

## MASSES

### Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 26<sup>th</sup> October 2025

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|-----------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Saturday</b> | <b>5.30pm</b>  | Dcn Stephen Saum (Friends)      |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>8.45am</b>  | People of the Parish            |
|                 | <b>10.30am</b> | Gina Lashford RIP (EB & Family) |

#### **Weekday Mass (Yr 1 Ps. Wk 2)**

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| <b>27.10 Mon</b>   | <b>10.00am</b> | <b>Feria</b> Carol Courtney Int (JW)                   |
| <b>28.10 Tues</b>  | <b>10.00am</b> | <b>Ss Simon and Jude</b> Dan Griffiths RIP (VC)        |
| <b>29.10 Wed</b>   | <b>10.00am</b> | <b>Feria</b> Galligan Family (EMB)                     |
| <b>30.10 Thurs</b> | <b>10.00am</b> | <b>Feria</b> Wyn Brack RIP (May family)                |
| <b>31.10 Fri</b>   | <b>10.00am</b> | <b>Feria</b> Michael Igo RIP (GM)                      |
| <b>1.11 Sat</b>    | <b>10.00am</b> | <b>Our Lady on Saturday</b> Joanna McAllennan Int (JW) |

### Solemnity of all Saints – 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2025

This week the second collection is for the Johnson Association

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|-----------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Saturday</b> | <b>5.30pm</b> | Dcn Paul Grosvenor RIP (HG) |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>9.30am</b> | People of the Parish        |

**Sunday Mass Time Don't forget the new time for Mass on Sunday starting on  
2<sup>nd</sup> November will be 9.30am.**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Saturday morning 9.05am – 9.50am**

**Confessions this Saturday morning 9.15am – 9.45am**

**Rosary – Monday to Saturday 9.30am**

**Divine Mercy Chaplet – Friday after Mass**

#### **CHURCH CLEANING**

|                  |               |           |
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| <b>This week</b> | A Robinson    | S Chester |
| <b>Next week</b> | M Fitzpatrick | M Manton  |

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| <b>READERS</b>   | <b>5.30pm</b>   | <b>8.45am</b>        | <b>10.30am</b> |
| <b>This week</b> | N Damms         | G O'Gara             | J McDonald     |
| <b>Next week</b> | <b>5.30pm</b>   | <b>9.30am</b>        |                |
|                  | M'Dwyer & B May | D Bixby & D Walmsley |                |

Parish Priest: Fr John Cross

Deacon: Rev Mr Stephen Saum, Rev Dr Subhi Zora. Priest in Residence: Fr Paul Dean.

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# Saint George and Saint Teresa of the Child Jesus, Catholic Church

Serving Dorridge, Bentley Heath, Knowle & Hockley Heath

Jubilee Year 2025 Pilgrims of Hope

**Thirtieth Sunday of the Year 26<sup>th</sup> October**



Dear Parishioners,

I suppose we needed the rain! I hope today (Sunday) will be a clear day and a chance to bless the graves. Last week was a lighter week. There was a Thanksgiving Mass for the harvest at school with a wonderful display of gifts which will be given to the Food Bank.

Last Thursday and Friday evenings I attended the Inductions of two priests of two new parish priest who worked with me in my last parish. One at Bromsgrove, Fr Benedict Skipper and the second at Chelmsley Wood, Fr Sean Gough. I recall my first real parish and surprisingly I am only here on my third.

Last Sunday we welcomed the children from Year Six at school at our 8.45am Mass and what a difference it made to our Sunday numbers to have the parents of just one class in attendance. As usual I encouraged them to attend Mass on a Sunday in preparation for the Sacrament of Holy Spirit in Confirmation. This gift is given to those individuals to renew the Church.

**Next Sunday we shall celebrate the Feast of All Saints Day with the new Mass Time of 9.30am.** Please share this new time with your Catholic friends to avoid confusion.

This week is Half-Term in the schools. We shall be having a full electric survey of the Parish Centre and the Church which was last carried out in 2017 and should be renewed every five years. The lack of a recent report emerged from the Annual Compliance return to the Diocese. We have to show that our property is compliant to current safety standards. We have now had an inspection for each of the three buildings on site for gas, water, electric, health and safety, structure (quinquennial), asbestos, tree survey, annual check for the fire extinguishers, smoke alarms and emergency lights, kitchen safety. This is quite a job organise and oversee but at least I can say they are done.

As you can imagine, such activities as compliance can take up a lot of time. These are not matters which only the Parish Priest can deal with. I would imagine there are many retired parishioners who have the expertise to assist. If you think you could help the parish in such matters. Contact me. It would really help to have an administration assistance group.

Every Blessing,  
Fr John

**November Envelopes** are available in the narthex for your deceased family and friends to be remembered in our Masses during November.

