

MASSES AND SERVICES

7th April – Second Sunday of Easter

Saturday	5.30pm	Deceased of the Bryan & Service Families (B&P S)
Sunday	8.45am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Barry Green RIP

Weekday Services

8.4 Mon	10.00am	The Annunciation of the Lord Therese Allibon RIP (SM)
9.4 Tue	10.00am	Easter Feria Maureen Dodds RIP (D&I M)
10.4 Wed	10.00am	Easter Feria Marie McKeown RIP (NW)
11.4 Thu	10.00am	St Stanislaus Clive Hegarty RIP (AO)
12.4 Fri	10.00am	Easter Feria Helen Johnson RIP (ML)
13.4 Sat	10.00am	Easter Feria JG & Family in Thanksgiving (JC)

14th April – Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	8.45am	Brian Poole RIP (MP)
	10.30am	Margaret Bixby (DB)

Confession Saturday morning 9.15am – 9.45am

Rosary – Monday to Saturday 9.35am

Divine Mercy Chaplet – Friday after Mass

CHURCH CLEANING

This week	E Linker	E Parker
Next week	M Harris	T Lester

READERS	5.30pm	8.45am	10.30am
This week	N Damms	V Chapman	M Heap
Next week	M O'Dwyer	C Saum	C Loughran

TEA & COFFE

Next week	M Lambert	V Chapman	D Morgan
	H Grosvenor		M Harris

Parish Priest: Fr John Cross

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ST. GEORGE & ST. TERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH DORRIDGE

7th April 2024
Second Sunday of Easter

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the last day of the Easter Octave which means we have completed 8 continuous days of celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord, (hereafter it is every Sunday). Last week we had a fantastic number at the Easter Sunday Masses (even after losing an hour when we put the clocks forward). It is good to see the church full. Fr Andy at OL of the Wayside was saying he amalgamated his two morning Masses into one Mass and now there is a wonderful, vibrant atmosphere. Can we say that at our Sunday Masses we have a 'vibrant atmosphere'?

In his last Pastoral letter Archbishop Bernard informed us that he would like every parish to have its own Parish Council. We do not have a Council and I would like to put this right. It will require a willingness to serve, to represent our Catholic Faith as opposed to our own personal views and to plan for the future of our parish in terms of shall we say the next 3-5 years. Archbishop Bernard also asked us to set up a Deanery Council. I think setting up a parish council is for us our first priority.

Next year Pope Francis wants the whole Church to celebrate a Jubilee Year. The preparation for the year is to pray for the success of the Jubilee, which is a time to celebrate who we are, what we have and to learn to share it. This is why we need to practice being joyful because our Faith is not only our greatest asset but a gift to be shared – like a box of chocolates always better to share it and watch the faces light up! (By the way, thinking of chocolate, thank you for the Easter eggs you donated for the children (96). We have about 20 eggs left over, any ideas? A chocolate egg eating competition?)

For the preparation for the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis has suggested we should reflect on the prayer of the Our Father. This is the best prayer of all because in a few short sentences it states everything we need to say. Indeed to help us to study this prayer, I have received a booklet from Archbishop Bernard which can help us to deepen our understanding of the Our Father in 5 sections.

Many thanks for all your cards and gifts for Easter. Thank you to all who participated and arranged the Holy week and Easter liturgies. The words of young Mr Grace to his staff ("Are you Being Served?" TV sitcom) spring to mind "You have all done very well!"

Easter Blessings,
Fr John

New Offertory Envelopes: The new offertory envelopes for the 2024/25 financial year should be used from this weekend. The boxes of envelopes are available in the narthex if you have not already collected yours. Yellow boxes for parishioners paying by standing order, containing just envelopes for the second collection, are also available.

First Five Saturday Fatima Devotion for peace in the world. On 13 July 1917 Our Lady requested "The Communion of reparation [by the Church] on the First Saturdays".

Easter Walk with Me There are 30 copies of the Easter Walk With Me booklet and the same number of calendars for the children. The booklets are £1 and the calendars 25p each.

The car park will be used by HCD Developments for them to park their vans. The owner is a Catholic who attends Mass at Olton Friary. This is the company who are building the block of flats on the corner of Forest Road and Avenue Road. They have asked if they can park 15 vans for a month and giving us £500 for it. Considering we receive no income from the car park but need to maintain it, I feel this is a good deal. I hope it won't affect us too much. I'm sure you will let me know if there is a problem.

Cleaning Rota: Please can cleaning volunteers collect their new rota's from the Narthex.

Job Vacancy:

Assistant Head at Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Primary School, Solihull. Full time from September. Closing date for applications - Wednesday 17th April. For further information see <http://www.bdes.org.uk/vacancies.html>

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!

Two fish in a tank. One says to the other, "do you know how to drive this thing?"

I just called the Paranoia hotline and they said, how did you get this number?

I've just insured my car with Hastings direct and it's £10.66 a month!

Newsflash

Robbery at the local hairdressers.

The Police are combing the area.

- you can watch the highlights on the news.

www.optrex.com

It's a site for sore eyes.

I woke myself up snoring last night. So I slept in the spare room.

I told my wife she was drawing her eyebrows too high. She looked surprised.

I've never kept a journal of my life.

I'm diary intolerant.

Is it true that an apple a day keeps the doctor away. Or is it one of Granny's myths?

When I said to my wife "for the last 28 years you've contradicted everything I say."

She said "29!"

I've written a song about a tortilla. Actually it's more of a wrap.

Spaces between ladder rungs have gradually been increasing over the years.

Manufacturers claim its due to climb it change.

Offertory: 31.3.24: Mass Attendance last weekend 412.

Gift Aid Envelopes £256, Loose Plate £226. Av standing order and online p.w. - £680.

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, Sheila Randall. as well as our parishioners in hospital and nursing homes.

Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years: Barry Green, Michael Feeney.

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**

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.dorrige@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.