

MASSES AND SERVICES

18th February – First Sunday of Lent (Year B) (Ps. Wk 1)

Saturday	5.30pm	Nicky Musgrave RIP (JM & family)
Sunday	8.45am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	John Gemmell RIP (I&D M)
	4pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (ending at 4.50pm) + Confessions
	5pm	Stations of the Cross

Weekday Services

19.2 Mon	10.00am	Lent Feria Margaret McGeever RIP (PM)
20.2 Tue	10.00am	Lent Feria CHURCH Mass/Service SCHOOL Helen Johnson & Family RIP (MM)
21.2 Wed	10.00am	Lent Feria Therese Allibon RIP (MH)
22.2 Thu	10.00am	Chair of St Peter, Apostle Betty & Cath Doherty RIP (T&J T)
23.2 Fri	10.00am	Lent Feria Philip Price (RP) RIP
24.2 Sat	10.00am	Lent Feria Kenneth John Cross (Birthday Anniv) (MC)

25th February – Second Sunday of Lent

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) + 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	P Doyle	A Robinson
Next week	M Harris	T Lester

READERS	5.30pm	8.45am	10.30am
This week	N Damms	C Saum	D Walmsley
Next week	M O'Dwyer	G Moroney-Barnett	D Bixby

Parish Priest: Fr John Cross

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ST. GEORGE & ST. TERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH
DORRIDGE

18th February 2024
1st Sunday of Lent Year B

Dear Parishioners,

Every marathon or long-distance runner has to learn to pace themselves during a race, or they will run out of energy too soon and have to give up. As we begin the first week of Lent today, we need to find our pace and stick with it over the coming weeks. In a marathon we see the runners picking up a bottle of water to refresh themselves. We can refresh ourselves through a time of quiet prayer. I invite you to make a special effort to come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday afternoon in the church starting at 4pm. You might not be able to come as early as 4pm so try 4.30pm and bring a cushion if you need one. At 5pm Stations of the Cross will begin and lasts about half an hour. It is a good time to go to Confession. I am sure we have all wished we could find the time to pray. Our church is a good place because it is devoid of distractions especially when you cannot see the door so do sit close to the altar if possible. You might read the Walk with Me Booklet, you might bring a Bible and read and reflect on some Scripture. Don't read too much, don't speak too much, give the Lord a chance to speak allow Him to get a word in edgeways. Each week of Lent we shall have Exposition at the same time of 4pm on Sunday afternoon, with Stations of the Cross at 5pm.

Every Blessing,
Fr John

SVP Afternoon Tea and Social Wednesday 21st February 2.30pm. On Wednesday we are welcoming back **The Strolling Players** to perform their usual excellent mix of popular songs. There is no charge and there will of course also be tea and plenty of cakes, as usual. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible and will especially welcome those who have not been previously.

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

CAFOD Fast Day Lunch: Homemade soup and bread on Friday 23rd February between 12noon and 1pm in the Parish Centre. Come and support us.

Intercultural Mass on Saturday 24th February at 12noon celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley at Our Lady the Mount in Walsall. All are welcome.

World Day of Prayer Rehearsal: We are fast approaching the annual World Day of Prayer Service (Friday 1st March, 7.30pm). A practice is to be held at the church of St Mary & St Bartholomew's, Hampton in Arden, on Friday 23rd February at 7.00pm. Anyone who would like to be involved in the choir would be most welcome to join us for a rehearsal that will last for approximately 90 minutes.

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.dorridge@rcaob.org.uk

Walk with Me booklets and the children's calendars (recommended donation £1).

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

Proposed Pilgrimage "Footsteps of the Saints" 30 August 2024 to 5 September 2024. This Pilgrimage is being arranged with Monsignor Daniel McHugh as Spiritual Leader. The itinerary includes Lake Iseo, Bergamo, Brescia, Verona, Padua and Venice and we will trace the steps of various Saints including Pope John Paul XXIII, Pope Paul VI, St Anthony and St Mark. Flights are from and to Birmingham at reasonable times. The cost per person sharing is £939 and £1,184 single room. There is an option to visit the opera in Verona which runs until 7 September. If you are interested in joining the Pilgrimage please let me, Fred Slater, know and I will send you the full itinerary. My email address is frederick1310@icloud.com

Job Vacancies: Site Manager at Our Lady of Compassion School and Class Teacher at St Augustine's Primary School. See the OLAAS MAC website for further details and associated documentation [Current Vacancies | Our Lady and All Saints Catholic MAC \(olaas.co.uk\)](http://olaas.co.uk)

Lourdes Pilgrimage: Each May half term, the Archdiocese of Birmingham organises a pilgrimage to Lourdes, in France, for a week of prayer and service at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes. 2024 will be the 82nd Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage. Would you be willing to give up a week of your time to assist sick pilgrims in Lourdes? If so, please email Kathryn, our Chief Nurse, on chiefnurse.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk or visit the Diocesan website for more information.

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.

Makes me smile!

- One of my neighbours gets really irritated when I say the letters 'A', 'E', 'I', 'O', or 'U'. He is suffering from irritable vowel syndrome!
- You cannot trust atoms. They make everything up.
- My 3 favourite things are eating my family and not using commas.

Offertory: 11.2.24 Gift Aid Envelopes £352 Loose Plate £205
Church Maintenance £864 , Teas & Coffee £22
Average weekly offering via standing order and online banking - £680
Many thanks for your generosity. Mass Attendance last weekend 206

New car park fence: Thank you for the kind donation from a parishioner who paid for this. Tarmac: Thanks to parishioner Mike and his team who came to fill in some of the potholes.

✠ *Please pray for*

For those who housebound or unwell: Leon Rafnson, 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: Kathleen Quayle, Nicky Musgrave, Mariangela Byrne, Dena Clare, Mary Mee, Simon Worthington, Philip Price. *May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Recently deceased – Fr Alexander (Sandy) Brown.

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: Half-term gave us a chance to catch our breath. We find school day mornings are so busy in getting the young ones to school. Once or twice, Mrs F has had to wear a long coat over her PJ's to get them to class on time. There was much twittering at the checkout when she forgot this one morning and decided to fly over to Garden Foods to pick up some bread. 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-sisteresa.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.