

## MASSES AND SERVICES

### 5th May – Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

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

#### Weekday Services

6.5 Mon	10.00am	<b>Easter Feria</b> Matthew Gallagher Int (JG)
7.5 Tue	10.00am	<b>Easter Feria</b> Catherine Carolan RIP (MW)
8.5 Wed	10.00am	<b>Easter Feria</b> John Brackin (SF)
9.5 Thu	10.00am	<b>The Ascension of the Lord</b> Elizabeth Kelly (EMB)
	7.30pm	Special Int (MW)
10.5 Fri	10.00am	<b>Feria</b> Peter Sprawson RIP (FrJ)
	11.30am	<b>Funeral Service William Linehan RIP</b>
11.5 Sat	10.00am	<b>Easter Feria</b> Michael Flynn RIP (J&G M)

### 12th May – Seventh Sunday of Easter

This weekend there will be a second collection for Catholic Communications.

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Hazel McAguaire (PM)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>10.30am</b>	Leon Rafnson RIP (MH)
	<b>4.00pm</b>	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

<b>This week</b>	H Grosvenor	S Chester
<b>Next week</b>	M Fitzpatrick	A Robinson

<b>READERS</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	<b>10.30am</b>
<b>This week</b>	T/J Taylor	G Seymour	N Ritmeyer
<b>Next week</b>	J Musgrave	G O'Gara	D Walmsley

<b>TEA &amp; COFFEE</b>	T & J	M & S Worrell	O Zurak
<b>Next week</b>	Taylor		P Hogan

Parish Priest: Fr John Cross

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# ST. GEORGE & ST. TERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH DORRIDGE

5th May 2024      Sixth Sunday of Easter

Dear Parishioners,

We are a Church which preaches the Good News in a world where sadly there is often so much bad news. Sometimes the bad news seems almost overwhelming so it is good to be able to tell you about our good news. Our school has received a good report from a recent inspection by the Ofsted Inspectors and is now rated **GOOD**. We knew it already and now the Inspectors of Education have rubber stamped it. Congratulations to the leaders and managers of our school, governors and staff who have achieved this by their skill and determination. Last year our SATS results were also excellent which highlights the excellent education our children receive. Now I need you to go and proclaim this information to everyone you meet. "I have some really good news for you." Please say our school is a good school and children receive an excellent Catholic education at St George and St Teresa and at our secondary St Peter's.

Next week we celebrate some more good news on Thursday with the Feast of the Ascension. On this Holy Day of Obligation we shall have our usual two Masses, at 10am and 7.30pm please make a note in your diary.

Next Wednesday we shall be crowning the statue of Our Lady at School at 1.15pm. Parents and carers of the children are invited to attend and please pray for some fine weather. It is great for the children to experience this tradition of our faith and to grow in love and appreciation of the role of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. At every weekday Mass at 10am we have the prayer of the Rosary in church. Please do come if you are free.

Last week, the children preparing for their Holy Communion in June made their first confession. The Catechism class numbered about eight children and at our Catholic School twenty-six children received the Grace of the Sacrament. Just a reminder that the Church teaches all of us to go to confession at least once a year as part of our Easter duties. Eastertide ends on Trinity Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May.

As we move forward in this year of 2024 we have many dates to look forward to in our diaries. Next weekend I shall provide you with the dates of our various special events.

Every Blessing, Fr John

**Lourdes:** Deacon Subhi is going to be in Lourdes next week for 3 days. He will be praying the Rosary in English at the Grotto at 3.00 pm during his stay. This can be watched on EWTN or YouTube every day. If anybody would like to send in any petitions or any other request, please get in touch or leave a note in the Narthex.

**Congratulations** to Rachael Carpenter and Matthew Viner who were married here on Saturday. We wish them a long and happy married life together.

**Invitation to all young people 11-18:** The SVP would like you to join us at the Parish Coffee morning after 8.45 Mass on 12th May. We are going ahead with the formation of a Youth SVP in the parish and we would like your help and involvement to do that. This is an exciting initiative which is already up and running in many parishes across the UK and empowers younger parishioners to be involved in helping those less fortunate in the parish and wider communities. Whilst there will be support and guidance from our existing SVP the Youth group members will be responsible for running their own meetings and getting involved in initiatives of their choosing. So please come along after 8.45 Mass on 12th May to find out more and see how this can lead to a great way to be involved with your friends and help others at the same time.

**Congratulations to our 200 Club Winners:**

February winners: £15 each to Dr J Martin, Dr P Angold and the Oates grandchildren.

March winners: £50 to H Cummins and £15 each to O Zurak and G Wilson.

April winners: £15 each to M Worrell, L Goldsworthy and K Moroney.

**Rosary in the City** Join Archbishop Bernard in Mary's month of May to pray the Rosary. Sat 25th May at 12noon in Victoria Square, Birmingham. Prayer Intentions: To pray for our city and nation and for men to embrace their God given vocation as protector and defender.

**The annual International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians** will take place this Sunday, with the participation of Christians from all over Europe, the Middle East, the Horn of Africa, India and Ukraine.

**PTFA Bingo and Balti! 6-8pm Friday 10th May.** Please join us for an evening of fun, food and prizes at **St George and St Teresa School Hall**. We are very excited about this year's Bingo Night, it's a real team effort with our wonderful School Cook Debbie preparing the food. Please contact **Lucy Davies** on **07810 521561** to book and confirm your food order. Refreshments, treats and dabbers will be on sale on the night!

**Bingo - Adults Ticket including Food - £10 per person**

- **Bingo - Children's Ticket including Food - £5 per child**
- **Bingo - Ticket only no food - £2.50 per person**

Food options (Adult/Child):

1. Chicken Balti with rice and naan
2. Vegetable Balti with rice and naan
3. Pizza and chips

**Ex Urbe Chamber Choir** presents *Brahms German Requiem* on Saturday 11 May and Sunday 12 May. 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](http://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](http://www.hamptonsingers.co.uk) or on the door.

**CAFOD's Emergency Appeal for Sudan:** 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.

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

**Made me smile!....**

I've started growing snooker cues from seed at the end of my garden. You should see my potting shed. Or you can visit Cue Gardens.

What do you call a dog that swims under water? Scuba Doo.

During my Indian meal the other day the waiter came on and said, "curry ok?, I said, "go on then, just the one song"

Popadom, preach, I'm in curry deep, but I've made up my mind, ooh, ooh, I'm keeping my Balti....

**Offertory: 28.4.24:** Mass Attendance last weekend 196.

Gift Aid Envelopes £264, Loose Plate £268. Av standing order and online p.w. - £680.

Church Maintenance Fund Gift Aid Envelopes £879, Loose Plate £179.

Many thanks for your generosity.

✠ *Please pray for*

**The housebound or sick:** 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

Funeral Service is Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am and at Woodlands Crematorium at 1pm.

**Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years:** Jeremiah Sullivan, Roy Walker, Hazel Maguire, Anne Nicholls. *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](mailto: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-stteresa.dorridge@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stgeorge-stteresa.dorridge@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.*