

## MASSES AND SERVICES

### 4th August – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Fr Brian McGinley Int (HG)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	Denis & Catherine Moroney RIP (EMB)
	<b>10.30am</b>	People of the Parish

#### Weekday Services

5.8 Mon	10.00am	<b>Feria</b> Mary Evans - Recovery (Weekday Mass goes)
6.8 Tue	10.00am	<b>Transfiguration of the Lord</b> Recovery Int (MH)
7.8 Wed	10.00am	<b>Feria</b> Fr Paul Int (A&C K)
8.8 Thu	10.00am	<b>St Dominic</b> Private Int and Thanksgiving (D)
9.8 Fri	10.00am	<b>St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</b> John O'Neill Int (PM)
10.8 Sat	10.00am	<b>St Lawrence</b> Janet Clarke RIP (F&R S)

### 11th August – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Tessa Waters RIP (B&P S)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	Sarah Coyle 108 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Int (EMB)
	<b>10.30am</b>	People of the Parish

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

#### CHURCH CLEANING

This week	D Morgan	P Hogan
Next week	H Grosvenor	S Chester

#### READERS

	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	<b>10.30am</b>
This week	J Musgrave	E Moroney Barnett	J McDonald
Next week	N Damms	F Long	N Ritmeyer

#### TEA & COFFEE

This week	M Lambert	V Chapman	D Morgan
Next week	H Grosvenor		M Harris

#### Parish Priest: Fr John Cross

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# ST. GEORGE & ST. TERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH DORRIDGE

4th August 2024  
18th Sunday of the Year

Dear Parishioners,

The numbers attending Mass last weekend dropped by 80 - 90 parishioners so I imagine many of our families are enjoying their annual vacation. In his July letter to clergy Archbishop Bernard was looking forward to time to catch up with family and friends. I hope those of you who are away stay safe and find somewhere which sells postcards and send one to us. Some countries have a cheaper or smaller stamp for postcards. We had four postcards last week, two of which came from members of my family.

Last week our nation had a whole plethora of news from the world stage. Sporting news, unsporting news, tragic news, heart-rending news, bad news of all sorts and even some good news too from our sporting endeavours at the Paris Olympics. In a world of news and events it is the role of Christians to proclaim the Good News.

Various repair works, servicing, cleaning and maintenance have been carried out over the last seven or eight days. Thank you to those who have given up their time and resources to do some of it for the parish and thank you to you, dear parishioner, for helping to pay for it all. Where would we be without you? Our various surveys and inspections for compliance are about halfway now. If we had a spiritual compliance assessment what would your report say?

Some dates for your diaries: The date of Confirmation for children from Year 6 has been arranged by Bishop David for 25/26<sup>th</sup> January 2025. If your child is in Year 6 or older during 2024/25, does not attend a Catholic School and has not been Confirmed please collect an application form from the Sacristy to register your interest in the Catechism Class.

On Wednesday week the 15<sup>th</sup> August it is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation and there will be a Mass for you at 10am and 7.30pm. The Blessing of the Graves at Widney Manor Cemetery is on 15<sup>th</sup> September and at Knowle Parish Church Cemetery on 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2.30pm.

I expect many householders have garden and DIY tools which they know they will never use. There is an organisation called TWAM **T**ools **W**ith **A** Mission who send refurbished tools to Africa. I have reached the point now where I am unlikely to be wielding a pickaxe and I am challenged by DIY and the assortment of tools I have accumulated over the years. The Methodist Church in Solihull have a link with TWAM and if you are interested

in making some space in your tool sheds please consider this as a good way of recycling your tools for the practical use of individuals and community groups in Africa. If you are interested we could we have a collection of tools and perhaps a bit at a time depending on what you might like to donate.

There will be a sale from our newly arrived stock of Christmas cards and gifts in September. We have tried to order those items you asked for. There are some 7 day Divine Mercy Candles available from the Piety Shop.

Every Blessing,  
Fr John

**The annual Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall**, Shrine of the English Martyrs, will take place on Sunday 1 September 2024. This year the principal celebrant will be The Right Reverend Paul Gunter OSB, Abbot of Douai Abbey. Mass: 3.00pm. Confessions: 1.45pm – 2.30pm. It is essential that you bring your own chairs and packed lunch.

### **Made me smile:**

- Shania Twain was boasting about her new Subaru car: That don't Impreza me much.
- The late author of 100 ways with Chickpeas has been awarded an MBE post hummously.
- I saw a bird with a vape. I think it was a puffin.
- A man walked into a bar and said "ouch!" It was an iron bar.
- I have a very old jar of Tippex for sale. I've been told it is a corrector's item.
- Just returned from the doctor. He said I need to have an earring made. What a strange thing to say.
- The local amateur dramatics company are to perform The History of Hovis. I have been invited to play a roll.
- Top Chiropractors Companies are listed in the Footsie 100.
- Speed dating. Any pets? A Goldfish. Any hobbies? He likes swimming.
- Defendant: I cannot believe you have sentenced me to 5 years in prison for stealing a bar of soap. Judge: You're lucky it wasn't lifebuoy!

**Are you new to the parish? Have any of your details changed?** Help us to keep our parish records up to date.

### **March for Life 2024**

Come and join the thousands walking in the annual **UK March For Life in central London on Saturday 7th September 2024**. Day-return coach trip, leaving **St Dunstan's**, King's Heath (pick-up Institute Rd) at 7.40am, and **St Augustine's**, Solihull (pick-up Herbert Rd) at 8.00am returning for 7.30/45 pm. Adults £25: Youngsters under 16 £12.50. Seats reserved on payment. Contact Brian Healy on Tel: 07726311261.

**Offertory: 28.7.24:** Gift Aid Envelopes £254, Loose Plate £157. Av standing order and online p.w. £620. Many thanks for your support. Mass attendance: 150.

✠ *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, Norah Maddocks as well as our parishioners in hospital and nursing homes.

**Rest in Peace:** Tessa Waters, Fr Brendan Carrick, Robert Waters.

**Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years:** Peter Donovan, Alexander Partoon, Freda Stephens. *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](mailto:oksanazurak@gmail.com)**

**Reflection: The Transfiguration of the Lord, Tuesday 6 August**

*'I wish I had faith'* is a sentiment I hear most weeks. People reach out to express a desire for a faith they feel they do not yet have. Our role is to listen with an encouraging ear to help them realise how much faith they already have.

This week's feast of the Transfiguration is a manifestation of who Jesus is. Sometimes we forget that for the disciples, as for many people, such faith isn't obvious or easy. Curiously, the disciples leave the mountain in silence rather than skipping and singing 'Jesus is Lord'. We could say, the disciples were still trying to figure-out Jesus, giving another meaning to the *Transfiguration*.

If Jesus' immediate followers needed signs as obvious as a voice from heaven, Moses and Elijah appearing, and a changed face, then perhaps we can have more patience with ourselves and others, especially if we are struggling with aspects of faith.

After all, the Transfiguration took place during the night. This was no midday marketplace marvel for it took place in the hushed mountain side. It took the darkness to see the light more clearly: to see the Lord as Lord.

Paulo Coelho puts it eloquently, that *"the darkest hour of the night comes just before the dawn"*. So, with faith there is room enough for doubt, and doubt is often the gateway to a breakthrough.

*Fr Ryan Service, Assistant Priest at Holy Trinity Church, Sutton Coldfield*

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