

## MASSES AND SERVICES

### 28<sup>th</sup> January – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This weekend there is a second collection for Lepra.

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Therese Allibon RIP (AR)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	Rod Goodman Int (JG)
	<b>10.30am</b>	People of the Parish

#### Weekday Services (Psalter Week 4)

29.1 Mon	10.00am	<b>Feria</b> Thanksgiving for prayers answered (SA)
30.1 Tue	10.00am	<b>Feria</b> Martin Morris RIP (EMB)
31.1 Wed	10.00am	<b>St John Bosco</b> John Gemmell RIP (IC)
1.2 Thu	10.00am	<b>Feria</b> Patricia O'Brien (M&P W)
2.2 Fri	10.00am	<b>Presentation of the Lord</b> Stephen May (May family)
3.2 Sat	10.00am	<b>Our Lady on Saturday</b> Debbie and Eric Burrell Int (DD) Blessing of the throats after Mass for the Feast of St Blaise

### 4<sup>th</sup> February – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	Jill Browne
	<b>10.30am</b>	For the intentions of the Confirmandi

**Confession Saturday morning 9.15am – 9.45am**  
**Rosary – Monday to Saturday 9.35am**  
**Divine Mercy Chaplet – Friday after Mass**

#### CHURCH CLEANING

<b>This week</b>	S Chester	H Grosvenor	
<b>Next week</b>	M Fitzpatrick	R Slater	A Robinson
<b>READERS</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	<b>10.30am</b>
<b>This week</b>	T Hart	E Moroney Barnett	R Slater
<b>Next week</b>	T/J Taylor	S Zora	J McDonald

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ST. GEORGE & ST. TERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH  
DORRIDGE

28th January 2024  
4th Sunday of the Year

Dear Parishioners,

Very many thanks for your contribution of warm clothes; coats, hats, gloves, scarves and socks to the appeal made by the SVP on behalf of the Druid's Heath SVP for the people of that area. The items were delivered last week and gratefully received.

This weekend there is a second collection for LEPROA which cares for people who suffer from the terrible disease of leprosy. In the time of Jesus this disease caused those who suffered from leprosy to be ostracised to live in colonies outside the towns. Nowadays there is treatment and medical interventions available to help those who suffer from it. There is a poster in the narthex and a website address for further information [www.lepra.org.uk](http://www.lepra.org.uk).

Over the last few weeks there have been various groundworks carried out to clear or reduce the height of trees and shrubs around the church site. In the process the wooden fence at the back of the carpark has been identified as being rotten and not fit for purpose and will be replaced at a cost of around £1,500. Something to add to our now monthly church maintenance collection which will be next weekend.

I have purchased some special Mass books for children after they return from their special service in the hall on Sunday Mornings. It will help our children to follow the Mass on their own and watch what is happening. Please help your child to concentrate on what is happening during the Mass by talking to them about it at home, showing them around the church, lighting a candle and making each Sunday a special day to look forward to. There are special prayers to say before Mass (in the books – My Simple Mass Book), also before and after Holy Communion. The Mass is the sacrifice of Christ for us to share together as a family.

A little early, I know, but you will see a display of goods for St Patrick's Day. However please take a look at the quality items available. Payment via the wall box under the window.

Would anyone be able to gift to the parish an upright vacuum cleaner in good working order? With a carpeted floor in church one of our vacuum cleaners has passed. We need another one and perhaps you can help?

Please remember in your prayers the children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February at the 10.30am Mass. We shall welcome our area Bishop, David Evans to confer the Holy Spirit on and into the lives of the 30 children

attending this Mass with their families. As a parish community we pray with them for the Holy Spirit to strengthen and affirm their Christian faith, to help them to be active members of the Church and our family of believers here in Dorridge, Knowle, Bentley Heath and Hockley Heath.

“Light immortal, light divine,  
Visit thou these hearts of thine,  
And our inmost being fill.”  
*(from the sequence of Pentecost Sunday)*

Every Blessing,  
Fr John

**New to the parish? Changed your contact details?** Please complete a form for our parish records.

**Warm clothes appeal:** Many thanks to everyone who responded to last week’s appeal for warm clothes. A fantastic result and we took over 80 sacks/bags to the SVP in Druids Heath. They were amazed and delighted by our response and generosity. It is clearly an area needing a considerable amount of help and support and as a parish SVP we will continue to seek/find/help those in need in our community and surrounding areas.

#### **Lent course “Finding a Voice”**

Our Lent study course in five sessions, starts on Tuesday 20th February 7:30pm in the Conference Room. All Welcome.

There is a course booklet, but it’s not essential.

God’s opening Gambit Unafraid of fear

No short cuts The ‘No Discouragement Rule’ Faith in our voice!

Further details contact [dcn.stephen.saum@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:dcn.stephen.saum@rcaob.org.uk)

**Calling all Catholic Men!** The next men’s Rosary in the City Saturday 17th February at 12.00. PLEASE NOTE. This time we will gather in Victoria Square outside the Council House. For any more details contact Ben: 07885505116.

**Coffee After Mass** - one more volunteer is required for 8.45am Mass in order to make up a fourth team. The requirement would be for just three Sundays in 2024. If you can help, please contact Joan and Tony on [tony.joan.taylor@gmail.com](mailto:tony.joan.taylor@gmail.com).

**First Communion** for children at non-Catholic schools: 1<sup>st</sup> June 10 am.

(For children in Year 3 or above) These will start on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March from 11 am-12 noon in the Conference Room of the Parish Centre Please register your interest with Isabel Cusack on 07919 685685 or [isabelcusack@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:isabelcusack@yahoo.co.uk)

## Makes me smile!

I'm visiting Argentina but it is very cold out here. In fact you could say it is bordering Chile.

"Fly Fishing" by J R Hartley is being made into a film. The cast is brilliant.

I visited the doctor and explained my fear of green spaces where people exercise their dogs. The doctor said it's a common condition.

Peruvian owls always hunt in pairs.

It is because they are Inca hoots.

My dog only responds to commands in Spanish. He's Espanyol.

**Offertory: 21.1.24**

Gift Aid Envelopes £293

Loose Plate £348

Mass Attendance last weekend 214

### ✠ *Please pray for*

**For those who are ill:** Tony Parsons, Rod Goodman, Dr John Martin, Joe Stephens, Michael Grosvenor, Dorothy Perkins, Jill Baynham, Pat McGeever, Matthew Gallagher, Jane Cotter. as well as our parishioners in hospital and nursing homes.

**Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years:** Margaret Flood, Jeff Horsburgh, Stephen May, Eamon Staunton. *May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

**Recently deceased** – Therese Allibon.

**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](mailto:oksanazurak@gmail.com)**

### The Finches:

We had to batten down the hatches last week and endure the powerful gusts of wind which blew through our nests and tested our cavity wall insulation. Thankfully none of us were injured by this episode in this ongoing saga of winter weather. We were glad of our layers of feathers to keep us warm and toasty as we snuggle together. Mr Finch had to check the nest to make sure it was still attached to the crook in the branches. We are looking forward to better weather. Best Tweets from the Yew Tree.

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