

MASSES AND SERVICES

28th April – Fifth Sunday of Easter

This weekend there will be a Second collection for the Church Maintenance Fund

Saturday	5.30pm	Carolyn Johanson (MM)
Sunday	8.45am	Catherine Helen RIP
	10.30am	D'Lurdes Leal RIP (B&P S)
	4.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – Quiet Hour.

Weekday Services

29.4 Mon	10.00am	St Catherine of Siena Lynn & Bob Hartley RIP (K&A W)
30.4 Tue	10.00am	Easter Feria Joe Duran RIP (JG & Family)
1.5 Wed	10.00am	St Joseph the Worker Mary Cross (Fr J)
2.5 Thu	10.00am	St Athanasius Bernard Mackey RIP (G&E MB)
3.5 Fri	10.00am	Ss Philip and James Con Allen RIP (MH)
4.5 Sat	10.00am	English Martyrs Freda Stephens (JS)
		Baptism – Leonard Holland

5th May – Sixth Sunday of Easter

This weekend the second collection will be for CAFOD's Emergency Sudan appeal.

Saturday	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	8.45am	Jane Cotter (MC)
	10.30am	Alice Mullen RIP (MH)
	4.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – Quiet Hour.

Exposition Sunday 4pm – 5pm

Confession Saturday morning 9.15am – 9.45am

Rosary – Monday to Saturday 9.35am

Divine Mercy Chaplet – Friday after Mass

CHURCH CLEANING

This week	D Morgan	P Hogan
Next week	H Grosvenor	S Chester

READERS	5.30pm	8.45am	10.30am
This week	T Hart	J Smith	J McDonald
Next week	T/J Taylor	G Seymour	N Ritmeyer

Parish Priest: Fr John Cross

Deacon: Rev Mr Stephen Saum, Rev Dr Subhi Zora. Priest in Residence: Fr Paul Dean,

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ST. GEORGE & ST. TERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH DORRIDGE

28th April 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Dear Parishioners,

This week we shall celebrate the Feast of St Joseph, the Worker on Wednesday 1st May. It marks the beginning of a month traditionally dedicated to Mary and reminds us that St Joseph in his work as a carpenter actively provided for his family by earning his living. We know Jesus watched Joseph in his work and when he was old enough would have been taught the skills to one day provide Him with a good living. On Wednesday we give thanks to God for the example and faith of St Joseph and for all those who work for a living. (Up the workers!)

Two new workers in our vineyard have been created by Pope Francis. Canon Richard Walker and Monsignor Timothy Menezes become two new Auxiliary Bishops for our Diocese. We congratulate them on their appointment. It will leave two vacancies for a new Vicar General and Dean or administrator of St Chad's Cathedral. We are not waiting by the phone!

The Election will take place on Thursday for the Mayor of Birmingham, the Police Commissioner and in the Solihull area for a third of the Councillors. Please cast your vote and remember to take photo or sufficient identification to the Polling Station. The responsibility to use our vote wisely is an essential element of our Christian calling and for the sake of the common good.

Just a reminder that this weekend is our special second collection for Church Maintenance. Those of you who use the Presbytery side carpark will have seen the scaffolding on the corner of the church. This cost £400 and is to facilitate a safe inspection of the roof and mortar joints. There are signs of water ingress above the confessional box. I hope the repair cost will not be too much but my estimate on the basis of similar types of work is that it will not be less than two thousand pounds. Still I live in hope and perhaps it will be a simple repair. The latest quote for the new doors on the Parish Centre as the existing ones are warped came to four thousand pounds. This is for a hard wood door. A similar quote is for a metal door. Which one would you choose?

I shall be consulting with Our Lady and St Joseph on this and all the decisions for the good of the parish.

Every Blessing,
Fr John

The annual International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians will take place on the Sixth Sunday of Easter (5 May 2024), with the participation of Christians from all over Europe, the Middle East, the Horn of Africa, India and Ukraine.

Youth SVP – Helpers required – Introductory Meeting Monday 29th April at 5pm in the church: Following the success of the Mini Vinnies in years 5 & 6 of our school, we want to give them, and other teenagers, the opportunity of continuing this by forming a Youth SVP group. To help with this the Youth SVP Manager from SVP H.O. will be joining us at 5pm this Monday 29th April to provide more details to enable us to get this up and running. We have a small number of volunteers prepared to help with this but would like more and if you feel that you may be able to help in some way, and would like more information, then please come along. As the Conference room and hall are already booked **THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH**. If you would like more information but cannot attend the meeting then please contact us at svpstqt@btinternet.com.

