

MASSES AND SERVICES

17th December – Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday	5.30pm	Roland & Margaret Taylor RIP (T&J T)
Sunday	8.45am	Sue Bradshaw RIP (JS)
	10.30am	Graham Drakeford RIP (SC)

Weekday Services (Reading for Year 2, Psalter Week 3)

18.12 Mon	10.00am	Advent Feria People of the Parish
19.12 Tue	11.00am	Requiem – Jaqueline Donovan
20.12 Wed	10.00am	Requiem – Janice Murphy
21.12 Thu	10.00am	Advent Feria Betty McBride & Family Int (B&P S)
22.12 Fri	9.45am	SCHOOL Advent Feria Matthew Gallager Int (JG)
	10.00am	CHURCH Mass or Communion Service
23.12 Sat	10.00am	Advent Feria Ken Bailey RIP (A&K K)

24th December – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday	5.30pm	Kamil Int (LH)
Sunday	8.45am	Sharon Chester Int (GS)

24th December – Christmas Eve – The Nativity of the Lord

Sunday	4.00pm	Childrens Mass - People of the Parish
Sunday	8.00pm	John Gemmell RIP

25th December – Christmas Day – The Nativity of the Lord

Monday	8.45pm	Catherine Helen RIP
	10.30am	Alison Cook RIP

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

This week	M Fitzpatrick	R Slater	A Robinson
Next week	R Price	S Simpson Heath	

READERS	5.30pm	8.45am	10.30am
This week	T Hart	V Chapman	N Ritmeyer
Next week	T/J Taylor	C Saum	No Mass
Christmas	TBA	TBA	TBA

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ST. GEORGE & ST. TERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH
DORRIDGE
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
17th December 2023

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend is called Gaudete Sunday. For me this name was immortalised in the song made famous by folk pop group in the 1970s. It was a good decade for Christmas songs which now reappear every year. Everyone is looking forward to Christmas now in their own way. The sense of excitement is beginning to kick in as we wait with hope for the coming of the Lord. So whether you need such pop song chestnuts as "I wish it would be Christmas every day" from Wizzard, or "When a child is born" from Johnny Mathis it is nice to know that the joy of Christmas is just a week away.

Fr John

Parish Carol Service TODAY Sunday 17th December at 4pm
Seasonal refreshments afterwards in the Parish Centre.

Christmas Masses and Services

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday 23rd December Vigil - 5.30pm

Sunday 24th December - 8.45am

There will be no Sunday 10.30am Mass

The Nativity of the Lord

Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve - Childrens Mass - 4pm

Midnight Mass! Celebrated by Mgr McHugh - 8pm

Monday 25th December Christmas Day – 8.45am and 10.30am

Service of Reconciliation and Confession

Tuesday 19th December at 7pm, Our Lady of the Wayside, Shirley



Childrens Liturgy Sunday 17th December is last Children's liturgy of the year. We will be back on Sunday 7th January at 8.45am mass.

There will be no Children's liturgy at 8.45am mass on Christmas Day but please join the team at the Childrens Tableau Mass on Christmas Eve at 4pm.

The Chosen: Come and enjoy the story of the First Christmas told in a beautiful way by the makers of popular series "The Chosen". On Saturday 23rd Dec at 4pm in the conference room. (We will be finished in time for Mass at 5.30pm). Refreshments will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

Mary's Meals: Thank you so much for your support and donations to our Gospel Concert. It is much appreciated. Mary's Meals feeding the next hungry child in a place of education for £19.15 per school year.

Christmas Giving Tree: Many thanks to all those who have taken tags off the Christmas Giving Tree. Please ensure all gifts are returned and put under the tree, with the required label, by **Sunday 17th December at the very latest**, so that we will have time to check them and take them to St Vincent's well before the end of term.

For those who would like to make a financial donation, please place this in an envelope marked 'Christmas Giving Tree' and post through the Presbytery letterbox. Thank you in anticipation for your generosity.

Fr Hudson's Care: The children who are welcomed by our foster Carers need security and love so that they can flourish. For some their family situation will improve and they will be able to return home, for others they have the assurance that loving foster carers can give. Could you be a foster carer? Contact Jo Walthew on 01675 434025 or email newroutes@fatherhudsons.org.uk

Offertory: 10.12.23	Gift Aid Envelopes £332	Loose Plate £219
Poor Parishes	Gift Aid Envelopes £287	Loose Plate £183

Makes me smile!

I will be going to the Christmas Carol Service with Bing Crosby, Don Henley, Mary Hopkin and Lee Marvin. In other words Bing, Don, Mary, Lee and I...

Just starting to read a good book "The History of Chinese Food" by Chris P Duck. Illustrated by his brother P King.

Hay thief released on bail.

✠ *Your Prayers are asked*

For those who are ill or housebound: Fr. Michael Ho, Joe Stephens, Michael Grosvenor, Dorothy Perkins, Jill Baynham, Tony Parsons and Rod Goodman, Dr John Martin, Pat McGeever, Matthew Gallagher. 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: Ellen Lewis, Margaret Barnfield, Anise O'Donovan. *May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Recently deceased – John Gemmell, Anne Hunt, Jacqueline (Bobbie) Donovan, Janice Murphy.

Requiem Mass for Bobbie Donovan on Tuesday 19th December at 11am.

Requiem Mass for Janice Murphy on Wednesday 20th December at 10am.

Funeral Service for John Gemmell on Wednesday 28th December at 11.30am (Robin Hood Crematorium).

Requiem Mass for Anne Hunt on Wednesday 10th January at 11 am.

May they rest in peace.

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 Finches

I expect you are wondering who we are? We are a family of birds who have moved in to the Yew Tree next to the church. I am Mrs Finch and I do most of the writing because my husband has to go to work early on most days. You know what they say “The early bird catches the worm!” which is so true in our case. You might wonder why we are so formal in referring to each other. Mr Finch does have a first name but I call him “Finch!” when I want something done and “Finchy” at other times. He calls be his “Little Bird” because I was ‘Miss Bird’ before we were married. I am a distant relation of the Bird family (Bird’s Custard). Our family used to live at the big house in Widney Manor Road. Sometimes he calls me “Birdy” when we are snuggled together at night. I like that. We are looking forward to Christmas and the children are very excited.

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.