

MASSES AND SERVICES

1st September – Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	5.30pm	Ian Sanchez (DDC)
Sunday	8.45am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Tessa Waters RIP (D&I M)

Weekday Services

2.9 Mon	10.00am	Feria Sally Allsop (GMB)
3.9 Tue	10.00am	St Gregory the Great Tessa Waters RIP (SM)
4.9 Wed	10.00am	Feria Rita Hall RIP (CE)
5.9 Thu	12noon	Requiem Mass Robert Waters RIP
6.9 Fri	10.00am	Feria Brendan Dempsey Birthday Int (AR)
7.9 Sat	10.00am	Our Lady on Saturday Charles A RIP (Ocho family)

8th September – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	5.30pm	Bridget Butcher RIP 1 st Anniversary (SBJ)
Sunday	8.45am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Joe Dooley RIP (EP)

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	R Parker
Next week	M Harris	T Lester

READERS

	5.30pm	8.45am	10.30am
This week	J Musgrave	G Moroney Barnett	M Heap
Next week	T Hart	J Smith	C Loughran

TEA & COFFEE

	T & J Taylor	M & S Worrell	O Zurak
Next week			P Hogan

The Blessing of the Graves at Widney Manor Cemetery is on 15th September and at Knowle Parish Church Cemetery on 22nd at 2.30pm.

Parish Priest: Fr John Cross

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

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**ST. GEORGE & ST. TERESA CATHOLIC
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**1st September 2024
22nd Sunday of the Year**

Dear Parishioners,

Even in August the signs of autumn are ever present. This year the blackberries have fruited earlier than ever, the damsons are ready to be picked, the apples are being enjoyed by the birds and our beautiful birch trees are losing their leaves as some are turning to gold. As I try to hold on to the summer days I know all the signs point towards autumn and the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness as the poet Keats wrote. Every year the Ode to Autumn becomes a reality especially as the schools re-open for the autumn term. Ill-fitting uniforms ready to be grown into are worn by the new secondary pupils as they make their way to their new school.

The September liturgy of the Church includes the new school year Masses, the Harvest Festival and thanksgiving, Education Sunday on 8th September and various saints days. The Children's Liturgy will return either this week or next, the requests for Baptisms as the deadline for applications to our Catholic School for next year fast approaches.

Our "We Dare to Say" Reflections and Discussions on the Our Father begins on Tuesday 3rd September. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex and info on the website.

If you want to follow the Season of Creation preparation the Diocesan Website has all the details.

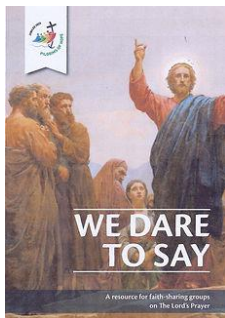
May I thank all of you who sent postcards over the summer period. I have put them up in the Narthex for all to see and inspect. If you are having a holiday at any time of the year please do send a postcard. I know it is a little old fashioned because I am old fashioned but it is a nice thing to do and it makes our community feel like a family.

Well I hope you all had a lovely holiday. This week we are back to school. The Christmas Cards will be on sale next week for those who like to buy theirs early. They come with a good discount and help to support the parish so please be generous.

Every Blessing,
Fr John

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will start on Saturday 7th September from 9am to 9.50am. The rosary will be said after Mass.

Fr Bernard's Golden Jubilee - Parish Celebration Saturday 14th September. This year Fr Bernard McDermott from the Columbans celebrates the Golden Jubilee of his ordination. Many of you will know Fr Bernard from the time when the Columbans helped to cover our Sunday Masses. The North Warwickshire Catenians are organising a celebration for the whole parish on Saturday 14th September with the 10.00am Mass celebrated by Fr Bernard to be followed by light refreshments in the parish centre. We hope many of you will be able to join in the celebration. If you would like to come into the Parish Centre for refreshments after Mass, please sign up on the board in the narthex, this will help with catering.



We Dare to Say: Starting on Tuesday 3rd September there will be a 5 week course in the Parish Conference Room at 7:30pm. The booklet with all the information is available on our parish website. There will be a Power point presentation, but you will probably find it useful to look at the booklet beforehand. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex so we can get an idea of numbers wishing to attend.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Deacon Stephen

Christmas Stock – Piety Stall – Available 7th/8th September

As the nights start to draw in, Christmas items are appearing on the high street and on the weekend of 7/8 September, coinciding with the monthly refreshments in the Parish Centre following each Mass, we will be sharing our Christmas items for you to purchase from the Piety Stall.

This year, as last year, we have a range of religious Christmas items – Christmas cards, Christmas candles and a small selection of items for children (for example, sticker books). All competitively priced and any money we make goes into the Church so all for a good cause. Please feel free to come and look and purchase items after any of the Masses next weekend.

Congratulations to our 200 Club Winners

May £15 each to B May, A Robinson and J Collins

June £100 to J Loughran, £50 to A Martin and £15 each to A Mackiewicz, L Goldsworthy and A Taylor

July £15 each to D Walmsley, P McGeever and M Walker

Cheques can be collected from the sacristy.

Made me smile:

Just got a new job as a waitress, pay isn't that great but it puts food on the table.

My computer crashed and now all the other computers have slowed down so they can see what's happening.

What's the difference between Sago and Tapioca? You can't start a race with Tapioca!

Suggs has started doing trigonometry? That's the first sine of Madness.

Yesterday I eavesdropped on two frogs croaking at each other. It was absolutely ribbeting!

I just got 3 tips off a bookie: Sunshine, Moonlight, Good Times. He said if they don't win, don't blame it on Sunshine, don't blame it on Moonlight, don't blame it on Good Times. Blame it on the Bookie.

A lady at the supermarket asked me if I've drank orange juice with pulp, I said no but I've had a coffee with Rick Astley

I'm thinking of selling my racing Geese. I just don't have the time. If you're interested let me know if you'd like a quick gander.

Penguin walks into a pub and says to the barman, "has my brother been in", the barman says, "what does he look like?"

March for Life 2024 The Annual **UK March For Life** is in central London on **Saturday 7th September 2024**. The coach from St Augustine's is fully booked.

✠ *Please pray for*

The housebound & the sick: Tony Parsons, Rod Goodman, Dr John Martin, Joe Stephens, Michael Grosvenor, Dorothy Perkins, Jill Baynham, Matthew Gallagher, Jane Cotter, Margaret Cosgrove. as well as our parishioners in hospital and nursing homes.

Rest in Peace:

Norah Maddocks RIP. Her funeral will take place on Wednesday 18th September at 12noon.

Robert Waters RIP His funeral will take place on Thursday 5th September at 12noon, reception on Wednesday 4th at 7.30pm.

Marie Crosby.

Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years: Gustave Ebremare, Winifred Childs, George Rumbold, Alan Miller, Christine Liggins, Maureen Pilley, Michael Moorhouse. *May the souls of 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.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.