

MASSES AND SERVICES

24th September – Twenty-fifth Sunday of the Year

This weekend there will be a collection for Fr Hudson's Society

Saturday	5.30pm	(Vigil) Martin Duffy RIP (ED)
Sunday	8.45am	(Children's Liturgy) People of the Parish
	10.30am	Special Int (MP)

Weekday Services (Week 25. Psalter Week 1)

25.9 Mon	10.00am	Feria Mass or Communion Service William Stanley Robinson RIP (A&C K)
26.9 Tue	10.00am	Feria Mass or Communion Service Tony Parsons (MW)
27.9 Wed	10.00am	St Vincent de Paul Mass or Communion Service Fr John Int
	5.00pm	Reception – Michael Rogers
28.9 Thu	10.30am	Funeral – Michael Rogers
29.9 Fri	10.00am	Ss Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels Mass or Communion Service Special Int (IG)
30.9 Sat	10.00am	St Jerome Mass or Communion Service Jane McTernan (HR)

1st October – St Therese of Lisieux

Saturday	5.30pm	Kevin Diggins RIP (AR)
Sunday	8.45am	Ken Bailey RIP (A&C K)
	10.30am	People of the Parish

Confession Saturday morning 9.15am – 9.45am
Thursday Exposition: after Mass – 11.15am
Rosary – Monday to Saturday 9.35am
Divine Mercy Chaplet – Friday after Mass

CHURCH CLEANING

This week	P Doyle	A Robinson
Next week	M Harris	T Lester

READERS	5.30pm	8.45am	10.30am
This week	T Hart	G Seymour	D Bixby
Next week	T/J Taylor	G O'Gara	M Heap

Parish Priest: Fr John Cross

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

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ST. GEORGE & ST. TERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH
DORRIDGE
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
24th September 2023

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday is a day of Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Harvest. So far, my request to share your harvest has been taken up by Deacon Stephen who has shared some of the fruits of his harvest in the form of some lovely French beans and just this week some very tasty tomatoes. I hope to be able to share the apples from our tree when they are ready. Much of what we eat, our fresh and dried food: salads, cereal, dairy and wine etc is the result of harvests from different parts of the world. I am amazed that a punnet of blueberries which I enjoy on my porridge can be sourced from many different parts of the world including Scotland but never England! Those blueberries are better travelled than I am! Sharing a harvest is a wonderful experience. If you have ever read "The Diary of a Church Mouse" by John Betjeman you will know what I mean and if not, try to get a copy or look it up on your computer search engine. It is most amusing. I attended a state Primary School (there was no Catholic School) and we always had a huge display of food for our Harvest Festival, not just tins but imaginative produce from the gardens of pupil's parents. For example corn on the cob (something I had never seen before) and on one occasion a lump of coal (most of us had coal fires in those days before smokeless fuel) which made me realise then, how much God provides; and now, how indifferent we can be to the production and delivery of our food from farm to plate (or glass). "The harvest is rich," says the text from scripture. It sure is for those of us who are lucky enough to be on the receiving end of it. We remember, of course, those who are not so blessed by learning to share the gifts God has given us. The visible harvest is the wealth of the earth which we receive? How do I share what has been given to me? What is the fruit of my life? These are questions we can ask ourselves on this Day of Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Harvest. For what we have received, may the Lord make us truly thankful.

Every Blessing

Fr John

Blessing of the Graves

Knowle Cemetery THIS SUNDAY 24th September at 3pm

Children's Liturgy is every Sunday during Term time at 8.45 am in the Parish Hall.

Coffee morning after Mass on Wednesdays starting on 11th October.

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation. For Adults to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Email: stgeorge-stteresa.dorridge@rcaob.org.uk for more information. This is something which can begin at anytime of the year.

