

Masses at St George & St Teresa

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12TH MARCH – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

This weekend there will be a second collection for Cathedral Maintenance.

Saturday	5.30pm	Roger Dennis RIP (EM)
Sunday	8.45am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Peter Niblett RIP (DN)
Lent extra	4 - 5pm	Quiet time in church then 5pm Stations of the Cross

WEEKDAY SERVICES

13.3 Mon	10am	Feria Nonnie McLarnon RIP (L&M T)
14.3 Tue	10am	Feria Christopher O'Connor RIP (RG)
15.3 Wed	10am	Feria Fr Pat Sayles LG)
16.3 Thu	10am	Feria Margaret Brennan RIP (AS)
17.3 Fri	10am	St Patrick John McDonagh RIP (JS)
18.3 Sat	10am	Feria Marilyn Goodman (RG)

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

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	Please help	Please help	Please help
Next week	Please help	Please help	Please help

READERS

	5.30pm	8.45am	10.30am
This week	T/J Taylor	G Seymour	N Ritmeyer
Next week	J Musgrave	G O'Gara	D Walmsley

TEA & COFFEE

This week	A & C Kadow	A Robinson P Cheriton	C McLaughlin I Blessed
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St. George & St. Teresa
Catholic Church
Dorridge
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
12th March 2023



Dear Parishioners,

I am writing this on Monday morning knowing that when the newsletter is being prepared I shall not be at home. As Fr Paul pointed out this is my first time away from the parish since I arrived last September so I am looking forward to some time out (for good behaviour?) and a chance to have a rest before the busy time of Holy Week and Easter. I will pray for the parish and light candles for you. My first ever visit to Walsingham was with a school choir – I was in it! We attended the consecration of the Chapel of Reconciliation in 1972/3 with Cardinal Basil Hume as the chief celebrant. In those days I was in the Diocese of Westminster. Since then I have visited Walsingham on many occasions to the Shrine of Our Lady. Perhaps we might be able arrange a coach trip for a daytrip parish pilgrimage.

I hope your Lenten Resolutions are holding up, and if you experience any disasters do not to give up but keep trying. I did think about having a gin after Sunday Mass but the thought soon passed with a drink of orange squash instead. I am pleased to report an excellent Family Fast Day Collection. Many thanks to the organisers and helpers at the Family Fast Day Soup Lunch on Friday. That raised over £300 with about 25 people enjoying the home-made soup. Many of you used the envelopes and gift-aided your donations which is good as all charities (including ourselves) can claim an extra 25p free from the Government for every £1 donated. It all adds up.

Dishwasher news. We will be fitting a dishwasher into the Parish Centre kitchen in the next few weeks. It will wash the dishes in a 10 minute cycle so it is faster than Fr Paul (in the presbytery) but not as fast as the super-duper versions but they cost 3 times as much. Hopefully it will save the bad backs of those who use the sink, as the sink is very low. The cost is £3,000 including VAT and fitting it.

Roof news. A week ago the contractor returned to repair a number of faults and cracks in the asphalt roof above the hall. I hope it will last longer than the previous work which lasted just over 7 months. This is part of the original contract to make good so it won't cost us any money.

The Lenten penitential service will be at St George and St Teresa on 4th April at 7pm. All welcome. I shall be 63 the following day! And the Archbishop is 68. We share the 5th April.

Every Blessing, Fr John

COFFEE AND TEA AFTER MASS: Coffee and Tea will be served after all Masses this weekend. Do come and join us in the Parish Centre.

GROUP 712 HCPT LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: Next weekend there will be a short talk at all Masses about the HCPT Pilgrimage to Lourdes at Easter. Please collect a leaflet at the end of Mass.

BINGO NIGHT Friday 17th March St George & St Teresa School - 6.30 start 9.00 finish
A chance for families, staff from the school and friends from the parish to get together, connect, have some fun and raise funds for the school. There is an option to preorder a fish and chip, sausage or veggie supper, and Bingo Books are £6 for 6 cards. There will be prizes for Bingo and a raffle on the night. If anyone is interested in joining in the fun! Please contact Lucy Davies on 07810 521561.

SOCIAL GET-TOGETHER over tea, coffee and cakes for members of our community on Wednesday 15th March from 2.30 - 4pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome. Please come along (Arranged by the SVP).

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.

FIRST CONFESSION AND FIRST COMMUNION: These lessons are for children in Year 3 or older who do not attend a Catholic school. Classes began last Saturday. Please let Isabel Cusack know asap on 07919 685685 or isabelcusack@yahoo.co.uk

JOB VACANCY: Estates Manager working for Father Hudson's Care across multiple sites in Coleshill. The role is full time (37 hours) with a salary of £35086-£40152 and an on call allowance of £110 per week (usually on call 2 out of every 4 weeks). If you would like to discuss the Estate Manager position please call our CEO Andy Quinn on 07966 935533 (direct applicants only, no agencies), or see vacancy details and download an application form here <https://www.fatherhudsons.org.uk/vacancies/facilities-manager/337.htm>

RECYCLE YOUR USED INK CARTRIDGES...and raise money for charity. Please continue to recycle your used inkjet (not laser) printer cartridges by placing them in the Recycle4Charity green box in the narthex.

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.

PARISH CENTRE BOOKINGS			
Mon 13 th	Central England Pilates	Hall	9.30 – 11.00
	HeadStart Tuition	Conf Room	15.40 – 16.40
	Kick Boxing	Hall	17.00 – 20.00
Tue 14 th	Rock Choir	Hall	9.30 – 12.30
	Language Classes	Conf Room	11.30 – 15.00
	HeadStart Tuition	Conf Room	15.30 – 18.30
Wed 15 th	Rhythm Time	Hall	9.00 – 12.00
	Language Classes	Conf Room	11.00 – 16.00
	SVP	Hall	13.00 – 16.30
	Kick Boxing	Hall	17.00 – 19.00
Thurs 16 th	Language Classes	Conf Room	15.30 – 17.30
	Scanlan Irish Dancing	Hall	17.00 – 18.00
	Central England Pilates	Hall	18.30 – 19.30
Fri 17 th	Amy Price Step Class	Hall	10.00 – 11.00
	Language Classes	Conf Room	11.00 – 17.00
	Kickboxing	Hall	16.15 – 17.45
	AA	Conf Room	18.30 – 20.30
Sat 18 th	Private booking	Hall	10.00 – 17.00
Sun 19 th	Food bank collection	Hall	9.30 – 12.30
<i>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</i>			



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.*

For those Anniversaries which occur in the last 20 years: Peter Niblett, Peter Morgan.

Recently Deceased:

OFFERTORY: 5.2.23

Envelopes £236

Plate £380

CAFOD £973

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