

Masses at St George & St Teresa

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29TH NOVEMBER – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 5.30pm Michael Bird RIP (LG)
Sunday 10.30am Thanksgiving (T & J T)

WEEKDAY SERVICES

30.11 Mon 9.15 am **St Andrew, Apostle** David Maddocks RIP (MM)
1.12 Tue 9.15am **St Edmund Campion** Helen Elizabeth Johnson and Family RIP (MM)
2.12 Wed 10.00am **Feria** (Public Mass) Michael Bird RIP (AR)
3.12 Thu 9.15am **St Francis Xavier** Peter Kedian RIP (T & J T)
4.12 Fri 9.15am **St Birinus** (Public Mass) Private Int (LG)

6TH DECEMBER – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This weekend there will be a second collection for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese

Saturday 5.30pm (Public Mass) Chris Lavery RIP (MG)
Sunday 10.30am (Public Mass) Marian Lambert (SF)

Confessions available by appointment – please phone the presbytery.

CHURCH ROTAS

CHURCH CLEANING

This week D Burrell S Chester G Deadicoat
Next week A Robinson M Fitzpatrick R Slater

READERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, COUNTERS

Not required

Parish Priest: Fr Robert Taylerson,

Priest in Residence: Fr Paul Dean, Deacon: Rev Mr Stephen Saum
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This church live streams Mass and other events

St. George & St. Teresa
Catholic Church
Dorridge



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 29th November 2020

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming.

NATIONAL LOCKDOWN:

Sadly, there will be no public Masses for four weeks, no baptisms or weddings. For funerals we are limited to 30 and priority is given to family and close friends of the deceased. We are not allowed to distribute communion after Masses during lockdown.

REOPENING OF THE CHURCH FOR PUBLIC SERVICES FROM WED 2ND DEC: The following Masses will be public - Sat 5.30 pm, Sun 10.30 am, Wed 10.00 am (with adoration from 9.00 am) and Fri 9.15 am (with prayer with adoration for an hour after Mass).

Please note our Bishops have not yet reinstated Sunday Mass obligation. Those whose health is vulnerable are welcome to continue with live stream or to come to midweek Masses when numbers will be lower.

WEEKEND 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.

Those who are watching the live streaming at home are welcome to receive Holy Communion after Mass:

Distribution of Holy Communion

Saturday evening following the 5.30pm Mass 6.15 pm

Sunday morning following the 10.30am Mass 11.15 am

Thanks to those who have volunteered for stewarding. If you can help, please email stgeorge-stteresa.dorridge@rcaob.org.uk with your name, telephone number and availability.

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. A November Novena for the Holy Souls can also be found on the website.

LIVE-STREAMING AT ST GEORGE AND ST TERESA

7.15am Office of Readings

7.30am Morning Prayer

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

POOR PARISHES: Next weekend there will be a second collection to help our poorer parishes, many of which will have been particularly badly hit this year. Donations can be made directly and electronically to the fund via the diocesan website with the added advantage of Gift Aid for those who are eligible. <https://www.mygiving.online/appdonation/DonateNow/197597ae-b53e-430f-be0a-a78281e94aa8> (After completing their details on the form donors will be taken to the next page which has the PMF preselected as the fund to donate to.)

SVP CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE: In previous years gift tag suggestions were attached to the Christmas Tree in the Narthex for parishioners to take, purchase a gift and return for the SVP to distribute. This year (due to Covid constraints) the Christmas Giving Tree is located on the new church website. www.catholicchurchdorridge.uk You are invited to select a gift from the list available and return it (wrapped and labelled) to the Parish Centre on advised dates.

If you would prefer to make a financial donation towards a gift, you can put your donation in an envelope marked 'Christmas Giving Tree' and place it in the Presbytery letterbox. Alternatively, you can visit the SVP 'Just Giving' page that has been set up for this purpose (link available on new parish website). Thank you for your generosity.

WORLD GIFTS, CAFOD's range of virtual gifts, make a real difference to families living in poverty across the world. While we have the coronavirus pandemic and lockdown here, we can still be good neighbours to our sisters and brothers overseas by giving World Gifts as Christmas presents to family and friends. The Keep Clean Kit gift for £6 and the Vegetable Garden gift for £10 are just two gifts that will help vulnerable families affected by the pandemic to protect and feed themselves. Let's spread joy and hope around the world this Christmas. Visit cafod.org.uk/worldgifts

LIVE STREAMING: Thank you for your comments on the new system. Fr Rob has decided to delay the switch so we will continue to stream Mass via MCN Media.