CAFOD's Emergency Appeal for Sudan - next weekend. The situation in Sudan is deteriorating rapidly and with 25 million people needing immediate humanitarian assistance up to seven million people will now be at risk of famine-like conditions by June.

Day of Prayer for the Victims and Survivors of Sexual Abuse. This coming Tuesday, 30th April, is a Day of Prayer for the Victims and Survivors of Sexual Abuse. This Sunday a special intention for the survivors of sexual abuse will be included in the Bidding Prayers.

Ex Urbe Chamber Choir presents *Brahms German Requiem* on Saturday 11 May and Sunday 12 May. Two distinct performances conducted by Benjamin Hamilton. On Saturday the performance is at Hampton Parish Church at 7 pm and is accompanied by a chamber orchestra whilst on Sunday at 4 pm at Dorridge Methodist Church, a more intimate rendition, accompanied by a piano duet, will be given. Tickets are £12, available on line from www.exurbe.org or on the door. This is a two for one opportunity as your £12 ticket provides entry to both concerts.

On Saturday 18th May, Hampton Singers invite you to their performance of *John Rutter's Requiem* and *Antonio Vivaldi's Magnificat* at 7 pm at Hampton Church. Tickets at £15 are available on line at www.hamptonsingers.co.uk or on the door.

Christian Aid Week 12-18th May 2024

*Fancy some light exercise? **Envelope distributors required.***

For many years St George & St Teresa's has assisted in this appeal within the area of Knowle, Dorridge and Bentley Heath Churches Together. In recent years we have had dwindling numbers of volunteers willing to help with the distribution of these envelopes, so John Murray and I are asking for extra help with this. There is no need to return to collect the envelopes as donors are requested to give online, or to return to one of several local collection points. To volunteer, or for more information either contact John Murray, or phone or text me on 07768 775066 with your details. Very many thanks for your assistance with this appeal. Deacon Stephen.

ARE YOU New to the parish or have you changed any of your contact details?
Please complete a form for the parish records.

Made me smile!....

Sad to hear about our local baker, he comes from Peru, last week, he dropped a massive minced beef, onion and potato pie on his foot. He's now on Inca Pastie Benefit.

I went to a Psychiatrist and said, "I keep thinking I'm a Goat". He said, "how long has this been going on?" I said, "ever since I was a Kid".

Patience has finally paid off, just been offered my dream job making ointments and creams, although it did take several applications.

I was feeling a bit poorly, so I went to the doctor. After examining me, he said, "I'm not sure what it is, it might be alcohol." I said, "in that case I'll come back when you're sober!"

Jokes about white sugar are rare. Jokes about brown sugar. Demerara.

I asked the man in the shop, "have you got any Bulldog clips?"

He replied, "no, but I've got a nice video of a Jack Russell".

I bought a pair of tortoise shell shoes the other day. It took me 4 hours to get home.

Just driving thru Devon and saw a Dalek hitch hiking so I stopped and said, "where to?" he said, "Exeternate".

A friend of mine said that he wanted to improve his golf. I suggested that he should go on a course.

I got a C- in chemistry when asked to describe nitrates, I said, "is it time and a half?"

I bought a first-aid kit today I thought I'd treat myself.

Offertory: 21.4.24: Mass Attendance last weekend 255.

Gift Aid Envelopes £318, Loose Plate £196. Av standing order and online p.w. - £680.

Clergy Training Fund Gift Aid Envelopes £292, Loose Plate £163.

Many thanks for your generosity.

✠ Please pray for

For those who housebound or unwell: Tony Parsons, Rod Goodman, Dr John Martin, Joe Stephens, Michael Grosvenor, Dorothy Perkins, Jill Baynham, Pat McGeever, Matthew Gallagher, Jane Cotter, Margaret Cosgrove, Sheila Randall, as well as our parishioners in hospital and nursing homes.

Recently Deceased: William Linehan RIP

His funeral will be on Friday 10th May at 11.30am and at Woodlands Crematorium at 1pm.

Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years: Brendan Sullivan, Clare Ward, Margaret Southern, Claire Dagnan, Romuald Kijak, Peter Reilly, Norm Davies.

May the souls of all 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-steresa.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.