

St. George & St. Teresa
Catholic Church
Dorridge

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

21st February 2021



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT: Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

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 beginning on Wednesday 24th February 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 begin on Monday 22nd February at 7.30pm. For a Zoom invitation, please contact Deacon Stephen by email on stephensaum1@gmail.com.

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.

LIVE-STREAMING AT ST GEORGE AND ST TERESA

7.15am Office of Readings

7.30am Morning Prayer

FRIDAY 26TH FEBRUARY - LENT FAST DAY: You can donate online through the CAFOD website www.cafod.org.uk, or by using one of the CAFOD envelopes. These can be collected on the way out of Mass to be returned next weekend.

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.

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 REFLECTIONS WITH THE DIOCESAN EVANGELISATION TEAM: Paul and Natalie would like to invite you to a series of online Lent reflections beginning on 19 February from 1.30-2.30pm, each Friday for six weeks. The Friends of the Holy Land have produced a beautiful resource made up of poems, reflections, scripture readings and images, accompanying Jesus through his Passion, Death and Resurrection. Contributions come from Christian leaders in the Holy Land, representing many Christians struggling at this time of lockdown. If you would like to join us on this journey, please contact Natalie for the Zoom codes at natalie.orefice@rcaob.org.uk

Other resources for Lent and Easter 2021 can be found on the Archdiocese Website www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lent-and-easter-2021

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

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

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: The women of Vanuatu have written this year's Service. Vanuatu is an archipelago of 80 islands in the South Pacific, 2000 miles east of Australia. Their theme of the Service is 'Build on a Strong Foundation' and it is being pre-recorded for us to join at 7.30pm Friday 5th March. The link will be circulated around our Churches in advance. Dorridge Methodist Church is organising the Service for us with contributions from all our Churches in Knowle, Dorridge, Bentley Heath and Hampton in Arden. Please pray for them as they compile the videos to create the Service. So come and join us in Vanuatu and learn about the lives of the women as they share their stories.

BETHANY FOOD BANK: We continue our porch collections ready to take all your donations of tinned foods, packets and essential household supplies. As usual, donations can either be dropped off to the local donation addresses or can be brought to the Parish Centre every Sunday from 11.30am – 12.00 noon. You can also leave a cash donation for us to use to help people who are referred directly to us for help. Thank you so much for your continuing support.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE: See the Parish Website for details of a mini retreat for care givers in the midst of the COVID pandemic. Prepared by Ben Bano from Welcome Me As I Am, the mini retreat offers a scripture based reflection each day for a week.

The Christian Heritage Centre are offering webinars to support Catholics (and indeed Christians) who work in the mental health sector. See the flyer on the parish website.

Other information and details of online courses relating to marriage preparation and marriage care can be found on the Archdiocese of Birmingham website <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/marriage>. If parishioners are planning marriage, please contact Fr Rob in the first instance.

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 21 st	Foodbank	Hall	11.30 – 12.30
Fri 26 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, Pauline Day. *Let us also remember those who care for them.*

For those Anniversaries which occur in the last 20 years. Anastasia Udale, Hilda Keegan, Mary Mee, Tess Manion, Frances Manion, Geoffrey Barrett, Dolores Bollard, Ann Bradfield, Mary Restall.

Recently Deceased: Eamon Charles Staunton - Funeral 11am on Monday 8th March.

OFFERTORY: 14.2.21

Envelopes £197

Plate £47

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