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

BLESSING OF GRAVES – NOVEMBER. Due to Covid Restrictions the blessing of graves will not take place this year. However, if you wish to visit your loved ones graves Mgr McHugh has prepared a short prayer service that can be used. This can be downloaded from the Parish Website.

JOB VACANCY: Our Lady and All Saints MAC are seeking to appoint a Finance Manager. This newly created MAC comprises of thirteen schools including St George and St Teresa Primary. See the parish website for the job description and person specification. The closing date is Monday 7th Dec.

PUBLICATION OF THE IICSA REPORT: Last week saw the release of an Independent National Report on the strengths and weaknesses of the Catholic Church in England and Wales in relation to child sexual abuse. The report can be found at <https://www.iicsa.org.uk/publications/investigation/roman-catholic-church> and the statement in response from The Catholic Bishop' Conference of England Wales is available at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/statement-on-the-publication-of-the-iicsa-report>

JOB VACANCY: The Archdiocese of Birmingham wishes to appoint a Chief Operating Officer. If you would like to receive an Information Pack for this role with details on how to apply, please send an expression of interest and (optional but appreciated) a CV or professional profile in confidence to our consultant, Jenny Hills at executive@harrishill.co.uk. Further details can be found on the diocesan website <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Pages/FAQs/Category/jobs>

SVP/ SCHOOL FOODBANK SUPPORT GROUP: Have you filled your 'Count UP to Christmas' box yet? It's not too late to start one - just fill a big box with 30 items of non-perishable foods & essential household supplies, including a few Christmas treats. We will collect these to sort and distribute to Bethany Food Bank on the weekend of **28th & 29th Nov, and 5th & 6th Dec**. The boxes can either be dropped off to the Parish Centre between **11.00am - 12.15am on Sun 29th Nov or Sun 6th Dec**, or dropped into any of our porch volunteers. If you are unable to deliver your box yourself, please phone 07758 447355 to arrange a collection, and we will be happy to collect your box for you. Thank you very much!

SACRED HEART MESSENGER: If you wish to continue receiving the magazine in 2021, please complete the enclosed envelope for orders and return to the presbytery.

CAROL SERVICE: Churches together in Knowle, Dorridge & Bentley Heath are holding a joint virtual carol service. It will be available online on Sunday 20th Dec at 6.30 pm. Details to follow.

NEW PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS: Please note that the parish has a new email address – stgeorge-stteresa.dorridge@rcaob.org.uk

ST GEORGE AND ST TERESA SCHOOL welcome prospective parents who have children due to start Nursery or Reception Class in September 2021.

We are a happy and successful school, committed to providing the highest quality of education possible within a strong Catholic ethos. We believe that children should live and learn in a happy, secure and stimulating environment, a place where they are valued as individuals, encouraged to grow in self-esteem and given the opportunities they deserve to reach their potential.

Our school is offering the additional government entitlement of 30 hours free Early Years education each week. The first 15 hours free early education will be provided in the Nursery department of our school. The further 15 hours, which is subject to employment criteria, will be offered in our extended day care in Dragons and will follow the EYFS statutory guidance in conjunction with our Nursery.

Please visit our Virtual Open Morning to see our wonderful school, if you have any questions or other queries regarding the admissions process, please just get in touch – we'll be more than happy to help. www.stgandt.solihull.sch.uk/community-information/virtual-open-morning-video

YOU CAN HELP TO SECURE AND ENHANCE CATHOLIC EDUCATION: If you are a parent/carer and are considering primary school placement options for the next school year, or know someone that is, this is important. Please visit the school website via the following link <https://www.stgandt.solihull.sch.uk/catholic-life/securing-catholic-education>

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>

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 29 th	Sorting donations for Food Bank	Hall	11.30 – 12.30
Wed 2 nd	Rhythm Time	Hall	9.00 – 12.30
	Kickboxing	Hall	17.00 – 19.00
Thurs 3 rd	Scanlon School of Irish Dancing	Hall	17.00 – 18.00
Fri 4 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, Pam Goodwin, Margaret Wright, Sean and Margaret Sullivan, Michael and Brenda Grosvenor, Tony Burdett, Sheila Fildes. *Let us also remember those who care for them.*

For those Anniversaries which occur in the last 20 years: Eddie Rogers, Mary McMahan, Michael Gannon, Peggy Jones.

Recently Deceased: Mary Wilson (Devon).

OFFERTORY: 22.11.20

National Youth Sunday

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

Envelopes £123

£42

Plate £