

MASSES AND SERVICES

31st December – Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday	5.30pm	Mary Sturt RIP (SF)
Sunday	8.45am	Denis & Catherine Moroney RIP (EMB)
	10.30am	People of the Parish

Weekday Services (Psalter Week 1)

1.1 Mon	10.00am	Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God Special Int (ML)
2.1 Tue	10.00am	St Basil the Great & St Gregory Dec'd of Bowser & Facchino family (HB)
3.1 Wed	10.00am	Christmas Feria Bobbie Donovan RIP (SF)
4.1 Thu	10.00am	Christmas Feria McCarthy Family (D&E B)
5.1 Fri	10.00am	Christmas Feria Matthew Gallagher Int (JG)
6.1 Sat	10.00am	Christmas Feria Thanksgiving for degree results (M&S C)
	11.15am	Baptism

7th January – The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday	5.30pm	Keith Wilson RIP (VW)
Sunday	8.45am	Margaret Griffiths RIP (VC)
	10.30am	People of the Parish

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	J Musgrave	G Moroney Barnett	D Walmsley
Next week	N Damms	J Smith	D Bixby

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
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
31st December 2023

Dear Parishioners

Thank you for your cards and gifts over Christmas. Fr Paul and I were overwhelmed by your generosity. It was good to see so many parishioners together with your families and friends at the Christmas Masses. There were 411 at the Childrens Tableau which was up by 6 from the previous year. Mgr McHugh had 158 at the 8pm (Midnight Mass). He was grateful for the earlier time. The 8.45am Mass saw 63 and the 10.30am 87.

The Christmas flowers are beautiful, so thank you to the arrangers and those of you who contributed to the cost from the special collection. Many thanks to the choir, who provided us with a beautiful Carol Concert on 17th December and sang for us at the 8pm Mass on Christmas Eve. Thank you to the Children's Liturgy group, who looked after the Children's Tableau, and also to Mark O'Dwyer, who stewarded the Mass and made sure there were as many chairs as safely possible to put into the church. Thank you to anyone I have forgotten to thank, our readers and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, those who join us from home on livestream but chiefly yourselves.

Now we are looking forward to 2024 and begin the year with Mass of Mary, the Mother of God. Try to come for Mass if you are free and join the Rosary, which begins at about 9.30am. Next Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany.

Many congratulations to Deacon Subhi Zora, who as you all know was ordained as a Deacon for the Chaldean Catholic Church last June. Now Archbishop Bernard has given permission for him to serve in our parish and has granted him the Faculties of Preaching, Baptism, Marriage (outside Mass), assisting at the Eucharist and celebrating the funeral rites when Mass is not celebrated. I look forward to working with him and Deacon Stephen and encouraging their ministry among us.

I wish you all a Happy New Year of our Lord for Two thousand and Twenty-Four.

Every Blessing,
Fr John
Parish Priest

The Christmas Crib Stocking Collection this year is in support of a request from the Friends of the Holy Land. This Society cares for the needs of Christians, and this year with the ongoing conflict many have lost members of their families, their homes, transport, jobs, schools and so much of what we would consider to be part of life.

A key has been found in the parish centre on Christmas Eve.

200 Club Annual Subscription £15: Subscriptions for 2024 are now due. If you do not pay by standing order please send or deliver a cheque to the presbytery. Please write "200" Club on the back of your cheque. Alternatively, you can pay by bank transfer using TTC as the reference; please contact the parish if you need our bank details.

Please consider joining if you are a new or even a long time parishioner. Forms are available in the Narthex. Currently the funds raised are for projects to reduce the carbon footprint of the Church.

Children's Liturgy Many thanks to all who helped with the Children's Tableau and Mass on Christmas Eve. We start again on Sunday 7th January at 8.45am Mass.

Makes me smile!

A friend was caught breaking the law of gravity. He received a suspended sentence.

I cooked a Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings for Lionel Ritchie. He asked once, twice, three times for gravy.

The scientists have invented a thought-controlled air freshener. It makes sense when you think about it.

Offertory: 24.12.23 Gift Aid Envelopes £247 Loose Plate £228

✠ *Your Prayers are asked*

For those who are ill: Fr. Michael Ho, Fr Roger Peck, Joe Stephens, Michael Grosvenor, Dorothy Perkins, Jill Baynham, Tony Parsons and Rod Goodman, Dr John Martin, Pat McGeever, Matthew Gallagher. Our parishioners in nursing homes and hospitals. *We pray for them and all who care for them.*

Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years: Frank O'Hare, Monica Bailey. *May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Recently deceased – Therese Allibon, John Gemmell, Anne Hunt, Mary Sturt, Fr Chris Greaney.

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

Requiem Mass for Therese Allibon on Wednesday 17th January at 11.30am.

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

You humans are so generous. We all felt quite stuffed after our Christmas Dinner... We had peanuts and suet pudding from the bird feeders and our main course was chopped bacon rind and fat. No one had any room for much more, so after a snooze we flew to the park to see some friends who live there. The little finches played with their toys in the evening, while Finchy and I snuggled up in our love nest and toasted each other with some Adam's Ale to mark the end of a perfect day.



Christmas thank you!

Happy Christmas from everyone at St Chad's Sanctuary!
Your parish has donated practical items, money, time or support to St Chad's Sanctuary during 2023. Your contributions assisted some of the most vulnerable members of our society, people who are often overlooked or ignored. We are only able to provide our services that are so desperately needed by so many, due to your kindness; therefore we want to say **THANK YOU!**
We wish you peace and joy this Christmas and look forward to working with you again in 2024.



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.dorrige@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.