

MASSES AND SERVICES

8th October – 27th Sunday of the Year

This weekend there is a second collection for CAFOD Harvest Fast

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| Saturday | 5.30pm | (Vigil) People of the Parish |
| Sunday | 8.45am | (Children's Liturgy) Dan Griffiths RIP (VC) |
| | 10.30am | Pat Mullen RIP (EJ) |
| | 12noon | Baptism Hugo Charles Steele |

Weekday Services (Week 27. Psalter Week 3)

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| 9.10 Mon | 10.00am | St John Henry Newman Pat Mullen RIP (J&R G) |
| 10.10 Tue | am | Feria SCHOOL Thanksgiving for prayers answered (SA) |
| 11.10 Wed | 10.00am | St John XXIII Fr John Special Int |
| 12.10 Thu | 10.00am | Feria Private Int (CH) |
| 13.10 Fri | 10.00am | Feria Kevin Diggins (RIP (T&J T) |
| 14.10 Sat | 10.00am | Our Lady on Saturday Kenneth John Cross (Anniv) Baptism Molleigh Marie Macklin |

15th October – 28th Sunday of the Year

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| Saturday | 5.30pm | (Vigil) Ken Knight RIP (AR) |
| Sunday | 8.45am | (Children's Liturgy) Michael Rogers RIP (EMB) |
| | 10.30am | People of the Parish |

Confession Saturday morning 9.15am – 9.45am
Thursday Exposition: after Mass – 11.15am
Rosary – Monday to Saturday 9.35am
Divine Mercy Chaplet – Friday after Mass

CHURCH CLEANING

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| This week | M Wilkes | P Wilkes |
| Next week | D Morgan | P Hogan |

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| READERS | 5.30pm | 8.45am | | 10.30am |
| This week | J Musgrave | E Moroney Barnett | | C Loughran |
| Next week | N Damms | S Zora | | R Slater |

TEA & COFFEE

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| This week | T & J Taylor | V Chapman | D Morgan |
| | | R Slater | M Harris |

Parish Priest: Fr John Cross

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

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ST. GEORGE & ST. TERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH
DORRIDGE
TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8th October 2023

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you very much in anticipation of all your donations for CAFOD following last Friday's Family Fast Day.

The first Family Fast Day was organised back in 1958 by women from the National Board of Catholic Women, the Catholic Women's League and the Union of Catholic Mothers.

CAFOD was founded two years later and the same women, Jacquie Stuyt, Evelyn White, Nora Warmington and Elspeth Orchard organised the CAFOD Family Fast Day. In 1958 they raised £6,673.9s7d, the equivalent of over £93,000 today. In 1958 one pensioner donated five pounds (at that time the weekly pension for an elderly person), saying the need of others was greater than hers!

Today the needs of large parts of the world have not grown any less. That simple act of giving up a meal, or having something much more basic to eat, can go a long way to helping others. If for some reason you were unable to mark last Friday as the Fast Day, please consider doing so in the next few days.

Also, last week Pope Francis opened the next session of the Synod in Rome. In doing so he spoke about the climate crisis and expanded on his 2015 encyclical 'Laudato Si', highlighting the extremely worrying increases in global temperatures and weather phenomena since it was written. These changes have the greatest impact on the most vulnerable, often in the most impoverished areas of the world. (Only in the last few days there was a report of tens of thousands of fish and at least 100 dolphins dying in the Brazilian Amazon due to a significant rise in the water temperature and the secondary effect of reduction in oxygen levels.)

Maybe we feel it is beyond our control, but there are many small things we can do to reduce our carbon 'footprint' in this world. Can we work alongside our fellow local Christians to do what we can to make a difference? There's a committee meeting of Churches Together in Knowle, Dorridge and Bentley Heath on 17th October, and amongst other things it/we will be discussing ECO Church. (We also need some more representation urgently on the committee, please!)

Your suggestions on how we can collaborate would be most welcome! Please post a message to our website for us to pick up! Thank you!

We welcome the return of Fr John this weekend, trusting that he is refreshed after his break.

Blessings to you all!
Deacon Stephen

Coffee And Tea After Mass: Coffee and Tea will be served after all Masses this weekend. Meet your fellow parishioners in the Parish Centre.

