

Masses at St George & St Teresa

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19TH MARCH – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday	5.30pm	Catherine Helen
Sunday	8.45am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Bride Murphy RIP (EB)
Lent extra	4 - 5pm	Quiet time in church then 5pm Stations of the Cross

WEEKDAY SERVICES

20.3 Mon	10am	St Joseph Private Int
21.3 Tue	9.30 am	Feria Private Int
22.3 Wed	10am	Feria Louis Loughran RIP (SM)
23.3 Thu	10am	Feria Gemmell Family (LG)
24.3 Fri	10am	Feria Sean McDonagh RIP (MP)
25.3 Sat	10am	The Annunciation of the Lord Anise O'Donovan RIP (SM)

26TH MARCH – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	8.45am	Jim Ryan RIP (AR)
	10.30am	Lynn Green (EL)
Lent extra	4 - 5pm	Quiet time in church then 5pm Stations of the Cross

Confession – Saturday morning 9.15am – 9.45am Saturday evening 4.45pm – 5.15pm
Stations of the Cross during Lent - Sunday 5pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday 10.30am – 11.30am
Rosary – Monday - Saturday 9.35am
Divine Mercy Chaplet – Friday after Mass

CHURCH ROTAS

CHURCH CLEANING

This week	M Harris	T Lester
Next week	M Wilkes	P Wilkes

READERS

	5.30pm	8.45am	10.30am
This week	J Musgrave	G O'Gara	D Walmsley
Next week	N Damms	E Moroney Barnett	M Heap

Parish Priest: Fr John Cross

Priest in Residence: Fr Paul Dean, Parish Deacon: Rev Mr Stephen Saum
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St. George & St. Teresa
Catholic Church
Dorridge
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
19th March 2023



Dear Parishioners,

Today is Laetare Sunday. In 3 weeks time we shall be celebrating Easter Sunday so we feel a sense of joy that the end of Lent is not closer than the beginning. Today is also Mothering Sunday. I know this because many years ago I announced it was Mother's Day. However Mother's Day is an American invention which is a date celebrated in the American calendar in May. Whether it is Mothering Sunday or Mother's Day we offer to our mums a prayer of thanksgiving and our love. Perhaps this is a good time also to light a candle and ask the prayer of Our Blessed Lady for all mothers.

A belated Happy St Patrick's Day to our many Irish parishioners who celebrated their special Feast last Friday. Many of our parishioners are from Ireland or have family links with the emerald isle.

Our parish neighbours are St Augustine's in Solihull and Our Lady of the Wayside in Shirley. We are now part of a hub which means we shall be working together on pastoral initiatives. Our parish now belongs to Birmingham North and East Deanery with Canon Jonathan Veasey in overall responsibility as Dean and Fr Dominic as Vice Dean. There are 64 priests and deacons as well as many parishes, including Oscott College. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month. It is most of all a fraternal gathering of priests with an opportunity to share our thoughts and discuss initiatives from the Archbishop and the Diocesan Curia. It is about how we can work together to serve you our parishioners. Our next meeting is on Tuesday at Olton Friary.

St George & St Teresa will host the Lent Penitential Service for our hub on Tuesday 4th April starting at 7pm with 6 or 7 priests hearing confessions.

Congratulations to all who enrolled on the First Holy Communion programme. This Saturday evening the children from the Saturday catechism class will be enrolled on the new course. We ask all parents to bring them to Mass and sit near the front to allow the children to see. Each child has received a prayer book with the Mass, rosary, stations, confession, morning and night prayers and many other prayers too. I want these books to be used.

Every Blessing, Fr John

GROUP 712 HCPT LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: This weekend there will be a short talk at all Masses about the HCPT Pilgrimage to Lourdes at Easter. The volunteers help to look after disabled children who go to the shrine. It is a wonderful experience for all concerned. Please bring your petitions for Our Lady of Lourdes and if you can spare a few £'s to help our two young parishioners to pay for their tickets £595 each.

Holy Week, Triduum and Easter Services.

Palm Sunday blessing and distribution of palms at each mass. Stations at 5pm

Tuesday 4th April Lent Penitential Service and Confession starting at 7pm

Maunder Thursday 7pm. Mass of the Lord's Supper & Watching until 10pm

Good Friday. 10.30am Children's Stations of the Cross (Parish Centre)

3pm **Passion**, Veneration and Holy Communion

7pm **Stations** of the Cross

Holy Saturday 8pm The Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 8.45am and 10.30am

Easter Monday: Easter eggs and rest!

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Boxes of offertory envelopes will be available in the narthex next weekend, 25th/26th March, for the financial year commencing 6th April 2023. Boxes containing just envelopes for the second collection will also be available for parishioners whose offertory donation is by standing order.

FR HUDSON'S: On Monday evening 20th March, 7.30 -8.30 p.m. there is an online Zoom session for anyone interested in how parishes can support older people and those who experience dementia. It has been prepared by Father Hudson's Care working with a number of local parish groups. The session is free. Please sign up at <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/a-welcoming-church-1741579>

PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOPS: We have been invited to participate in the Prayer and Life Workshops which will run for a period of 15 weeks. You would be asked to attend a 2-hour weekly meeting on a Saturday morning between 10.00-12.00 midday at Saint Augustine's parish hall. You will also be asked to commit yourself to a half hour of daily prayer and scripture reading. Next weekend one of those who have taken part in previous workshops will speak to us at the end of Mass. The starting date would be Saturday 25th March. This undertaking involves the cluster parishes of ourselves, Our Lady of the Wayside, Shirley and Saint Augustine's, Solihull. Further information may also be obtained on the Prayer and Life website.

RECYCLE YOUR USED INK CARTRIDGES...and raise money for charity. Recycle your used inkjet (not laser) printer cartridges by placing them in the Recycle4Charity green box in the Narthex. Thank you to everyone who supports this project. During 2022 the total amount raised for the Birmingham Churches Together Refugee Charity, RESTORE, was £196.10. This saved 9.38kg of waste from landfill - an amazing result.

TINNED MEAT: During Lent, if you would like to achieve some of your fasting and almsgiving in one go, perhaps you would consider going without meat for one day a week and donating some tinned meat to our foodbank collection basket in the narthex. Not forgetting the babies, we do have a need for some baby milk formula (1&2) if you feel able to help with that instead.

✝ *Your Prayers are asked*

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

Anniversaries from the last 20 years: Kathleen Nicholls, Catherine Helen, Hertha Findlay.

Please see the Hall timetable for next week on the noticeboard.

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



OFFERTORY: 12.3.23

Cathedral Maintenance

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

Pam Sunday Lenten Alms collection for parish SVP.

Many thanks for your donations the parish. Remember us in your Will.

Envelopes £357

Envelopes £114

Plate £370

Plate £187