## MASSES AND SERVICES

Fifth Sunday of Easter – 18th May 2025		
Saturday5.30pmVigil Terence Round (B&P S)Sunday8.45amPeople of the Parish10.30amMrs Joan Shortt (EB & family)		
Confession Saturday morning 9.15am – 9.45am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Saturday 9am - 9.50am, Rosary – Monday to Friday 9.35am Saturday 10.30am Divine Mercy Chaplet – Friday after Mass		
CHURCH CLEANINGThis weekM HarrisT LesterNext weekM WilkesP Wilkes		
READERS5.30pm8.45am10.30amThis weekJ MusgraveTBAR SlaterNext weekN DammsE Moroney BarnettJ McDonaldTEA & COFFEET& J TaylorV ChapmanO Zurak		

**TEA & COFFEE** This week

Parish Priest: Fr John Cross

P Cheriton

P Hogan

Deacon: Rev Mr Stephen Saum, Rev Dr Subhi Zora. Priest in Residence: Fr Paul Dean, The Presbytery, 337 Station Road, Dorridge, Solihull, B93 8EZ. Tel: 01564 772098 email: stgeorge-stteresa.dorridge@rcaob.org.uk Website : www.catholicchurchdorridge.uk All church services are Live streamed via website & You Tube. Registered as a Charity No. 23421 St George and St Teresa School, Mill Lane, Bentley Heath, Solihull, B93 8PA. Tel: 01564 774906 Head of School Stephen Hainie. Executive Head Louise Flanagan

# Saint George and Saint Teresa of the Child Jesus, Catholic Church Serving Dorridge, Bentley Heath, Knowle & Hockley Heath Jubilee Year 2025 Pilgrims of Hope Fourth Sunday of Easter 11th May



Dear Parishioners,

We have a new Pope! It was good to join the millions of Catholics and non-Catholics alike as we waited in anticipation. First watching the chimney over the Sistine Chapel and feeling the sense of joy as white smoke billowed into the afternoon sky. Next all eyes concentrated on the balcony above the entrance of the Basilica of St Peter. Meanwhile the continuity announcers held the moment until the words "Habemus Papam!" caused a huge response from the waiting crowd, then the name and finally the man, as Pope Leo XIV stepped into the limelight for the first time. It was a moment we had been praying for and now, in the calm presence of the successor of St Peter we have prayed the Hail Mary together, sensitive to the legacy of Pope Francis and looking forward with faith and hope to the future. God Bless our Pope!

No less joyful came the news last week for our Catholic Secondary School of St Peter's which following the recent Ofsted inspection has received the accolade of OUTSTANDING. It is good to know the children who attend our Catholic Schools receive the very best in their education. The full report is available on the St Peter's School website. <u>https://www.st-peters.solihull.sch.uk/</u>

What more can I say?

Every Blessing Fr John

**St Peter's School:** In thanksgiving for 50 years of St Peter's Catholic School. Holy Mass will be celebrated by Bishop David Evans on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm followed by refreshments. All are welcome. Contact the school office to let them know you wish to attend.

**Coffee And Tea After Mass:** Coffee and Tea will be served after all Masses this weekend. Do come and join us in the Parish Centre.

**Asylum Seeker/Refugee Befriending -** Would you be interested in becoming a befriender to a refugee or asylum seeker in the Birmingham Area? If so, the Birmingham Churches Together Refugee charity 'RESTORE' is running a training session on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June from 9.45am-4pm at St John's Church in Harborne. More details can be found from the link <u>https://www.restore-uk.org/news/restore-summer-training-course/</u> and via this YouTube video <u>https://youtu.be/7IQfrZuvI-Y</u> If you would like an informal chat with someone from the Parish about what being a befriender entails, give Tony a ring on 07787 538620.

**Retrouvaille:** Alone or bored in your marriage? Considering separation or are already divorced? If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get back on track. Call to find out more <u>www.retrouvaille.org.uk</u> +44797 338 0443.

## **Operations & Office Administrator**

Columban Missionaries Britain are seeking a full-time Operations & Office Administrator to join its team, based at St. Columban's in Solihull. This is an exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic professional to contribute to the mission work of the Columban Fathers in Britain. The candidate will provide exemplary wide range of administrative and operational support to ensure an efficient office environment. For more details about the position and to apply, please email the HR Advisor at <u>hr@columbans.co.uk</u>.

**SVP** Thank you so much. The toiletries were very much appreciated before Easter. Families were overwhelmed by the generosity. This is the snip from our school newsletter thanking you all for your generosity.



In this week's food bank, we were blessed to offer not only essential food items, but also cleaning products and toiletries, thanks to the thoughtful almsgiving of the St George & St Teresa Parish in Dorridge.

Throughout Lent, the parish community generously collected these much-needed items for our school. We are deeply grateful for their kindness and support.

### Quotes

Pope John Paul II "The Eucharist is the secret of my day."

Pope Benedict XVI "The world offers you comfort. You were made for greatness."

Pope Francis "The Lord never tires of forgiving. It is we who tire of asking forgiveness."

Pope Leo XIV "Peace be with you all. Help each other to build bridges with dialogue, with encounter, uniting all of us to be one people always in peace."

#### Made me smile

A six-foot beetle knocked on my door today, hit me in the face and told me I was an idiot. I am just warning you, there's a nasty bug going round.

I said to the vicar in a church I was visiting while on holiday, "Hello Father, this is a really nice building. When as it built?" The vicar said, "It's Norman." So I said, "Hello Norman, when was this church built?"

#### Please pray for

**The housebound & the sick:** Deacon Stephen Saum, Jeremy Hawker, Janet Zora, Arthur Uzell, Fr. Michael White, Fr Tony Rohan, Fr Paul Johnson, Tony Parsons, Rod Goodman, Joe Stephens, Michael Grosvenor, Dorothy Perkins, Jill Baynham, Matthew Gallagher, Jane Cotter, Margaret Cosgrove and Jesse Cusack Morris, as well as parishioners in nursing homes and hospital.

#### Recently deceased:

Tony McNicholas. His Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 11am and his reception will be on Monday evening at 6pm.

Dr John Martin. His Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 28th May 11.15am. Pope Francis, Ann Marie Grimley, Pat Doyle.

Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years: Grace O'Neill, Sidney Dawson, Gladys Pemberton, Hazel Maguire, Anne Nicholls, Margaret Miles. *May the souls of the faithful departed, Rest in Peace.* 

#### Offertory:

4.5.25: Gift Aid Envelopes £329 Loose plate £361 Many thanks for your donations.Av standing order and online per week £620.Mass Attendances: Last weekend: 210

# Recent notices

\* Dementia Action Week 23rd May 11am – 2pm at Marie Curie, Solihull.

\* Living with Arthritis online support groups and information.

\* Solihull Age Concern : Black folder : Local Tradespeople List & Holidays for elderly & disabled. There are some leaflets detailing services offered by them.

Parish Centre News. Timetable for next week on the noticeboard. If you are having a family occasion, please consider booking our hall for your venue. 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

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Sandy Walmsley and Daphne Morgan. They can be contacted at: <u>sg.stgeorge-</u> <u>stteresa.dorridge@rcaob.org.uk</u> or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / <u>safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk</u> if you have any concern.