Offertory: 17.9.23 Envelopes £250 Loose Plate £295
Catholic Evangelisation: Envelopes £81 Loose Plate £105
Average weekly offering via standing order and online banking - £680

MISSIO Red Box Collections: Please note that your friends from Missio will be calling on you in the coming days. Please have your box ready as all donations are much appreciated in these difficult times. Thank you, Leo.

Our **Parish Catechism Class** (for children who do not attend a Catholic School) will begin soon. The Confirmation Programme begins **on Sunday October 8th**. The sessions will take place in the Conference room after the 8.45am Mass and before the 10.30am Mass to allow the candidates and their families to attend Sunday Mass. If you would like to register your child for First Holy Communion (Year 3 and over) and Confirmation, please email or phone Isabel Cusack ASAP. Email. isabelcusack@yahoo.co.uk. Telephone 07919 685685.

Cake Fest: Sue Hearn would like to say thank you to Father John and the parishioners who supported us at the Cake Fest event on Saturday. We raised over £1,400 which is great news and means the Nepali schoolchildren will be drinking clean water instead of infected water soon.

Makes you smile!

I took my girlfriend's family out for tea and biscuits...
They weren't too happy about having to give blood.

A man went to court for stealing a bag.
The trial only lasted 2 minutes. It was brief case.

I went to the funeral of the inventor of Optrex. There was not a dry eye in the church.

VACANCY: A clerk to governors of St George and St Teresa School is needed. There are usually three meetings a term plus some administrative duties and production of minutes from the meetings. For further information please telephone the school and ask for Mrs Louise Flanagan.

Rosary Rally: Calling all Catholic Men for the Men's Rosary Rally in the Bullring at 11.45am by the bull on 7th October. For more information contact Ben: 07885 505116. Ladies please join us at St Michael's Catholic Church opposite Moor Street Station at 11.45am to pray in support the Men's Rosary Rally.

Evening Prayer and Benediction in honour of Our Lady of Walsingham this Sunday 24th September at 4pm at Sacred Heart & Holy Souls Church Acocks Green. The time of prayer will be followed by refreshments in the Parish Meeting Room and an opportunity to discover more about supporting the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham through the Walsingham Association. All welcome.

Asylum Seeker/Refugee Befriending - would you be interested in becoming a befriender to a refugee or asylum seeker in the Birmingham Area?. If so, the Birmingham Churches Together Refugee charity 'RESTORE' is running training sessions on Tuesday 3rd, 10th and 17th October, 7.15pm to 9.15pm at The REP Theatre in Birmingham. More information can be found on the poster in the narthex, from the link <https://www.restore-uk.org/news/restore-training-course/> and via this YouTube video <https://youtu.be/7lQfrZuvt-Y> If you would like an informal chat with someone from the Parish about what being a befriender entails, give Tony a ring on 07787 538620.

✝ *Your Prayers are asked*

For those who are ill or housebound: Fr.Michael Ho, Joe Stephens, Michael Grosvenor, Dorothy Perkins, Jill Baynham, Rita Salloway, Leo Hughes, Tessa Waters and Tony Parsons. Catholics in parish nursing homes and hospitals. *We pray for them and all who care for them.*

Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years: George Quayle, Thomas Dean, Reynor Thompson, Neil Clune, Joe Mathias, Solomon Conquest.
May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Recently deceased – *May they rest in peace:*

Fr Edwin Cownley, Fr Paul Chavasse, Bridget Butcher, Kevin Diggins, Michael Rogers. (Reception at 5pm on Wed 27th Sept and Requiem Thurs 28th at 10.30am.)

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**

Small Ads: Fr John would like to find a new home for some furniture from the Presbytery. We have 2 armchairs in very good condition (when does a priest get the time to sit down and relax?) also a 2-seater settee in brown leather with reclining seats which according to Fr Paul has never been sat on.) There is a matching pouffe, also vgc (when does a priest get the time to put his feet up?) We also have a large dining room table with 6 matching chairs and a carver. Donations to the Fr Paul Holiday. Buyer to collect.

Finding a Voice has been postponed until further notice.