

**Masses at St George & St Teresa**

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**18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Roland & Margaret Taylor RIP (T&J T)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	Denis Moroney RIP (EMB)
	<b>10.30am</b>	Roger Bowser (HB)

**WEEKDAY SERVICES**

<b>19.12 Mon</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Feria</b> Donald Bowser (HB)
<b>20.12 Tue</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Feria</b> Joe Argue Int (JG)
<b>21.12 Wed</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Feria</b> Bernard Spillane RIP (A&C K)
<b>22.12 Thu</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Feria</b> James Paul Walsh Int (JG)
<b>23.12 Fri</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Feria</b> John Wilson RIP (KW)
<b>24.12 Sat</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>

**25<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4pm</b>	Children's Tableau Mass John Breaks Int (JL)
	<b>8pm</b>	Catherine Helen RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>10.30am</b>	Alison Cook RIP
<b>26.12 Mon</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>St Stephen</b> For the intentions of the altar servers

**Confession – Saturday 9.15am – 9.45am**  
**Adoration – Wednesday 10.30am – 11.15am**  
**Rosary – Monday- Saturday 9.35am**

**CHURCH ROTAS**

**CHURCH CLEANING**

**This week** B Byrne

<b>READERS</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	<b>10.30am</b>
<b>This week</b>	T Hart	G Moroney Barnett	D Walmsley
<b>Next week</b>	TBA		

**A Eucharistic Ministers will be required at each of the Christmas Masses.**

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St. George & St. Teresa  
Catholic Church  
Dorridge  
**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**  
**18th December 2022**



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Dear Parishioners,

I hope you have managed to keep warm over these last few days. After the exceptionally hot summer and warm autumn, the cold blast has been a shock to the system. Thankfully our church and hall heating systems have held up – although we haven't received the bill yet! Last week we enjoyed an excellent Carol Service on Sunday afternoon and the week before the SVP and helpers provided a magnificent Christmas Lunch for 60 guests. Last Wednesday the children from our school came to sing carols for the social afternoon and get together for the parishioners. They were excellent.

I want to echo the thanks of the SVP to all those who have provided Christmas gifts for the children of our partner parish and school at St Vincent's in Nechells. I am sure there will be many happy faces on Christmas morning when the children see what Santa has brought for them. The same generosity of spirit is to be seen with the items of shopping for the Bethany Food Bank and the special Gaudete Gift Bags. Such kindness will be much appreciated. I was reading that one in seven families now rely on a foodbank to help feed their children. This week the church will be decorated for our Christmas Masses. I hope to see you and your families as we gather to praise God for the coming of Jesus.

Every Blessing, Fr John

**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE:** The SVP would like to thank all parishioners for their great generosity in supporting this year's appeal. Over 140 Christmas gifts were delivered to the school and parishioners of St Vincent's in Nechells. From an SVP perspective, it is a great joy and privilege to be involved in such an initiative. Thank you for your continuing support and happy Christmas!

**A STATEMENT FROM HIS GRACE, ARCHBISHOP BERNARD**, in relation to the tragedy at Babbs Mill Lake is available on the Diocesan website: [News | Birmingham Diocesan Trust \(birminghamdiocese.org.uk\)](https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news) One of the boys who died was from St Anthony's Catholic Primary School.

**THE CHRISTMAS CRIB STOCKING COLLECTION** this year will be supporting the needs of the Ukrainian refugees.

**THE SECOND COLLECTION** at the Christmas Masses will be your gift to the Parish Priest. Envelopes, if you wish to use one, can be collected from the Narthex.

**CHRISTMAS EVE TABLEAU MASS- 4pm:** Children are welcome to attend this Mass in their nativity costumes (as is the tradition at St George & St Teresa) and members of the Children's Liturgy team will be there at the front of the Church.

**PENANCE SERVICE** at St Augustine's Solihull: Fr Dominic has asked us to let it be known that free car-parking has been requested in the lower level of the Dominion car park in Herbert Road for the Penance Service on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December from 6.30pm onwards.

**COME AND SEE:** Amidst the hustle bustle of all your Christmas preparations why not take a short break, relax and focus on the true meaning of Christmas! Come and watch a short film which tells the Nativity story from the point of view of a simple shepherd. Adults and children welcome, refreshments will be provided. Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Penitential Service	7pm (at St Augustine's)	
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Eve	4pm	Children's Tableau Mass
		8pm	Vigil Mass
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Day	8.45am	Mass
		10.30am	Mass
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Feast of St Stephen	10am	Mass

(This year there isn't a booking system for the Christmas Masses.)



**DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES for 2023** are available in the Narthex costing £3. Please put money in the piety wall box.

**200 CLUB ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION £15:** Subscriptions for 2023 are due by 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. If you do not pay by standing order please send or deliver a cheque to the presbytery. Please write "200" Club on the back of your cheque. Alternatively, you can pay by bank transfer using TTC as the reference; please contact the parish if you need our bank details. Please consider joining if you are a new or even a long time parishioner. Forms are available in the Narthex. Currently the funds raised are for projects to improve the carbon footprint of the Church.

PARISH CENTRE BOOKINGS			
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	Kick Boxing	Hall	17.00 – 20.00
Wed 21 <sup>th</sup>	Kick Boxing	Hall	17.00 – 19.00
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	AA	Conf Room	19.30 – 22.00
<i>It is important that users of the Parish Centre arrange bookings (and payments for non-Parish Events) through Oksana Zurak 07967-846 963 or <a href="mailto:oksanazurak@gmail.com">oksanazurak@gmail.com</a></i>			



*Your Prayers are asked*

**For those who are Sick:** Dorothy Perkins, Michael Grosvenor, Tony Burdett, Jill Baynham, Des Bentley, Rita Salloway, Leo Hughes, Bob Service and Jaxon Rochford, Tessa Waters. *Let us also remember those who care for them.*

**For those Anniversaries which occur in the last 20 years.** Ellen Lewis.

**Recently Deceased:** Kathleen Burke, her funeral will be on 12<sup>th</sup> January at 12.30pm. Anise O'Donovan.

**OFFERTORY: 11.12.22**

Envelopes £200

Plate £204

Average weekly offering via standing order and online banking - £680