

## MASSES AND SERVICES

### 22<sup>nd</sup> October – 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year

This weekend there will be a second collection for Missio.

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Patrick & Samantha Wedding Int (SF)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>10.30am</b>	Private Family Int (KM)

### Weekday Services (Week 29. Psalter Week 1)

23.10 Mon	10.00am	<b>Feria</b> Pat Mullen RIP (EMB)
24.10 Tue	9.30am	<b>Feria</b> SCHOOL Anthony Edwards (SS)
25.10 Wed	10.00am	<b>Feria</b> Kevin Diggins RIP (B&P S)
26.10 Thu	10.00am	<b>Feria</b> Pat McGeever Int (PM)
27.10 Fri	10.00am	<b>Feria</b> James Ryan RIP (AR)
28.10 Sat	10.00am	<b>Ss Simon &amp; Jude</b> Mark Fallon RIP (AR)

### 29<sup>th</sup> October – 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Peter Bromwill RIP (MG)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>10.30am</b>	Thanksgiving Mum & Dad Birthday Int (C)

**Confession Saturday morning 9.15am – 9.45am**  
**Thursday Exposition: after Mass – 11.15am**  
**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>	M O'Dwyer	V Chapman	J McDonald
<b>Next week</b>	B May	C Saum	N Ritmeyer

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ST. GEORGE & ST. TERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH  
DORRIDGE  
TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

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Dear Parishioners,

We have not had any heating in the church at a time when we might normally have switched it on. I am told the new system will be up and running this weekend so I hope it is working. Having said this the weather, although incredibly wet over the last few days has been warm. The leaks in the hall corridor roof where we had problems last year all seem to be ok at the moment but can you believe there is a new leak in the narthex roof! This could be due to a blocked gutter and would only take someone with a ladder and a little agility to take a look.

Herein lies the problem I have been grappling with since I arrived in the parish which is how to manage the buildings. The quinquennial inspections of the buildings and site tell us what needs to be done but I am afraid I do not have the knowledge and I really need help. What I need is a Building Committee. Every parish is required to have one by the diocese but we don't. The remit of such a committee is to plan and prioritise the various repairs and maintenance and advise me of the progress. I know there are members of our congregation who have overseen extensions to your properties and of course the various ongoing repairs and maintenance. Your experience could be used for the church. I am not asking you to do the repairs. I do not want things done on the cheap but to help to maintain what is your church.

One day you will need to rent out the Presbytery when there are no priests living on site. (5-10 years hence.) Currently the Presbytery would not be in a fit state to because it is not up to date and has failed the few tests I have had have done in the last year. The electricians are out of the dark ages, it is very cold so there is no insulation, the kitchen was last updated about 40 years ago. This is where your priests are housed. We are conscious of our dependence on the generosity of parishioners. A proper Building Committee takes responsibility for these matters on behalf of the parish and is a long-term investment for the good of the parish. I appeal to you to offer your support for a Building Committee. We need about 7 people. Experience of home maintenance and management is the only requirement, common sense and a sense of humour is also essential. Come on St George and St Teresa's. I need your help!

In hope,  
Fr John

**The Chosen** (film about the life of Christ) is suspended for the next two weeks, it resumes on 5<sup>th</sup> November in the Conference Room of the Parish Centre on Sunday afternoon between 4pm and 6pm. All are welcome.

**MISSIO:** This Sunday is Mission Sunday. Please support the important work of our missionaries by giving as generously as you can to the collection. There are some envelopes in the Narthex if you would like to use them (and if possible Gift Aid your donation).

A Mass for the intentions of Missio sponsors will be celebrated on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am.

**200 CLUB:** Congratulations to the Lucky Winners in the Prize Draws

July: £15 each – Mr & Mrs Service, F Slater, S Oates.

August: £15 each – A Turner, D Acton, T Fitzgerald.

September £50 - P McGeever £15 each – M Worrell, E Johnson, M O'Dwyer.

**Friends of the Holy Land** have been supporting the small Christian population in Israel, the West Bank, Gaza (Palestine) and Jordan, for the past 14 years. The people there are currently in need of our prayers more than anything. For more information, visit [www.friendsoftheholylan.org](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org)

**Mass for Peace in the Holy Land** *An invitation from the Midlands Section of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.* On **Saturday 28 October** we will be celebrating the Feast of Our Lady, Queen of Palestine with Holy Mass at which the intention will be for peace in the Holy Land. All are invited to join us at this Mass for Peace. It will be celebrated at the Church of the Immaculate Conception and St Egwin, High Street, Evesham, Worcestershire, on Saturday 28 October at 11.30am. Let Us Pray for peace in the Holy Land.

**Mass Intentions:** Have you ever asked to have a Mass said for a special intention? Here is how to go about it. In the Narthex there are smallish brown envelopes on which you write the name of the person or intention. It can be for the living or for the repose of the soul of the faithful departed. You might want to remember a significant wedding anniversary or birthday. We ask for the name of the donor and will put your initials in brackets on the newsletter so you know the Mass being said is your intention. You can request a set date but be aware weekends get booked up. The suggested donation is £10. This is taken by the priest who offers the Mass for your intention and used to keep him for the day. As most of us are aware £10 does not go very far. It might provide for a cup of coffee and a toasted sandwich at Costa's. So a little more than that would be much appreciated. You might also like to send a card to a person to let them know you are having a Mass said for them. There is a good selection. If you are not sure what to do, please ask. The completed brown envelope can be put in the collection, posted through the Presbytery letter box (no need to ring the bell), handed in at the sacristy before or after Mass, or given to the priest. The intention is recorded and if there is a problem eg your handwriting is illegible, or you've asked for a date when the church is not open, or if there is a funeral on that day, your best contact number is helpful.

**Joint Service Churches Together KDBH** will take place at Knowle URC at 4pm on Sunday 22 October. The speaker is Maud Grainger who works for Churches Together Birmingham & Solihull, and has been involved in Faith Forum Solihull and Green Group in Solihull.

**Offertory: 15.10.23**      Envelopes £400      Loose Plate £182  
CAFOD £674  
Church Maintenance Fund £232  
Average weekly offering via standing order and online banking - £680

✠ *Your Prayers are asked*

**For those who are ill or housebound:** Fr. Michael Ho, Joe Stephens, Michael Grosvenor, Dorothy Perkins, Jill Baynham, Tony Parsons and Rod Goodman, Dr John Martin. Catholics in parish nursing homes and hospitals. *We pray for them and all who care for them.*

**Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years:** Paul Byrne, Jack Clyde, Marielyn Smythe. *May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

**Recently deceased** – *May they 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)**

**Makes you smile**

I just tried kangaroo flavoured beer....you can really taste the hops.

I was so tired last night I feel asleep next to the kitchen sink. I felt totally drained in the morning.

I just returned a jumper to the local store because it was picking up static electricity. I got a new one free of charge.

I threw a ball for my dog last night. He looks really good in his tuxedo.

I visited a market in Cairo but all they sold was biscuits, fruit and jelly. It was a trifle bizarre.



*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-siteresa.dorridge@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stgeorge-siteresa.dorridge@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.*