

MASSES AND SERVICES

19th November – 33rd Sunday of the Year

Saturday	5.30pm	John Rae RIP (MO)
Sunday	8.45am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Maureen Mc Dermott Int (L)

Weekday Services (Week 33. Psalter Week 1)

20.11 Mon	10.00am	Feria Michael Bird RIP (ML)
21.11 Tue		NO MASS
22.11 Wed	10.00am	St Cecilia Eamon Hayes RIP (JG)
23.11 Thu	10.00am	Feria All Souls
24.11 Fri	10.00am	St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions Thanksgiving (SA)
25.11 Sat	10.00am	Our Lady on Saturday All Souls

26th November – Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

This weekend there is a second collection for the Catholic Youth Service

Saturday	5.30pm	Norman & Amy Guice RIP (NG)
Sunday	8.45am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Colin Traynor (BH)

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	M Harris	T Lester
Next week	M Wilkes	P Wilkes

READERS	5.30pm	8.45am	10.30am
This week	J Musgrave	G Seymour	M Heap
Next week	N Damms	G O'Gara	C Loughran

Parish Priest: Fr John Cross

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ST. GEORGE & ST. TERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH
DORRIDGE
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
19th November 2023

Dear Parishioners,

Congratulations to Bob Service who, at the SVP Social last Wednesday, was presented with a special award from the Society of St Vincent de Paul in recognition of his many years of faithful work in our parish group. He received a medal, silver framed certificate and a letter of thanks from the Provincial President of the SVP, as well as a big round of applause from everyone in the hall. Bob explained how the Costco project came about and how it has grown.

This weekend I am distributing the 'Walk With Me' Booklets in advance of the beginning of Advent. The booklets cost the parish £1 each. There are some Advent calendars for the children, and the booklets are a helpful preparation for us. The reading is a reflection on the readings of Advent and a few prayers for us to say.

The Diocesan website www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Listing/Category/the-year-of-prayer-2024-and-the-jubilee-year-2025 has an excellent item on the Year of Prayer Advent 23 to Advent 24 in preparation for the Jubilee Year in 2025. Fr Rob has organised a series of weekly reflections and prayers given by Pope Francis at his general audiences matching the Sunday readings. It is an excellent resource. The words of Pope Francis are easy to read and relevant to our lives. The texts are not long and you can sense the warmth of our chief shepherd for his flock. See also the weekly homily on the Sunday readings by Mgr McHugh.

We have our own organised prayers to Our Lady every weekday before Mass starting at about 9.30 am. Thank you to all who come to pray together before Mass.

Every blessing
Fr John

SVP Christmas lunch Wednesday 29th November 1pm. We will be pleased to see as many as possible at the above but **we need to know numbers and choices by Wednesday 22nd November.** There will be a choice of Turkey dinner in gravy (or no gravy if GF) or Roasted Mediterranean Vegetable Tart (if neither of these is suitable, please contact us). We are looking to recover the cost of these meals and, as such, a donation of £5 per head would be appreciated (although this should not stop anyone from attending), and there will be a raffle on the day. If you have not already booked there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex or please email svpstgt@btinternet.com or alternatively phone Steve on 07740935527 or contact any SVP member to book your place and advise your meal option, or for further information.

Hampton Singers' Christmas Concert is being held on Saturday 9 December at 4 pm at St Mary's, Temple Balsall. Tickets £15 including refreshments available on the door or at www.hamptonsingers.co.uk

Ex Urbe Chamber Choir presents "Eternal Joy" Cracking carols for Christmas on Sat 2 Dec at 6 pm in Hampton-in-Arden Parish Church. Tickets available via exurbe.org or on the door.

Safeguarding: Sandy & Daphne will be speaking at all Masses on the weekend of the 2nd/3rd December to introduce themselves as the Parish Safeguarding Representatives.