The Chosen continues in the Conference Room of the Parish Centre on Sunday afternoon between 4pm and 6pm. All are welcome.

SVP Afternoon Tea and Social 18th October 2.30pm Following their very entertaining performance at our Pig Roast we are very pleased to welcome back *Who Let The Ukes Out* to our October afternoon tea and social. Everyone is very welcome and we are hoping for a capacity crowd. So, whether you have been before or not, please come along to what will be a very enjoyable afternoon and an opportunity to meet others. It's free and a plentiful supply of cakes as usual!

Hampton Singers invite you to a performance of Carmina Burana by Carl Orff this Sunday afternoon, 8th October at George Fentham Hall, Hampton in Arden at 4 pm. This piece which is full of thrilling rhythms and choruses brings together our choir with gifted musicians, soloists and pupils of George Fentham School, all under the expert leadership of Ben Hamilton. Tickets at £15 can be purchased on the door. Please join us for tea and cake and an afternoon of eclectic music which reflects all aspects of the human spirit.

Singers wanted! We are looking for singers to join our choir, especially male singers. We support the 10.30 Mass on Sundays and are looking to learn some new music over the autumn. We will also be starting to prepare for Christmas a bit later in the term. If you are interested in joining us, choir rehearsals will take place every Thursday at 8pm in church so please just turn up. You do not need to be able to read music, have previous experience or be able to come every week, everyone is welcome! If you would like to know more, please contact Carolyn Roskell 07985 217553.

Fundraising & Office Administrator: We are seeking a full-time Fundraising & Office Administrator to join our team. You will provide exemplary administration support to the Mission Office of the Missionary Society of Saint Columban (the Charity) in Britain. You will use and develop skills and experience gained in similar roles to assist primarily in the administration of office and fundraising activities of the Charity. This is an exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic professional to contribute to the mission work of the Columbans in Britain. For more details about the position and to apply, please email the HR Advisor at hr@columbans.co.uk.

Coffee morning after Mass on Wednesdays starting on 11th October.

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation. For Adults to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Email: stgeorge-stteresa.dorridge@rcaob.org.uk for more information. This is something which can begin at anytime of the year. Non RC husbands and wives are welcome to consider if the short course is more suited to them.

Offertory: 1.10.23 Envelopes £255 Loose Plate £189
Average weekly offering via standing order and online banking - £680

Our **Parish Catechism Class** (for children who do not attend a Catholic School). The Confirmation Programme begins **on Sunday October 8th**. The sessions will take place in the Conference room after the 8.45am Mass and before the 10.30am Mass to allow the candidates and their families to attend Sunday Mass. If you would like to register your child for First Holy Communion (Year 3 and over) and Confirmation, please email or phone Isabel Cusack ASAP. Email. isabelcusack@yahoo.co.uk. Telephone 07919 685685.

✠ *Your Prayers are asked*

For those who are ill or housebound: Fr.Michael Ho, Joe Stephens, Michael Grosvenor, Dorothy Perkins, Jill Baynham, Leo Hughes, Tony Parsons and Rod Goodman. Catholics in parish nursing homes and hospitals. *We pray for them and all who care for them.*

Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years: Dan Griffiths, John Cullen, June Brien, Marjorie Parsons. *May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Recently deceased – May they rest in peace:
Bridget Butcher, Michael Rogers, Anne-Marie Flynn, Della Dutton.

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**

Makes you smile

A Yorkshire man took his cat to the vet and said, "Can tha tek a look at me cat, its not reyt good ?

The vet said, "Certainly sir, is it a tom ?" And the man replied " No it's artside in't' car."

Did you know it takes 3 sheep to make one sweater ? Its amazing. I didn't even know they could knit.

Six golf clubs go into a bar and one says "5 lagers and a coke please."

"Don't you mean 6 lagers ?" Asked the barman.

"Noits a coke for me....I'm the driver!"

For many years I have had an irrational fear of long coats with hoods. Finally I got a diagnosis. I have "Anoraknophobia".

A piece of cheese looked in the mirror and said "Hello me!"

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.