarty RIP, Emma Davaney RIP, Rita Griffiths RIP, Ron Presland RIP, John Fletcher RIP, Donna Garland RIP, Enid Greaney RIP, Donald Greaney RIP, Beryl Bennett RIP, Paul Richards RIP, Joanne Elizabeth Wooldridge RIP, Gerry Southall RIP, Pat Hodgson RIP, Alexandrina Nathaniel RIP, Baby Belle RIP, Rev, Fr Geoffrey Hargreaves RIP, Helen Flynn RIP, Cyril Raybould RIP, Clive Machin RIP, Baby Elliot Davis RIP, Bethany Pearce RIP, Edward Flavell RIP, Millicent Seed RIP, Frank Ward RIP, Valerie Clarke RIP, Margaret Carr RIP, Doug Woods RIP, Hazel Westwood RIP, William Monckton RIP, William Kenneth Presley RIP, AlanTurner RIP, Edna Aherne RIP, Lee Hobbs RIP, Michael Abbiss RIP, Melu Ram RIP, Dorothy Margaret Duffy RIP, Lee Hegarty RIP, Mary Ellen McCallister RIP, Kelvin Morris RIP, Rose Caddick RIP, James Alphonsis Carr RIP, Doreen Harper RIP, Deacon Jim Fantham RIP, Harold Dixon RIP, Mary Harris RIP, Jozef Guziel RIP, Don Courten RIP, Jean Morgan RIP, George Patrick Thompson RIP, Patricia Mary Todd RIP, Danny Jaurez-Green RIP, Thomas Jeffery Attwood RIP, Joan Fereday RIP, Pauline Gutteridge RIP, Ann Ball RIP, Joyce Southall RIP, Dennis Garland RIP, Kenneth Marsden RIP, Frances Eley RIP, Margaret White RIP, Alan Brookes RIP, Garifalia Maria Spiteri RIP, Mary Harvey RIP, George Evans RIP, Canon Gerry Breen RIP, Claire Hallett RIP, Jim Mulligan RIP, Ann Allsopp RIP, Tony Steventon RIP, Henry McTaggart RIP, Mary Fantham RIP, Ronald Rowe RIP, John Davenport RIP, Alan Meredith RIP, Joe O’Malley RIP, Avril Balkeen RIP;

**We** offer our prayers for those who are left to grieve. May the Merciful Heart of Jesus comfort you. We pray for those with Funerals.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WITH ANNIVERSARIES IN JULY**

**We pray together in merciful charity for all those gone before us recently; and their loved ones who now suffer their loss**

*+ May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND, ALL OF US IN FACT: With these days of threats to our safety through Covid 19.**

We pray to the merciful heart of Jesus for all our sick along with those who look after them. We ask the intercession of Our Lady, St Chad, St Peter and English Martyrs and All Saints for those who suffer; those in hospital and those at home: Baby Harmony Riley, Irene Clarke, Michael Doherty, Henry Parker, Mary Bartlam, Eileen Dwyer, Wendy Grimmett, Florence Cox, Hilda Davis, Mary and Joe Spiteri, Colin Small, Liz Ward, Sharon Jones, Steven Richards, Bridie Frost, Josephine Cox, Susan Cox, Mary Ward, John Price, Karen Palk

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCES**

We remember our departed loved ones whose First Anniversary occur around this time.

**ST MICHAEL PRAYER**

St Michael the Archangel, defend us in this day of battle, be our safeguard against wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou O! Prince of the heavenly host, through the power of God, thrust into hell satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen +

**PRAYER FOR MARY’S MEALS**

Our Father give us this day our daily bread and forgive us for the times when we take more than our share of the bread that belongs to all. Let us help You fill the starving with good things, not with scraps from our table. Teach us how to share what is not ours to keep. Clothe us with your Love that we may complete each good work you created us to do. Place in our hearts Your compassion for each starving child and use our little acts of love so that they starve no more. Amen.

Thank you to everyone that donate to this World Wide Project. Benin, Ecuador, Haiti, India, Malawi, South Sudan, Thailand, Uganda.

***Many Thanks for your continued support to this very worthwhile project.***

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

The focus of our work here at St Chad’s and St Peter’s is to offer companionship and help. If you or someone you know may appreciate a visit, please contact: Mrs Vivian Clarke (Sunday 10:30am Mass, St Chad’s or please Telephone 01902 897768): or Mrs Sandra Oliver (6:30pm Mass St Chad’s). Also if any Parishioner is interested in becoming a member of the SVP, you would be most welcome, again please contact Mrs Clarke. Thank You.