PTFA Christmas Events

The PTFA would like to invite you to their annual Christmas Fayre, Saturday 2nd Dec from 11am to 2pm at St George and St Teresa School. £2 Adults, £1 children. There will be fun and games, festive food, speciality stalls and an opportunity to meet Santa (advance booking required - please contact the school). All are welcome.

We will shortly be holding our Christmas raffle; tickets will be on sale after Masses soon.

Lastly, we are holding our school Christmas Boutique for our children in December. We are in desperate need of used but good condition or new items (Toys, candles, books etc) suitable for children, teenagers, mums, dads and grandparents in order to make this event a success. Donations are gratefully received. Please place in the box in the narthex (No clothes / shoes please). Our school children always enjoy the boutique shopping experience. Thank you.

Rosary Rally: Calling all Catholic men, women and children to a Rosary Rally in the Bullring at 11.45am by the bull on 2nd December! Please join us as we pray with our Blessed Mother for the world.

Recycle your used Ink Cartridges...and raise money for RESTORE, the Birmingham Churches Together Refugee charity. Please continue to recycle your used inkjet (not laser) printer cartridges by placing them in the Recycle4Charity green box in the narthex.

Raffle Tickets: Thank you to those who took two books of raffle tickets to help to raise money for the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary to cook a Christmas lunch for the poor. There is a box in the narthex for your counterfoils and money.

You are invited to the Parish Agape!

WHEN: Sunday 26th November from 4-6pm. WHERE: The Parish Centre.

As we approach the season of Advent we'll be celebrating our Faith in a festive atmosphere, with joyful music. A celebration for everyone to share - whatever your age! Please bring food to share with others.

FOOD: Be as creative as you like! Bring any favourite drink with you such as wine or beer. Tea, coffee and squash will be available. A chance to meet others in the parish - no matter which Mass you attend. Families especially welcome. Do join us if you can - Put your names on the list in the narthex.

Flame of Love: A parishioner from Our Lady of the Wayside has asked if any of our parishioners would be interested in The Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It has received its imprimatur from a cardinal archbishop in Hungary. www.flameoflove.uk/

The Chosen (film about the life of Christ) continues this Sunday in the Conference Room of the Parish Centre between 4pm and 6pm. All are welcome.

Christmas Masses and Services

Parish Carol Service Sunday 17th December at 4pm
Seasonal refreshments afterwards in the Parish Centre.

Service of Reconciliation and Confession

Tuesday 19th December at 7pm, Our Lady of the Wayside, Shirley.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday 23rd December Vigil - 5.30pm

Sunday 24th December - 8.45am

There will be no Sunday 10.30am Mass

The Nativity of the Lord

Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve - Childrens Mass - 4pm

Midnight Mass! Celebrated by Mgr McHugh - 8pm

Monday 25th December Christmas Day – 8.45am and 10.30am

Are you a Taxpayer? Can you support the parish by Gift Aiding your donation? For a £10 donation to the church the Exchequer returns to our church £2.50.

Offertory: 12.11.23 Gift Aid Envelopes £322 Loose Plate £345

Church Maintenance Fund £204

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

✠ *Your Prayers are asked*

For those who are ill or housebound: Fr. Michael Ho, Joe Stephens, Michael Grosvenor, Dorothy Perkins, Jill Baynham, Tony Parsons and Rod Goodman, Dr John Martin, Pat McGeever. Catholics in parish nursing homes and hospitals. *We pray for them and all who care for them.*

Recently deceased – Jacqueline (Bobbie) Donovan. Her funeral will take place on 19th December at 11am. *May she rest in peace.*

Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years: Breda Hourihane, Mary Crossley. *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**

Makes me smile!

I had a leak in the roof over my dining room so I called a roofer to take a look at it.

“When did you notice the leak?” he asked

I told him, “Last night, when it took me 3 hours to finish my soup!”

I entered 10 puns for a pun competition hoping to win. But no pun in ten did.

A man asked me if I knew where he could buy a new wig? I thought for a moment and said “Not off the top of my head.”

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 or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.