

MASSES AND SERVICES

18th August – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	5.30pm	Tessa Waters (A&CK)
Sunday	8.45am	Michael Rogers RIP 1 st Anniversary (LD)
	10.30am	People of the Parish

Weekday Services

19.8 Mon	10.00am	Feria Francis Kenneth Syer (MW)
20.8 Tue	10.00am	St Bernard Abbot John Doogan RIP (B&P S)
21.8 Wed	10.00am	St Pius X Tessa Waters RIP (HG)
22.8 Thu	10.00am	Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Rhoda & David Duke RIP (NW)
23.8 Fri	10.00am	St John Wall Fred Wright RIP (F&R S)
24.8 Sat	10.00am	St Bartholomew Helen Elizabeth Johnson & Family (MM)

25th August – Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	5.30pm	Intentions of M O'D (GMB)
Sunday	8.45am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Anastasia Barbara Price RIP (HR)

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

CHURCH CLEANING

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

READERS

	5.30pm	8.45am	10.30am
This week	M O'Dwyer	V Chapman	D Walmsley
Next week	B May	C Saum	D Bixby

The Blessing of the Graves at Widney Manor Cemetery is on 15th September and at Knowle Parish Church Cemetery on 22nd at 2.30pm.

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ST. GEORGE & ST. TERESA CATHOLIC
CHURCH
DORRIDGE

18th August 2024
20th Sunday of the Year

Dear Parishioners,

I hope the church roof has now been repaired. The roofers came and did all the work required so now I am waiting for some heavy rain to see if there are any further leaks. On Thursday I saw someone about the carpet in the Narthex. The general opinion is it needs to be replaced as it is well worn under the mat. The suggestion is for carpet tiles. I will be interested to see the state of the original parquet flooring when the carpet is removed. Also now finished is the car park. The work has tidied it up and I hope the drainage will be better and the surrounding hedges easier to maintain. On Monday the church boilers will be serviced in readiness for winter. There are still numerous repairs, maintenance and servicing to be completed. The next major work is to update the electrics in the Presbytery.

Many thanks for the steady stream of postcards which have arrived during the week. I have pinned them to the noticeboard on the table in the Narthex. It is not very long ago since the parish updated the Parish Mass Books and we have the complete set which is many books. I think we have well over a thousand books to replace but once done they won't change for many years.

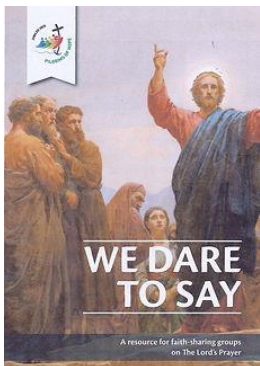
Every Blessing,
Fr John

Part of the Forward to *We Dare to Say*, written by Archbishop Bernard Longley

In anticipation of the Jubilee Year 2025, *Pilgrims of Hope*, Pope Francis has asked us to keep a special year of prayerful preparation, so we will be open to receive the graces that God wants to pour out upon His Church at this special time.

The Year of Prayer is an encouragement to us, right across the Church, and especially in the family of our own Archdiocese, to focus again on what lies at the heart of our faith in Jesus Christ. Prayer brings us into the presence of God at the beginning of each day, it lifts our hearts and minds towards the same presence throughout the day and it empowers us to serve others as witnesses to God's love, at all times!

During this year we are focussing on the Our Father, within which we can find all the intentions of our hearts. As we pray for the Church and the world, we ask for a deepening of our own faith on our journey towards the Jubilee Year. To help us, I am pleased to commend to you ***We Dare to Say***, a five-week faith-sharing resource on the familiar and powerful words of the Our Father.



We intend to commence the course starting on Tuesday 3rd September in the Parish Conference Room at 7:30pm. The booklet with all the information is available on the diocesan website, or can be viewed, and printed if required via our parish website. It is our intention to produce a Power point presentation to save wasting quantities of paper, but you will probably find it useful to look at the booklet beforehand. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex so we can get an idea of numbers wishing to attend.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Deacon Stephen

Archbishop Bernard's call to celebrate the Season of Creation Archbishop Bernard has released a video ahead of the Season of Creation to encourage you to take up the opportunity which the Holy Father has given us to celebrate the Season.

He says: *“As you may know this is something growing year by year as we become more and more aware of our calling as Christians to have a care for the whole of the Created world...”*

“Pope Francis is asking us to think about how we care for the whole of Creation as an expression of our own Christian Faith and is referring us to St Paul’s letter to the Romans, which speaks about the whole of Creation groaning, but also looking for the freedom which Christ brings us as children of God...”

*“**Hope and Act with Creation** is the theme for this year, and I hope you’ll be able to pray that we and others will value all that we have in creation as a way of praising god and also caring for those who are most in need.”*

You can find the full celebration guide as well as other prayers and resources on the Diocesan website. www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/listing/category/season-of-creation

The annual Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall, Shrine of the English Martyrs, will take place on Sunday 1 September 2024. This year the principal celebrant will be The Right Reverend Paul Gunter OSB, Abbot of Douai Abbey. Mass: 3.00pm. Confessions: 1.45pm – 2.30pm. It is essential that you bring your own chairs and packed lunch.

Made me smile:

Examination Results Special

Oceanography 7 C’s

Astronomy A*

Nursing A & E

Music A Minor

Philosophy I C Y

Horse Racing G G

South African Archbishops 2:2

Yorkshire Studies EEE

Apiary Management 3 B’s

Sheep Farming all U’s

Classical Literature 2B’s or not 2B’s

Scottish Rivers a D

Insomnia Studies Zzz

Ballet Dancing 2:2

Car Repairs AA

As a reward for passing their exams I thought we could go to the Sea Life Centre. I rang them to find out if they were open and the answerphone message said my call would be recorded for training porpoises.

March for Life 2024 The Annual **UK March For Life** is in central London on **Saturday 7th September 2024**. The coach from St Augustine's is fully booked.

Novena for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi. 18-26th August

Bl Dominic Barberi was an Italian Passionist missionary who came to England to preach the Gospel. He spent seven years based at Aston Hall in Staffordshire. He was known for his sanctity, holiness, love of the poor and those in need of prayer and help. We are pray for a miracle which could be attributed to his intercession and will further the cause of his canonisation.

Prayer for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi.

(Said together at the end of Mass)

O God, who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request. We pray that you will in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen. Mary, Mother of Holy Hope, Pray for Us. Saint John Henry Newman, Pray for Us. Blessed Dominic Barberi, Pray for Us.

✠ *Please pray for*

The housebound & the sick: Tony Parsons, Rod Goodman, Dr John Martin, Joe Stephens, Michael Grosvenor, Dorothy Perkins, Jill Baynham, Matthew Gallagher, Jane Cotter, Margaret Cosgrove, Norah Maddocks as well as our parishioners in hospital and nursing homes.

Rest in Peace:

Robert Waters RIP His funeral will take place on Thursday 5th September at 12 noon

Marie Crosby RIP Her funeral will take place at Robin Hood Crematorium on Friday 30th August 1:30 pm.

Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years: Desmond O'Dwyer, David O'Donnell, Marion Leverington, Peter Jones. *May the souls of the faithful departed, 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 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.