

St. George & St. Teresa
Catholic Church
Dorridge

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

14th March 2021



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT: He came away with his sight restored.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: We are delighted that Scarlett and Jacob are making their First Holy Communion this weekend. Please remember them in your prayers.

A PASTORAL LETTER from Archbishop Bernard Longley will be read this weekend at all Masses, copies are available on the table in the Parish Centre.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES: Once again, because of the ongoing restrictions due to the Coronavirus pandemic, we have to ask you to book your places for church services. This will be for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Sunday Services. The booking system will be available from next weekend. The hall will be open for those who have not booked in - maximum of 30 people.

Sat 27 th March	Palm Sunday Vigil 5.30pm
Sun 28 th March	Palm Sunday 10.30am
Thurs 1 st April	Maundy Thursday 7.30pm
Fri 2 nd April	Good Friday 3.00pm
Sat 3 rd April	Easter Vigil 8.00pm
Sun 4 th April	Easter Sunday 8.45am and 10.30am

SACRED HEART MESSENGER: The April issue of the magazine is in the Parish Centre for those who order it.

PETITIONS: In response to a request from a parishioner, petitions can be attached to the magnolia tree in the Calvary Garden. Pegs are provided.

A CHALLENGE FOR LENT! Live simply – so others may SIMPLY LIVE: For the increasing number of people needing the support of Foodbanks at the moment, it is a struggle to afford even the basic necessities, not to mention luxuries. This Lent we invite you to show them some support by joining in with our challenge. The Challenge: Find a nice big box. Each week, follow the Challenge Chart on the Parish Website. This will get you to think a little about what you consume each week, with the challenge being to give up one of your luxuries, and instead put donations in your Foodbank collection box, as a way of showing a little solidarity with those who are struggling. Each week we have included an optional *Added Extra* that you might like to include to spread the help further. Drop your donations to the Foodbank sorting team at the Parish Centre between 11.15-12.00 on Sundays (except Easter Sunday).

LENT COURSES: Deacon Stephen is running the course Lent is for Loving. The course explores how to be a Christian in our days and in our land. The meetings will be run over Zoom on Wednesdays at 7.30pm. The other Lent course - Tenants of the King, which is an opportunity to explore how as Christians we care for our common home, this will be on Mondays at 7.30pm. For a Zoom invitation, please contact Deacon Stephen by email on stephensaum1@gmail.com.

NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH: On the 8th December last year, Pope Francis proclaimed a Year of St Joseph. Missio are inviting you to join with them in praying the National Novena of St Joseph from 10th – 18th March 2021. A copy is available to download from the news page on our website.

LIVE-STREAMING AT ST GEORGE AND ST TERESA

7.15am Office of Readings

7.30am Morning Prayer

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Deacon Stephen has added an online version of the Stations of the Cross to the Parish Website. Over the course of Lent, different versions will be provided.

CHURCH OPENING: Midweek Public Masses and private prayer have been suspended due to the severity of Covid in the area. This will be reviewed every couple of weeks.

The church is open for Public Mass on Saturday at 5.30pm and Sunday at 10.30am.

Please note our Bishops have not yet reinstated Sunday Mass obligation. Those whose health is vulnerable are welcome to continue with live stream.

PUBLIC MASSES. To maintain social distancing of 2m, the maximum number of household groups we can accommodate is thirty-four, these will be on a first come first served basis, with a further thirty in the parish centre with live streaming.

- The Government encourages us to adhere with Track and Trace guidance, people are invited to bring a piece of paper with their name and phone number or email address on, these can be dropped into the basket on entering the Church. They will be kept securely for three weeks before being destroyed. If you have the NHS App on your phone, please scan the QR Code.
- Please remember to wash your hands before setting off for Church and sanitise when you arrive in the Narthex.
- In accordance with Government advice, please wear a mask.
- Please maintain 2 metre social distancing and follow the instructions of the stewards.
- Please ensure you leave the Church via the Parish Centre.

To enable us to open the Church we need volunteers for stewarding. If you can help, please email the parish with your name, telephone number and availability.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM NEWSLETTER: To keep up-to-date with all the latest news, information and online events from across the Archdiocese and beyond please sign up to the newsletter, issued every few weeks via email. To sign up, please visit www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/e-news

LENT WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS AND CALENDARS are now available in the Parish Centre and can be collected when leaving the Church following Mass.

CHURCH ROTAS – 2021: Copies of the new church cleaning rota are now available in the Parish Centre. Many thanks to the volunteers who keep our Church clean.

REFLECTION DURING LOCKDOWN: Responding to the Psalms is a project of the Spirituality Committee of the Bishops Conference of England and Wales. See parish website for details.

2021 DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES are available in the Parish Centre costing £3.

THE NEW PARISH WEBSITE is now live, we would still welcome suggestions and feedback. It can be viewed at www.catholicchurchdorridge.uk. Please email comments to the Parish.

SVP: If any parishioners face difficulties and need any help during the Coronavirus situation, and possible self-isolation, please contact the SVP. Please email svpstgt@btinternet.com

PARISH BULLETIN: If any parishioners would like to receive the bulletin by email please email the parish requesting a copy. Bulletins, current and historic, can also be found on the Parish Website <https://www.catholicchurchdorridge.uk/parish-bulletins>

PARISH CENTRE BOOKINGS			
Sun 14 th	Foodbank	Hall	11.15 – 12.30
Fri 19 th	AA	Hall	19.30 – 22.00
<i>It is important that users of the Parish Centre arrange bookings (and payments for non-Parish Events) through Oksana Zurak 07967-846 963 or oksanazurak@gmail.com</i>			



Your Prayers are asked

For those who are Sick: Dorothy Perkins, Michael and Brenda Grosvenor, Tony Burdett, Angela Robinson. *Let us also remember those who care for them.*

For those Anniversaries which occur in the last 20 years. Peter Niblett, Peter Morgan, Kathleen Nicholls, John Fildes, Charles Ward, Alan McDonald, John Hildreth, Francis Maguire, Catherine Helen.

Recently Deceased: Philip Price, Joe Edwards, Pauline Day.

OFFERTORY: 7.3.21
Cathedral Maintenance
CAFOD £50

Envelopes £249
Envelopes £78

Plate £48
Plate £37

Average weekly offering via standing order and online banking - £570