

MASSES AND SERVICES

17th March – Fifth Sunday of Lent

This weekend there will be a second collection for Church Maintenance.

Saturday	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	8.45am	All who look after the sick (RG)
	10.30am	Sharon Longobardi In Thanksgiving
	4pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (ending at 4.50pm) + Confessions
	5pm	Stations of the Cross

Weekday Services

18.3 Mon	10.00am	Lent Feria Therese Allibon RIP (AR)
19.3 Tue	9.15am	St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary Roy Booker RIP (D&E B)
20.3 Wed	10.00am	Lent Feria Catherine Helen RIP
21.3 Thu	10.00am	Lent Feria Annie McLynskey (M&P W)
22.3 Fri	9.45am	SCHOOL Cornelius Allen RIP (G&T Govs)
	10.00am	Lent Feria Mass/Communion Service Joyce Smith RIP (DD)
23.3 Sat	10.00am	Lent Feria Thanksgiving (Ocho Family)

24th March – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

This weekend there will be a second collection for the Easter Flowers.

Saturday	5.30pm	Franz Otto RIP (AK)
Sunday	8.45am	Jane Cotter Int (EMB)
	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	S Chester	H Grosvenor	
Next week	M Fitzpatrick	R Slater	A Robinson

READERS	5.30pm	8.45am	10.30am
This week	T/J Taylor	G O'Gara	D Walmsley
Next week	J Musgrave	E Moroney Barnett	D Bixby

Parish Priest: Fr John Cross

Deacon: Rev Mr Stephen Saum, Rev Dr Subhi Zora. Priest in Residence: Fr Paul Dean,
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Head of School Stephen Hainie. Executive Head Louise Flanagan

ST. GEORGE & ST. TERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH DORRIDGE

17th March 2024
5th Sunday of Lent Year B

Dear Parishioners,

Holy Week is fast approaching. The schools break up for Easter on Friday. Palm Sunday is next Sunday. This week our Gift Aid helpers will speak briefly at the end of Mass about the distribution of envelopes for planned giving and the Gift Aid situation. With this in mind, I thought it might be useful to share some parish figures to help you to understand the gravity of their talk.

Our annual income in 2023 was £108,815 (2022 £93,724) and our annual expenditure for 2023 was £114,348 (2022 £177,095) NB the cost of church roof repairs in 2022 was c.£94,600). The annual income includes the Gift Aid return £13,255 (2022 £12,931). The offertory or first collection in 2023 was £66,639 (2022 £58,054). The shortfall was near £48,000. The difference between our first offertory collection and our total income was made up by the Gift Aid return, Parish Centre profit of £1,664, 200 Club, sundry income, donations and one small legacy of £3,744.

The Diocesan Levy in 2023 was £16,140 (2022 £21,314). In 2023 our average Sunday church attendance was 196. The parish payment of the Diocesan Levy is our contribution for the Clergy and Clerical, Curia (Safeguarding, Marriage Offices, HR, Communications, Legal and Compliance, the Archbishop's office, as well as the support staff and services provided by the Diocese), Birmingham Diocesan Education Service, Clergy Training, Maryvale Institute, Chaplaincies and charitable grants. A full breakdown of the expenditure can be found on the Diocese website.

In 2023 the new Church Maintenance Fund gave us just £1239 and is used to pay for essential repairs and replacements. It is not levied by the diocese and is a special fund. We can gain gift aid from our donations to it. The main weekly first offertory pays for everything else. The new church boilers cost £10k. I shall distribute special church maintenance fund envelopes and I need to ask you to be generous.

As you can see, the income from the Sunday Offertory alone is not sufficient to keep the parish afloat and I am grateful for the extra sources of income from the Parish Centre but this year our income has not kept up with inflation and the cost of living.

I need to ask you to give more money to support the church.

Every Blessing
Fr John

Holy Week

Palm Sunday 24th March: Masses Sat Vigil 5.30pm, Sunday 8.45am and 10.30am.

Starts in church this year.

Penitential Service & Confessions: Tues 26th March at 7pm - up to 6 priests in attendance.

Holy Thursday 7pm Mass of Our Lord's Supper. Watching until 10pm.

Good Friday Morning 11am: Stations of the Cross for children.

3pm: Church Service: Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion.

7.30pm Stations of the Cross.

Holy Saturday 8pm Easter Vigil.

Easter Sunday 8.45am Mass and 10.30am Mass.

Easter Egg appeal for the children of the parish. Thank you for the 12 eggs donated so far. About 40 to go. If everyone could buy just one (they cost about £1.25 -£1.50 in Sainsbury's)

Altar Servers see separate take home sheet for practices.

SVP Afternoon Tea & Social Wednesday 20th March 2.30pm. Everyone is invited to join us on Wednesday for tea, coffee, plenty of cakes and good company! Additionally we will be having a talk on "Journeys on the royal train" which we believe will be an interesting and entertaining presentation.

Job Vacancy: Our Lady of Compassion Catholic Primary School, Olton. Full time class teacher required for September 2024. See /www.olaas.co.uk/current-vacancies/

Solihull Chandos Choir are holding a concert at Shirley Methodist Church at 3.00 pm on Saturday 23rd March 2014. It is entitled "French Impressions" and includes works by Faure amongst others. Tickets are £15.00 (under 18s free) and are available by phone on 01564 779962 or via the web solihullchandoschoir.org.

Lent course "Finding a Voice" Our Parish **Lent Study Course**, continues this **Tuesday 7:30pm** in the Conference Room for the last session. All Welcome.

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

Missio Help. If you wish to speak with Leo (retiring co-ordinator) he is available on 07831 390255.

1 hour every 5 weeks 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

First Communion for children at non-Catholic schools: 1st June 10am.

(For children in Year 3 or above) These take place from 11am-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

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!

- If Celine Dion sang only the vowels in her name it would be the second line of the song Old Macdonald had a farm! 😊
- I put a bet on Mr Kipling winning the best cake competition at odds of 12/1. I just couldn't resist. They were exceedingly good stakes.
- A man has been arrested for stealing from a butcher's shop. He has been charged with chop lifting.
- Nothing succeeds like a parrot with no teeth.
- I'm reading a book about two insects who fell in love in an Italian city. It's a Rome ants novel.

Offertory: 10.3.24: Mass Attendance last weekend 214.

Gift Aid Envelopes £323, Loose Plate £369. Av standing order and online p.w.- £680.

CAFOD £1001. Fast day soup lunch £210. 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. as well as our parishioners in hospital and nursing homes.

Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years: Kathleen Nicholls, Catherine Helen. *May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Recently deceased – Leon Rafnson RIP.

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**

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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-siteresa.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.