

Masses at St George & St Teresa

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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 for prayer 5pm Stations of the Cross

WEEKDAY SERVICES

27.3 Mon	10am	Feria Tom Giblin RIP (PG)
28.3 Tue	10am	Feria Private Int
29.3 Wed	10am	Feria Louis Loughran RIP (PM)
30.3 Thu	10am	Feria Mrs Tomasiewicz RIP (LH)
31.3 Fri	10am	Feria John Murray (ML)
1.4 Sat	10am	Feria Private Int

2ND APRIL – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Palm Sunday Lenten Alms collection for parish SVP.

Saturday	5.30pm	Anise O'Donovan (RIP) (B&P S) Mass begins in the Parish Centre hall
Sunday	8.45am	Tony Mooney (KM) Mass begins in the hall
	10.30am	People of the Parish Mass begins in the hall
Lent extra	4 - 5pm	Prayer time 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 Wilkes	P Wilkes
Next week	D Morgan	P Hogan

READERS	5.30pm	8.45am	10.30am
This week	N Damms	R Slater	D Bixby
Next week	M O'Dwyer	E Mornoey 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
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
26th March 2023



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend the clocks go forward and although we lose an hour, our evenings will be longer and brighter. I have been keeping an eye on the coming of Spring in the garden. Our resident magpies have been busy making their nests, gathering twigs and sprigs and stopping for a moment when these are too heavy to carry. The crows have been searching for food in the newly mown grass, their long beaks picking out that juicy morsel, and the squirrels have been rushing around checking their hidden food stores. It is lovely to witness this time of year and feel energised to get out and do some gardening. Last Sunday I took advantage of the spring sunshine and within minutes of clearing away the dead wood, drew blood from some prickly thorns. As Spring bursts into life and colour I expect we all feel the need to have a spring tidy-up of our gardens and homes, not forgetting our spiritual lives.

This weekend Tony and Joan Taylor will distribute the Planned Giving envelopes and second collection envelopes for those who make their donation to the parish via a Standing Order. They will speak to us after Holy Communion about this. Sometimes we forget the Church is a charity and before every other charity donation, of which I know there are many, it should be our first concern, especially as our cost of living means caring for the site, buildings, clergy and staff. If you are a taxpayer you can Gift Aid your donation. For every £1 you give we receive 25p free which makes a big difference.

Next weekend is Palm Sunday. The palms will be blessed and distributed at each mass. **Each mass will begin in the main hall of the Parish Centre** for the first part of the liturgy.

Following the Pastoral Letter last weekend, the clergy attended a Deanery meeting during which we discussed how our parishes can share the pastoral vision of Archbishop Bernard for the Diocese. We learned that 43% of the current diocesan clergy will retire in the next 10 years and it is unlikely they will be replaced. How will this affect us?

Every Blessing,
Fr John

GROUP 712 HCPT LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: Thank you so much for your generosity to the appeal last weekend. Petitions to be taken to the grotto at Lourdes can be posted through the presbytery letter box. We will light a candle and pray for you all in Lourdes.

EASTER FLOWERS: There will be a collection at the end of Masses this weekend for the flowers to decorate the church this coming Eastertide.

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Boxes of offertory envelopes will be available in the narthex from this 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.

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!

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.

PARISH CLUSTER EVENTS

Our Lady of the Wayside Golf Day. Thursday 20th April at Fulford Heath Golf Club. £23.50. First tee is at 11am and bacon butties available from 10am. There is a Fish N Chip Supper in the Parish Hall afterwards. Parishioners can sign up for both or either. Please contact the Parish Office on 0121 744 1967 or olw.shirley@rcaob.org.uk

Youth Group: Our Lady of the Wayside Parish had a meeting about starting a youth group in September. There are 5 volunteers. A second meeting is being arranged for April, details to follow.

Introduction to the Diocesan Vision. First meeting Thursday 27th April at 7pm at Our Lady of the Wayside. Michael Emm has prepared a talk and is keen to include the cluster parishes moving forward.

A Service of The Anointing Of The Sick will take place at St Augustine's on Sunday 2nd April at 3pm. All are welcome.

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. 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.

✝ *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: Frances Williams, Jim Ryan, Michael Bourke, Tom Giblin, Edward Pers, Martin McDonnell, Eveleen McDermott, Brenda Grosvenor.

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: 19.3.23

Envelopes £221

Plate £313

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

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