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**PARISH ACTIVITIES - ALL ACTIVITIES BELOW SUSPENDED**

At present (4 July 2020) we still have not been given clearance to restart any of our activities.

All our normal activities listed below (in light blue) are suspended during these uncertain times.

The Diocese will shortly be giving instructions on the re-opening of the halls; rules will apply.

\* SHORT MAT BOWLING *(Monday Afternoon 2:00 to 4:00pm)*

 Sincere Thank You to all participants for your support and to all who organize this very successful Group.

 New members are most welcome to join… come along, meet new friends & keep fit with gentle exercise!

\* WEDNESDAY CLUB

\* YOUTH GROUP *(Alternate Wednesday evenings 6:30 to 8:00pm - Term time only)*

\* SATURDAY NIGHT DANCING *(7:30pm until late - Admission £3.00 includes Raffle)*

Ballroom, Sequence and Line Dancing. Bring your own refreshments. Come along… you will be made very welcome.

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**Please visit our Parish website -** [**www.rcsedgley.com**](http://www.rcsedgley.com) **- for all up-to-the-minute-updates and other news**

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**THE CORONAVIRUS HAS HIT US ALL HARD**. Although all the cancellations have been hugely disconcerting. We welcomed the Prime Minister telling us that churches are now allowed to open for times of prayer and meditation; 2 weeks ago the Prime Minister informed us that ‘full service’ may resume; for us Catholics we will be back to Mass week beginning 4th July, following the strict guidelines of 1.5 – 2meter distance the use of St Chad’s for the moment will not be used for the simple reason that we only have the one aisle, which will compromise distance safety at Holy Communion times and times for vacating the building; so for the time being; we shall be using St Peter’s, Lower Gornal for Mass and services at the weekend. We live in very different times now, and people have the great advantage of cars or busses to get around.

*We have re-opened St Chad’s from Saturday 25 and Sunday 26July onwards and abide by the Bishops’ rule of receiving Holy Communion at the very end of Mass (more information will be given at Mass). Masses will be at the same times to previous time slots: BUT due to the Governments policy of ‘distance safety measures’; we will certainly not be able to accommodate similar previous numbers at Mass. Therefore, together with our regular Sunday times of Mass at 9.00am and 10.30am there will be an* ***additional Vigil Mass******at 5.00pm*** *at St Peter’s together with the usual 6.30pm(Sedgley), plus our traditional 10.30 (Sunday) and Tuesday 7pm; at Sedgley.*

The important things you must know is that the churches have been thoroughly cleaned or rather ‘deep cleaned’ so that any spot or stain of the Covid 19 virus has been washed away. The virus itself is not a lingering infection on wood, benches, floors etc. There are no holy water stoops and the entrance and exit doors will remain open. There will be Marshals at both churches to guide anyone to seats and to remind them that once they have entered through the Entrance, they must then leave by the exit. You are welcome to bring your own hand gel, but there will be some provided on entrance. Once your space has been vacated, one of the marshals will again wipe the seat with cleanser. As the government insist, we must remain 1.5 - 2 meters apart while in church, and you will be guided to appropriate spaces.

If the church is full, as it will only accommodate limited numbers because of the distance obligation, please be prepared to go home with the full knowledge that one can for the present time, use a weekday Mass to subsidies for their Sunday commitment. This has been clarified by the Bishop’s Conference in England.

Full risk assessments have been carried out which contain considerable detail: This is done and activated for YOUR safety. There is a lot of information on the Archdiocesan site about keeping safe in the pandemic; that’s why they recommend that facial coverings are advised. There is a great source of information at the Diocesan website which you may be interested.

**ST PETER’S, LOWER GORNAL CENSUS:** With the monumental changes over the last decade or so, we have lost track of people’s details to get in touch at specifically times like this to give information; like the beginning of Masses again after the pandemic. So Please help us keep in touch and offer you up to date news of what’s going on: Please complete the short forms which are placed in the Agape Room. We promise not to sell your information to those extremely annoying phone calls people who ask you if you want to change your hair-do!

**Requirements for Those Attending** **Church**

1. All entering the church will be recommended to use a face covering at all times to minimise the risk of contagion to all present.

