

MASSES AND SERVICES

10th September – Twenty-third Sunday of the Year Education Sunday

Saturday	5.30pm	Joanna Stibbs (AK)
Sunday	8.45am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Catherine & Bill Farrell RIP (CD)

Weekday Services (Week 23. Psalter Week 3)

11.9 Mon	10.00am	Feria Maureen Hodges RIP (MW)
12.9 Tue	10.00am	Feria SCHOOL Maureen McNight RIP (MM)
	6.00pm	Reception & Vigil Service for Kevin Diggins RIP
13.9 Wed	10.00am	St John Chrysostom Jane McTernan (HR)
	2.00pm	Requiem Mass Kevin Diggins RIP
14.9 Thu	10.00am	Exaltation of the Holy Cross In Thanksgiving
15.9 Fri	10.00am	Our Lady of Sorrows Kay Watt Int (JL)
16.9 Sat	10.00am	SS Cornelius & Cyprian Helen McConnell RIP (MP)

17th September – Twenty-fourth Sunday of the Year

Saturday	5.30pm	(Vigil) George & Margaret Wright RIP (T&J T)
Sunday	8.45am	(Children's Liturgy) People of the Parish
	10.30am	Patricia Foster (Byrne family)

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	M O'Dwyer	G Moroney Barnett	N Ritmeyer
Next week	B May	J Smith	D Walmsley

TEA & COFFEE	M Lambert	M & S Worrell	C McLaughlin
This week	H Grosvenor		I Blessed

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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10th September 2023

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend is Education Sunday. Many of you have supported our Catholic Schools as pupils, parents, teachers, governors and parishioners. Many helped to establish our Primary School, fund raising for equipment, extensions and the new classroom. Choosing to send your child to a Catholic school allows them to learn about our Christian religion, prepare for the Sacraments and learn how to live them. Foundation governors manage the school and help to choose our teachers. Catholic teachers are like gold dust. We need to encourage young people to consider the 'vocation' of teaching. Catholic teachers are leaders of the faith and by their example they communicate what it means to be a follower of Christ.

Many young people look forward to the opportunity of further education. I recently visited Newman University which offers many courses and is rated the best University for pastoral care. Our university chaplaincies are ready to help students who may feel home sick and struggle to settle down. Enjoying a parent-free environment is fun until you wake up to why you are there! The chaplains are ready to listen and help. Being away from home is a good time for discernment about the future and how you can find fulfilment through your life choices.

This month the Diocese asks us to pray for vocations to the Permanent Diaconate and the Priesthood. A vocation is when God says, "I want you to come and work for me". Your vocation is already in your soul and from time to time, if it hasn't been activated it will give you a gentle hint. All are called to serve God but some are called to be deacons or priests. To discern this call takes lots of prayer and encouragement. Is the Holy Spirit calling you for ministry in the Catholic Church? We need 2 men from our parish to train as Permanent Deacons. Deacon Stephen can give you more info. We need single men to train for the priesthood. The vocation in your soul calls you to serve the church in many different roles: as priests, teachers, youth workers, catechists, nurses, doctors, parents, single people and especially 'pray-ers' who never stop praying for us all.

Refreshments after Mass today PLUS a chance to view or buy from our Christmas stock. All the cards have a religious picture and have a holy message for Christmas and the New Year. Come take a look. You can reserve your purchase and pay next week. The charity you are supporting is the church. Registered as a Charity No. 23421.

Every Blessing

Fr John

The Chosen: Starting the 10th of September we will be showing The Chosen season 3 at 4 pm in the conference room all are welcome.

Children's Liturgy resumes on Sunday 10th September.

MISSIO Red Box Collections: Please note that your friends from Missio will be calling on you in the coming days. Please have your box ready as all donations are much appreciated in these difficult times. Thank you, Leo.

Cake Fest! If you like cake, please come to our lovely fundraising event in aid of Manisha UK! We are a tiny charity who supports 8 schools for children in the poor, rural communities of western Nepal. 98p out of every £1 we raise goes towards our work. Currently we are focusing on a sanitation project at one of the schools where children are drinking unclean water. Date: Saturday 16th September 10am-3pm. Venue: Church Hall, St. George & St. Teresa. There will be small, donated items for sale too. For more detail contact Sue 07962 532241 The whole family are welcome (as long as they like cake!)

Offertory: 23.9.23 Envelopes £296 Loose Plate £ 216
Average weekly offering via standing order and online banking - £680


Blessing of the Graves

Widney Manor NEXT SUNDAY 17th September at 2.30pm
Knowle Cemetery on Sunday 24th September at 3pm.

"Eternal Light" Concert of choral music at St George and St Teresa's this Sunday 10th September at 4 pm. Ex Urbe, conducted by Benjamin Hamilton, are delighted to present a weekend of timeless and uplifting choral music, inspired by many composers through the ages including Durufle, Macmillan, Whitacre, Rutter and more. Tickets priced at £12 can be purchased on the door or online via <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/ex-urbe-chamber-choir>. There will be light refreshments. Please come and enjoy this enchanting afternoon concert entitled Eternal Light.

COMMENCING 12th September
with the showing of the film

**FINDING
A VOICE**
A Study Course based on
THE KING'S SPEECH
HILARY BRAND



First study evening will be 19th
September
In the Parish Centre
Conference Room
All welcome
There is a course book which
many of you may still have, as
we started this the Lent before
we went into lock-down.
*(Further details from Deacon
Stephen 07768 775066)*

Tuesday evenings 7:30pm

Social get-together over tea, coffee and cakes for members of our community on Wednesday 20th September from 2.30pm - 4pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome. Please come along (Arranged by the SVP).

Holy Communion Date is being rearranged. I am told the date I suggested clashes with the last Sunday of Half Term.

A Session for all Readers has been arranged for Saturday 23rd September at 1.45pm. It should last for no more than an hour.

Our **Parish Catechism Class** (for children who do not attend a Catholic School) will begin our **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.

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation. For Adults to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Email: stgeorge-stteresa.dorridge@rcaob.org.uk for more information.

Vacancy: The Diocesan Education Service is recruiting for a Director of Education. Details for this role can be found on both the Diocesan Education Service www.bdes.org.uk/vacancies and the Archdiocese www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk websites. The closing date is Monday 18th September. Please make anybody you feel may be qualified and interested aware of this important position within the Archdiocese.

✠ *Your Prayers are asked*

For those who are ill or housebound: Fr. Michael Ho, Joe Stephens, Michael Grosvenor, Dorothy Perkins, Jill Baynam, Rita Salloway, Leo Hughes, Tessa Waters and Tony Parsons. 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: Henry Fenton, Geraldine McHugh, Gabrielle Ebremere, Fr Paul Devanney, Fr Dominic Round, Fr David Hutt, Fr Richard Dinnis, Fr Patrick Meagher, Deacon Michael McGrail.
May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Recently deceased – May they rest in peace:

Bridget Butcher. (Requiem on Monday 9th October at 10.30am.)

Kevin Diggins. (Reception at 6pm on Tuesday 12th September, Requiem on Wednesday 13th September at 2pm.)

Peter Francis Jones. (Requiem Thursday 21st September at 1.45pm.)

Michael Rogers. (Reception at 5pm on Wednesday 27th September and Requiem Thursday 28th at 10.30am.)

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 oksanazurak@gmail.com**

Makes you smile!

* I logged onto the weight watchers website to lose weight.... it asked me if I would accept cookies?

* I have been sorting out all my herb seed packets. My friend said, "I don't know where you find the time?" I said, "it's next to the sage."