

MASSES AND SERVICES

4th February – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	8.45am	Jill Browne
	10.30am	For the intentions of the Confirmandi

Weekday Services (Psalter Week 1)

5.2 Mon	10.00am	St Agatha Deceased of the Fildes family (SF)
6.2 Tue	10.00am	St Paul Miki, and Companions CHURCH Mass / Service SCHOOL Therese Allibon RIP (AR)
7.2 Wed	10.00am	Feria Bobbie Donovan RIP (MH)
8.2 Thu	10.00am	Feria Fr Chris Greaney RIP Mass / Service
9.2 Fri	10.00am	Feria Canon Ted Stewart (Recovery)
10.2 Sat	10.00am	St Scholastica John Gemmell RIP (EMB)

11th February – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Next weekend there will be a second collection for Church Maintenance

Saturday	5.30pm	Tim Hegarty RIP (SF)
Sunday	8.45am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Sue Kimberley and family (D&I M)

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	R Slater	A Robinson
Next week	R Price	S Simpson-Heath	

READERS	5.30pm	8.45am	10.30am
This week	T/J Taylor	S Zora	
Next week	J Musgrave	V Chapman	N Ritmeyer

TEA & COFFEE	P & B	A Robinson	C McLaughlin
Next Week	Service	P Cheriton	I Blessed

Parish Priest: Fr John Cross

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ST. GEORGE & ST. TERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH
DORRIDGE

4th February 2024
5th Sunday of the Year

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we shall welcome Bishop David Evans as he confers the Holy Spirit upon the children who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. We welcome too their guests and families. It is an important occasion in the annual calendar of the parish. I always feel that the Holy Spirit comes down not only on the children but also on the whole parish. May this holy gift empower us, who in a few short days, embark on the season on Lent.

In preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation the candidates have been prepared by the catechists at school and in the parish. All the children have chosen the name of a Saint who they will get to know by reading up on their lives and try to imitate in their choices and decisions. We can help to support our confirmandi through our encouragement and our prayers.

In preparation for Lent which begins on 14th February on Ash Wednesday we have a programme of events. First and foremost in our Lenten resolutions let us try to avail ourselves of the Holy Mass and take the opportunity to deepen our devotion to the Eucharist which is the source and summit of our Christian Faith. We know the Church (which is the Body of Christ) invites us to attend Mass on Sunday but were you aware of the second part of the invitation “and on other days when we are free to do so”?

Lent is a time for us to take stock of our relationship with God and give it a chance to develop. Through the traditional tools of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we can give ourselves the opportunity to deepen our faith. We have just over a week to think about our resolutions and pray about them especially asking the Lord to strengthen our resolve and help us to start again when we fail.

There will be two Masses on Ash Wednesday 10am and 7.30pm. The ashes will be blessed and distributed at each Mass.

Every Blessing,
Fr John

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

During Lent

Exposition from 4pm to 5pm on Sunday afternoon.

Stations of the Cross at 5pm.

Confessions during exposition on request if a priest is present.

CAFOD family fast day: We are hoping to have homemade soup on Friday 23rd February between 12noon and 1pm.

Job Vacancy: The Birmingham Diocesan Trust (BDT) is looking to appoint an experienced safeguarding professional, with a social work, police, LADO, probation, or other relevant background, with multiagency safeguarding experience, to join its Safeguarding Team. See the Diocesan website for more information.

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.

New to the parish? Changed your contact details? Please complete a form for our parish records.

Lent course “Finding a Voice”

Our Lent study course in five sessions, starts on Tuesday 20th February 7:30pm in the Conference Room. All Welcome.

There is a course booklet, but it's not essential.

God's opening Gambit Unafraid of fear

No short cuts The 'No Discouragement Rule' Faith in our voice!

Further details contact dcn.stephen.saum@rcaob.org.uk

Calling all Catholic Men! The next men's Rosary in the City Saturday 17th February at 12.00. PLEASE NOTE. This time we will gather in Victoria Square outside the Council House. For any more details contact Ben: 07885505116.

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

Makes me smile!

I hear Klopp will be replaced by his brother Klipperty.

I went out last night for a 3 course meal with the Hot Chocolate Fan Club. It started with a quiche.

Have you read the new book called "Fights on a Canal Boat" by R. G. Bargie.

Offertory: 28.1.24 Gift Aid Envelopes £324 Loose Plate £230
Lepra £559. Mass Attendance last weekend 200.

✠ *Please pray for*

For those who are ill: 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: Gordon Meachin, Richard Holmes, Kenneth Miles, Bill Cullen. *May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Recently deceased –

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

We have been on the hop this week, as better weather has allowed us to search the ground for worms and other tasty morsels. Leaving our nest and foraging can be risky so one of us keeps watch while the rest of us look for food. You can never be too careful because one of our neighbours has a cat and we have seen the fox. Our instructions are to stay in sight, keep together and not to stray too far from each other. Best tweets.

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.