

MASSES AND SERVICES

21st January – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	8.45am	Richard Kadow Int (AK)
	10.30am	John Gemmell RIP (MH)

Weekday Services (Psalter Week 3)

22.1 Mon	10.00am	Feria Janice Murphy RIP (D&E B)
23.1 Tue	10.00am	Feria Bill Carthy Int (GMB)
24.1 Wed	10.00am	St Francis de Sales Bernard Hughes RIP (AK)
25.1 Thu	10.00am	Conversion of St Paul Peter and Sally Int (GMB)
26.1 Fri	10.00am	Ss Timothy & Titus A & E Duffy Int (D&E B)
27.1 Sat	10.00am	Our Lady on Saturday Alan Devoy Int (PE)

28th January – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This weekend there is a second collection for Lepira.

Saturday	5.30pm	Therese Allibon RIP (AR)
Sunday	8.45am	Rod Goodman Int (JG)
	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	D Morgan	P Hogan
Next week	S Chester	H Grosvenor

READERS	5.30pm	8.45am	10.30am
This week	B May	G O'Gara	C Loughran
Next week	T Hart	E Moroney Barnett	R Slater

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

21st January 2024
3rd Sunday of the Year

Dear Parishioners,

Last weekend and indeed for the entire week we have endured much cold weather with freezing temperatures causing problems of frozen pipes. The Church and house experienced a few issues but thankfully were sorted out for us by our amazing plumber. This weekend we shall hopefully be able to bring some warm coats, scarves, hats and gloves for the needy in Druids Heath following an appeal from the SVP in that area. Actually it came before Christmas and our SVP responded with a donation of over £500 to help to buy blankets. Now we can do an early spring tidy up and clear out by bringing what we do not need to the Church. Perhaps if you are reading this at home on Saturday or after Mass on Sunday you might pop back to the Parish Centre where your donations will be received.

In 1990 I was helping out at S. Gregorio which was a monastery taken over by the Mother Teresa Sisters. The college I belonged to had an SVP and we volunteered there at the men's hostel, serving food, washing up, sorting and distributing clothes. The people of Rome were incredibly generous and many of the clothes were still in their original packaging. At the time I recall noticing a lovely coat which fitted me perfectly so I put it to one side. God had other ideas! A homeless man came to ask for a coat. He tried one or two but they were the wrong length or didn't fit. I realised there was only one which would be perfect for him and found the beautiful three-quarter length camel coat I had earmarked for myself. It fitted perfectly, it looked the part, the man was very happy and I learned a lesson of St Francis of Assisi, "it is in giving that we receive."

I have a couple of notices to share with you. Bishop David Evans will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on 30 children from the parish both school and from Isabel's catechism class. We are expecting about 300 people at the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 4th February. You may prefer to attend the vigil at 5.30pm on Saturday or the 8.45am on Sunday Morning with Childrens Liturgy.

I have decided to have one collection a month for Church Maintenance and will in due course provide a list of dates in the newsletter.

Lent begins on February 14th – on Ash Wednesday. From and including Sunday 18th February there will be Exposition from 4pm – 4.45pm with Confession and at 5pm Stations of the Cross. This might be combined with your afternoon constitutional.

Next weekend there will be a second collection for Lepira, the organisation which cares for lepers.

Every Blessing,
Fr John

New to the parish? Please complete a form for our parish records.

MISSIO Opportunity: As Leo (the current co-ordinator for MISSIO,) is moving to Bromsgrove parish, this position will now become available.

If you are a person who would enjoy the role of co-ordinator between our 8 promoters and MISSIO head office, then this role would suit you.

Each year, in August/September time. The promoters will collect and bank the red box offerings and will report details to you. You will then record these amounts and send a report to MISSIO head office annually in December, besides doing this you will order from h/o stationary as required by the promoters.

“Having served in this role for the past 5 years, I am most thankful to our dedicated promoters who do all the hard work of going out and collecting for the missions.” For my part, I can tell you that serving in this role has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. No doubt my successor will surely enjoy a similar feeling. May God bless all who serve MISSIO at St George and St Teresa.” Leo Hughes

Please contact Fr John for further details. If you wish to speak with Leo he is available on 07831 390255.

Warm Clothes Weekend: Following last week's appeal will you please deliver any good quality coats, hats, scarves, gloves or socks to the parish centre after each mass this weekend. Should you have items but it not be possible to deliver them this weekend then please email svpstgt@btinternet.com or phone Steve on 07740 935527 to arrange collection.

Coffee After Mass - one more volunteer is required for 8.45am Mass in order to make up a fourth team. The requirement would be for just three Sundays in 2024. If you can help, please contact Joan and Tony on tony.joan.taylor@gmail.com.

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

Children's Liturgy Sunday Morning at the 8.45am Mass.

Makes me smile!

I went to a wedding yesterday. It was so emotional that the wedding cake was in tiers.

Every morning I take my pet cow for a walk through the vineyard. Yes, I herd it through the grapevine.

Apparently you cannot use "beef stew" as a password. It's not stroganoff.

Mine is "Snow White and the 7 dwarfs" as it has to be 8 characters.

An internet selling website has been set up in Yorkshire called eBay Gum.

Offertory: 14.1.24

Gift Aid Envelopes £238

Loose Plate £299

Mass Attendance 214

✠ *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. as well as our parishioners in hospital and nursing homes.

Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years: Gerald Macklin, Adrian Walker, Joan Johnson. *May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Recently deceased – Therese Allibon.

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:

Tweet, tweet! Ooh it was cold last week and we had no water because all the puddles had dried up, all the fish ponds froze and the bird baths iced up. I'm afraid the humans often forget we need fresh water. It is a good idea to put water out for the birds and put a tennis ball or similar in the bird bath to stop it from freezing. Thankfully we had a stock of water thanks to the local magpie who dropped a small shiny metal dish into the nest a few weeks ago which helped us collect water when it poured with rain. Tweet, tweet.

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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-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.