2. Alcohol-based hand gel will be available and must be used on entry and departure from the church.

3. Any handkerchiefs or tissues shall be taken off the premises.

4. Personal possessions should be kept to a minimum and should be taken away on leaving the church.

5. Any items found during cleaning shall be disposed of and shall not be deposited in any lost property.

6. While children are unlikely to become very ill, they are capable of both being infected by the virus and of spreading it. Parents or guardians bringing children into a church should not be discouraged from doing so, but it will be important for parents to manage their children appropriately, particularly ensuring they touch as few surfaces as possible for their own safety.

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**THE ARCHBISHOPS OF ENGLAND ADDRESS US**

**A Message from the Metropolitan Archbishops of the Catholic Church in England**

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ, Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

On Tuesday we heard the announcement that, from the 4th July this year, places of worship will be able to reopen for prayer and services. We welcome this news with great joy. Since the lockdown began, members of all faiths have faced restrictions on how they have been able to celebrate important religious festivals. Our own experience of Easter was unlike any other we have known. Now, in our churches, and with our people, we can look forward again to celebrating the central mysteries of our faith in the Holy Eucharist.

The recent reopening of our churches for individual private prayer was an important milestone on our journey towards resuming communal worship. Our churches that have opened have put in place all the measures needed to ensure the risks of virus transmission are minimised. This includes effective hand sanitisation, social distancing, and cleaning. We remain committed to making sure these systems of hygiene and infection control meet Government and public health standards. We want to thank everyone within the Catholic community for sustaining the life of faith in such creative ways, not least in the family home. We thank our priests for celebrating Mass faithfully for their people, and for the innovative ways in which they have enabled participation through live-streaming and other means. We are grateful for the pastoral care shown by our clergy to those for whom this time of lockdown has been especially difficult, and, in particular, towards those who have been bereaved. We recognise too the chaplaincy services that have played a vital role in supporting those most in need. Gaining from the experience of all that we have been through, and bringing those lessons into the future, we must now look forward.

With the easing of restrictions on worship with congregations, we tread carefully along the path that lies ahead. Our lives have been changed by the experience of the pandemic and it is clear that we cannot simply return to how things were before lockdown. We remain centred on the Lord Jesus and His command at the Last Supper to “do this in memory of me.” We must now rebuild what it means to be Eucharistic communities, holding fast to all that we hold dear, while at the same time exploring creative ways to meet changed circumstances. It is important to reaffirm that, at present, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended. A significant number of churches may remain closed as they are unable to meet the requirements for opening for individual prayer. Fulfilling these requirements is a precondition for any church opening after the 4thJuly for the celebration of Mass with a congregation.

Please be aware that there will be a limit on the number of people who can attend Mass in our churches. This will determined locally in accordance with social distancing requirements. We therefore need to reflect carefully on how and when we might be able to attend Mass. We cannot return immediately to our customary practices.

This next step is not, in any sense, a moment when we are going ‘back to normal.’ We ask every Catholic to think carefully about how and when they will return to Mass. Our priests may need to consider whether it is possible to celebrate additional Masses at the weekends. Given there is no Sunday obligation, we ask you to consider the possibility of attending Mass on a weekday. This will ease the pressure of numbers for Sunday celebrations and allow a gradual return to the Eucharist for more people. Moving forward, there will still be many people who cannot attend Mass in person. We therefore ask parishes, wherever possible, to continue live-streaming Sunday Mass, both for those who remain shielding and vulnerable, and also for those unable to leave home because of advanced age or illness.

When we return to Mass there will be some differences in how the celebration takes place. For the time being, there will be no congregational singing and Mass will be shorter than usual. None of this detracts from the centrality of our encounter with the Risen Christ in the Eucharist. We ask every one to respect and follow the guidance that will be issued and the instructions in each church. “As I have loved you,” said the Lord Jesus, “so you must love each other.” (John 13:34).

The lockdown has brought forth remarkable acts of charity, of loving kindness, from Catholics across our communities as they have cared for the needy and vulnerable. We have seen love in action through charitable works, and through the service of many front-line key workers who are members of our Church. Now we can begin to return to the source of that charity, Christ himself, present for us sacramentally, body, blood, soul and divinity, in Holy Communion. As we prepare to gather again to worship, let us, respectful of each other, come together in thanksgiving to God for the immense gift of the Holy Eucharist.

Yours devotedly in Christ.

 ✠ Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster

 ✠ Malcolm McMahon OP, Archbishop of Liverpool

 ✠ Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham

 ✠ John Wilson, Archbishop of Southwark