### **SVP Christmas notices**

1. One of our kind parishioners is knitting beanie hats as Christmas presents for those attending a Christmas lunch for the homeless and local community at Calvery Church Aston (one of our recipients on the weekly SVP Costco Food Run), and she would appreciate any spare DK yarn that you may have. The hats are to be delivered on Wednesday 15th November and please leave any contributions in the narthex.
2. Advance notice for your diary re the SVP Parish Christmas lunch to be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December in the Parish Centre. More details to follow during November.

**The SVP have received an urgent request from St Chad's Sanctuary** (A place of welcome & hospitality for Asylum Seekers & Refugees) for the following food items: Rice, Pasta, Sugar, Tea bags, Tuna, Tinned fruit, Coffee & Biscuits. These items will be delivered to St Chad's Sanctuary on Wednesday 12th November. Thank you in anticipation & for your continuing support.

### **Practical, charitable support for Life**

To keep up to date with news from the UK's only charity focused on real-time, practical support to enable women to continue their pregnancy in deeply challenging situations, visit: [lifecharity.org.uk/join-us-on-social](http://lifecharity.org.uk/join-us-on-social). Helpline 0808 802 5433, text 07860 077339.

**Knowle Repair Café** St John' Hall. Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 10am – 12 Noon (last items before 11am). Bring your small items for repair by one of our volunteers (electrical, mechanical, wooden, sewing repairs).

**The Annual Collection for the Johnson Association** is due to take place next weekend. There are approximately 190 Diocesan Priests. 59 priests over the age of 75, 65 priests aged between 65 and 75, 24 priests under the age of 50!! As you can see the work of the Johnson Clergy Association is going to be vital in future years. Last year we gave grants totalling over £375,000. The annual collection raised £44,191. Donations can be made in the collection, online, by standing order and can be gift aided.

Two last things: Please ask parishioners to leave something in their will to the care of the clergy. Please thank your parishioners for their support over the years and especially for their donation this year. On behalf of the Trustees

**Blessing of Graves:** In November we traditionally have the Blessing of the Graves. The graves of our departed loved ones buried at Knowle Parish Church Cemetery will be blessed by Mgr McHugh on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 12 noon. The graves at Widney Manor will be blessed on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm weather permitting. Please keep this date to yourselves as it is for parishioners of St George & St Teresa only.

**Confirmation Classes.** These will begin on Sunday mornings from 11am to 12 noon in the Conference Room in the Parish centre starting on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November. We hope candidates and their families will attend the new 9.30am Mass together and then come to us. I am sure we can provide a few light refreshments.

**The Christmas Cards** are now on sale. Much cheaper than in the shops.

**Solihull Chandos Choir** are performing the Verdi Requiem on Saturday 8th November 2025 at 2.00 pm at Shirley Methodist Church. Tickets are £17 (includes programme and interval refreshments). Under 18s free. Tickets are online at [solihullchandoschoir.org](http://solihullchandoschoir.org) or by phone on 01564 779 962.

**Your SVP is here to help!** We follow the example of our patron St Vincent: to care for the housebound, the elderly and the sick. We also visit carers. We are here to help. Please contact email [svpstgt@btinternet.com](mailto:svpstgt@btinternet.com)

**The “Kid’s Bulletin” on the table by the newsletters.**

**Food Bank:** Please support the food bank. If everyone could buy one extra item when they go shopping and put it in the basket in the Narthex. We deliver the food on your behalf every week. **Thank you in anticipation of your continued & generous support.**

**Please pray for the sick:** Tony Turner, Deacon Stephen Saum, Janet Zora, Arthur Uzell, Tony Parsons, Rod Goodman, Joe Stephens, Michael Grosvenor, Dorothy Perkins, Jill Baynham, Matthew Gallagher, Jane Cotter, Margaret Cosgrove and Jesse Cusack Morris, and all in our nursing homes, hospice and hospitals.

**Rest In Peace:** Patricia Bailey, Timothy Brien, Fr Noel Breslin.

**Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years:** Mary King, Lawrence Jones, Marielyn Smythe, Paul Grosvenor. *May they rest in peace. Amen*

**Offertory:**

19.10.25: Gift Aid Envelopes £304 Loose Plate £493.

Church Maintenance Gift Aid Envelopes £288 Loose Plate £224.

CAFOD £962. Many thanks for your donations.

Av standing order and online per week £750.

Mass Attendance: Last week 260.



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**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](mailto:oksanazurak@gmail.com)**

**Made me smile:**

\*I have just got a great deal on a genuine Van Gough coffee table. It was cheap because it had a bit on veneer missing.

\*Sue Pollard asked me to write a speech for her to address a university college. So far I have got, “Hello Campus.”

\*Just tried a frog-flavoured beer. You can really taste the hops.

*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: [sg.stgeorge-stteresa.dorridge@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stgeorge-stteresa.dorridge@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.*