

MASSES AND SERVICES

25th February – Second Sunday of Lent (Year B) (Ps. Wk 2)

This weekend there will be a second collection for CAFOD

Saturday	5.30pm	Norman & Amy Guice (NG)
Sunday	8.45am	G J Barnett RIP (GE & D)
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	4pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (ending at 4.50pm) + Confessions
	5pm	Stations of the Cross

Weekday Services

26.2 Mon	10.00am	Lent Feria Dolores Bollard RIP (ME)
27.2 Tue	10.00am	Lent Feria Rose McCaffrey RIP (MW)
28.2 Wed	10.00am	Lent Feria Claire Pagan Int (JS)
29.2 Thu	10.00am	Lent Feria Michael Powell Int (JG)
1.3 Fri	10.00am	St David Ken Bailey RIP (A&K K)
2.3 Sat	10.00am	St Chad Tony Parsons Int (ML)

3rd March – Third Sunday of Lent

This weekend there will be a second collection for Cathedral Maintenance

Saturday	5.30pm	Mary Patricia Gilby (A&J C)
Sunday	8.45am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Betty Perry (JG)
	4pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (ending at 4.50pm) + Confession
	5pm	Stations of the Cross

Confession Saturday morning 9.15am – 9.45am
Rosary – Monday to Saturday 9.35am
Divine Mercy Chaplet – Friday after Mass

CHURCH CLEANING

This week	M Harris	T Lester
Next week	M Wilkes	P Wilkes

READERS	5.30pm	8.45am	10.30am
This week	M O'Dwyer	G Moroney-Barnett	D Bixby
Next week	B May	J Smith	R Slater

Parish Priest: Fr John Cross

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

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Head of School Stephen Hainie. Executive Head Louise Flanagan

ST. GEORGE & ST. TERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH
DORRIDGE

25th February 2024
2nd Sunday of Lent Year B

Dear Parishioners,

The second collection this weekend is for CAFOD Family Fast Day. CAFOD which means Catholic Fund for Overseas Development has become the recognisable acronym for our aid to those places which need urgent humanitarian aid at the drop of a hat. The organisation benefits from the information of local parishes and churches so that it knows first hand what the needs are and who to help. CAFOD also works in partnership with other aid agencies to bring the necessary support to those who are in need of help. CAFOD also has a number of ongoing long-term initiatives in this country and abroad. You may have heard of "Live Simply". Our school has received an award to live simply and sustainably and within our means.

On this Sunday our Lenten alms giving will support the work of CAFOD which brings the message of Christian charity and hope to the needy. Our Lenten fast asks of us the price of a meal to support those who live from hand to mouth. What is the cost of a meal today? If one was to go to a pub, café or restaurant I doubt there would be much change out of £20 for two.

Well done to all who supported the various events for Lent as well as the social occasion provided by the SVP. Our quiet time on Sunday afternoon followed by Stations of the Cross at 5pm was well supported, although with an average age of about 60 it would be nice to see some of our parishioners from the younger age groups.

The SVP event was packed and we enjoyed a lovely concert of music and songs from the Strolling Players. Many thanks to all who supported this event and those who assisted our less active members to attend.

The piety shop in the narthex is now selling gifts and cards for St Patrick's Day, Mothering Sunday and Easter.

Many thanks for supporting the parish.

Every Blessing,
Fr John

Lent course "Finding a Voice" Our Parish **Lent Study Course** in five sessions, begins on this **Tuesday 20th February 7:30pm** in the Conference Room. All Welcome. 5 weeks. 1. God's opening Gambit; 2. Unafraid of Fear; 3. No short cuts; 4. The 'No Discouragement Rule'; 5. Faith in our voice!

Further details contact: dcn.stephen.saum@rcaob.org.uk

Missio co-ordinator required: If you are a person who would enjoy the role of co-ordinating between our 8 promoters and Missio head office, then this role would suit you. Please contact Fr John for further details. If you wish to speak with Leo (retiring co-ordinator) he is available on 07831 390255.

Vacancy: Administrative Officer Salary: Band B £22,737 - £23,500 (Pro rata £13,470 - £13,915) Permanent Hours: 25 per week and work 39 weeks per year St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School, Shawsdale Road, Birmingham, B36 8LY. Start Date: As soon as possible. See Our Lady and All Saints Catholic Multi Academy website for more details.

World Day of Prayer Service. Friday 1st March at St Mary's & St Bartholomew's, Hampton in Arden, at 7.30pm. This years' service has been prepared by an ecumenical group of Christian women from Palestine with the theme of "I beg you, bear with one another in love". The service will last for approximately an hour with refreshments available afterwards. All are most welcome.

Could you spare 1 hour to help to clean the church? Please contact Fr J 01564 772098 or contact the Parish Office by email stgeorge-stteresa.dorrige@rcaob.org.uk

Mother's Day cards (10th March) Cards and gifts for your friends and relations, candles, rosettes and badges for **St Patrick's Day** and **Easter**.

First Communion for children at non-Catholic schools: 1st June 10 am.
(For children in Year 3 or above) These will start on Saturday 2nd March from 11 am-12 noon in the Conference Room of the Parish Centre Please register your interest with Isabel Cusack on 07919 685685 or isabelcusack@yahoo.co.uk

R.U. New to the parish or have you changed any of your contact details? Please complete a form for the parish records.

Birmingham Diocesan Trust Finance Report 2022: A PDF has been created to provide an overview of the Archdiocese's latest accounts. The information is based on the 2022 accounts which were finalised late last year. The PDF examines the finances of the whole charity as well as looking in more detail at the parish and diocesan financial positions. It explains where our money comes from and how the parish levy is currently spent. You can find the overview along with the full accounts on the Diocesan website.

Makes me smile!

I went to buy an Elvis record the other day for my mum. On the sleeve it said “Wooden Leg”, shouldn’t that say “Wooden Heart?” I said to the sales assistant. “It’s a pirate copy”, he replied.

A storm picked up some eggs, milk and flour as it moved over the mountains. It is now battering the coast.

Just bought 50 litres of Tippex. Big mistake.

Saw my doctor today. I said, “I keep feeling like an ocean”. He said, “can you be more Pacific.”

Offertory: 18.2.24 Gift Aid Envelopes £ 309 Loose Plate £345

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

Many thanks for your generosity. Mass Attendance last weekend 202

✠ *Please pray for*

For those who housebound or unwell: Tony Parsons, Rod Goodman, Dr John Martin, Joe Stephens, Michael Grosvenor, Dorothy Perkins, Jill Baynham, Pat McGeever, Matthew Gallagher, Jane Cotter, Margaret Cosgrove. as well as our parishioners in hospital and nursing homes.

Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years: Joseph Carolan, Geoffrey Barnett, Des Cushenan, Ella Swann. *May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Recently deceased –

Leon Rafnson RIP. His funeral will take place on Wednesday 13th March at 11.30am.

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 oksanzurak@gmail.com**

The Finches:

Our nest is well situated for travel to local, national and international destinations. As the crow flies we are just a few minutes from all our favourite haunts. Over the last few days we have seen birds flying in every direction, including some of those who have made their trek from the far south. Most birds fly silently but you can hear the Canada geese from miles away. Best tweets from the Finches.

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 or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.