

St. George & St. Teresa
Catholic Church
Dorridge

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
2nd May 2021



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

HOLY COMMUNION: As usual, Holy Communion will be available for thirty minutes after each weekend Mass for those following via live stream.

LIVE-STREAMING AT ST GEORGE AND ST TERESA

7.15am Office of Readings

7.30am Morning Prayer

EASTERTIDE SPIRITUAL READING: The Parish Spiritual Reading Group will be reading and discussing Pope Francis's book on his reflections of going forward as a Church from these times of pandemic. How has it changed our lives? And what understanding of our future vocations has it prompted?

We plan to read this short book over two months with meetings every two weeks. The next Zoom meeting will be on Friday 30th April at 4pm, also on Monday 3rd May at 7pm. Fr Rob has sent out Zoom invitations.

The book "**Let Us Dream**" is available online from Amazon at [Amazon.co.uk : let us dream pope francis](https://www.amazon.co.uk/let-us-dream-pope-francis/). If you are unable to order a copy online, please contact Fr Rob and he will order a copy for you.

MISSIO: Thank you to all who give so generously to Missio and to Leo and the promoters who empty the Red Boxes. Through the Red Boxes, and individuals giving directly, the sum of £3,060 has been raised by parishioners. New promoters are needed, please contact Fr Rob or Leo if you are willing to help.

THE MARIAN MONTH OF MAY: The Pontifical Council for the New Evangelisation has called for a universal daily prayer to be offered for the end of the Covid-19 Pandemic during the month of May and that each day during the month will focus upon one of the international Marian Shrines. The full list of shrines and prayer intentions for each day is available on our website. We have been asked to note that Saturday 1 May 2021 has been assigned for Our Lady of Walsingham with the prayer intention in favour of the Holy Souls. We have therefore been asked to pray the Rosary in spiritual unity with the Holy Father, through the intercession of Our Lady of Walsingham.

PENTECOST: If the weather is fine, we are proposing to celebrate Pentecost with an outdoor Mass. If any parishioners have a couple of gazebos or similar that we could borrow please contact Fr Rob.

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

TO OUR CATHOLIC UNIVERSE AND CATHOLIC TIMES READERS IN THE PARISH: If you are unable to collect your paper at Mass you can now get it delivered direct to your home every week post free (it's quick and it's simple) just go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call us on 0161 820 5722 and we will arrange delivery for you. All papers are Covid safe and packed in a sterile component:

Special offer - 3 months: - £25.00

Special offer - 12 months: - £99.00

Digital copy - 12 months: - £55.00

or digital copy/and hard copy for: - £115.00 (*easter special offer*)

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: New boxes of offertory envelopes are now available for the financial year commencing 6th April 2021. Due to ongoing restricted Mass attendance, a limited number of boxes will be available in the narthex from this weekend. These should cater for those parishioners who have made a donation during the last 12 months using an envelope from their box (as opposed to bank transfer). Further boxes will be put out as restrictions on Mass numbers ease.

In the meantime, if you would like your box please contact Joan & Tony Taylor on tony.joan.taylor@gmail.com. Note that smaller boxes containing just envelopes for the second collection are available for parishioners whose offertory donation is by standing order.

BISHOP CHALLONER TSA is currently working with around forty Primary and Secondary schools in the Birmingham area to help new teachers into the profession. Anyone is welcome to join for a free online information event on Thursday 13th May at 5pm to find out more about the School Direct / PGCE route into this exciting and rewarding profession. See www.bctsa.org for details, or email teachingschool@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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>

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. We have switched from MCN Media to You Tube for live streaming. The link can be found on our website. If any parishioners need help with viewing the church cameras at home, Martin Whiting has kindly offered to assist and can be contacted on 01564 777506.

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 CENTRE BOOKINGS			
Sun 2 nd	Foodbank	Hall	11.30 – 12.30
Mon 3 rd	Kickboxing	Hall	17.00 – 19.00
Tues 4 th	HeadStart	Conf Room	15.30 – 18.30
Wed 5 th	Rhythm Time	Hall	09.00 – 12.00
	HeadStart	Conf Room	15.30 – 18.30
	Kickboxing	Hall	17.00 – 19.00
Thurs 6 th	Leapfrog	Hall	10.00 – 12.00
	Scanlon Irish Dancing	Hall	17.00 – 18.00
Fri 7 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 Grosvenor, Tony Burdett, Angela Robinson, Fred Slater. *Let us also remember those who care for them.*

For those Anniversaries which occur in the last 20 years: Romuald Kijak, Winnie Manion, Roy Walker, Josef Zurak, Dick Horton.

Recently Deceased:

OFFERTORY: 25.4.21

Envelopes £235

Plate £69

Clergy Training Fund £142

Average weekly offering via standing order and online banking - £680