

MASSES AND SERVICES

26th November – Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

This weekend there is a second collection for the Catholic Youth Service

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| Saturday | 5.30pm | Norman & Amy Guice RIP (NG) |
| Sunday | 8.45am | People of the Parish |
| | 10.30am | Colin Traynor (BH) |

Weekday Services (Week 34. Psalter Week 2)

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| 27.11 Mon | 10.00am | Feria Jane Ackrill RIP (MG) |
| 28.11 Tue | 9.30am | SCHOOL Feria Thanksgiving for prayers answered (SA) |
| 29.11 Wed | 10.00am | Feria All Souls |
| 30.11 Thu | 10.00am | St Andrew Helen Johnson & Family RIP (MM) |
| 1.12 Fri | 10.00am | St Edmund Campion Sean Finnigan (PM) |
| 2.12 Sat | 10.00am | Our Lady on Saturday Mel Corrigan (LC) |

3rd December – First Sunday of Advent

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| Saturday | 5.30pm | Tommy Cardall RIP (Y & A) |
| Sunday | 8.45am | David White RIP (LV) |
| | 10.30am | People of the Parish |

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

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| This week | M Wilkes | P Wilkes |
| Next week | D Morgan | P Hogan |

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| READERS | 5.30pm | 8.45am | 10.30am |
| This week | N Damms | G O'Gara | C Loughran |
| Next week | M O'Dwyer | E Moroney Barnett | R Slater |

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ST. GEORGE & ST. TERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH
DORRIDGE
CHRIST THE KING
26th November 2023

Dear Parishioners,

Here is my list of reminders for the newsletter this weekend.

- 1 Christ the King – Last Sunday in the Church's Year. Let's celebrate!!
- 2 5.30pm Mass – Enrolment Service for the children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- 3 A speaker from the Kenelm Youth Trust to speak for three minutes at the end of each Mass this weekend for the other title of this weekend which is Youth Sunday. Let's celebrate!!
- 4 Second collection after each Mass on Sunday and the vigil for the work of the Diocesan Youth Service.
- 5 Remind everyone to take a *Walk With Me* booklet for their preparation of Advent £1 suggested donation.
- 6 Agape at 4pm in the Parish Centre. Bring and share food, music, singing, reading, reflection, Christ the King / Advent. Let's celebrate!!
- 7 Copies of the Diocesan Directory for 2024 now available from the Piety Stall. £5 per copy.
- 8 Next weekend – a second collection for the Christmas flowers in church.
- 9 Next Saturday afternoon the school is holding its Christmas Fayre from 11am – 2pm.
- 10 Monday morning – plink, plink, fzzzz!
- 11 The post-box is for your Christmas Cards to parishioners and at school, stamps are expensive. Don't forget the housebound and those in the nursing homes in the parish. Cards to parishioners in other parishes – we deliver to St Augustine's and Our Lady of the Wayside.
- 12 Next Weekend is the First Sunday of Advent.

Every Blessing, Fr John

SVP Christmas lunch Wed 29th Nov 1pm. We still a few places available should anyone still wish to come. There is a choice of Turkey dinner in gravy (or no gravy if GF) or Roasted Mediterranean Vegetable Tart. Please email svpstgt@btinternet.com or phone Steve on 07740935527 or contact any SVP member, to request a place and advise your meal option.

Sainsburys cash collections for Bethany Foodbank: Sainsburys in Dorridge, have offered us the possibility of undertaking cash collections for Bethany Foodbank. Sat 9th and 16th will be the dates. However, whilst we have some volunteers we need quite a few more to make it viable and cover most times during the day with a couple of people at a time. In addition to electric bills of £1-2k per month the foodbank are now having to pay rent of £2.5k per month, previously they have had the use of their premises for free. If you are able to help, please email svpstgt@btinternet.com or phone Steve on 07740935527 or contact any SVP member.

Christmas Giving Tree: The Christmas Giving Tree is now in the Narthex. Please take a gift tag from the tree and return the relevant present (wrapped and with the tag) to the church any Saturday or Sunday from now until 17th December. Gifts will then be delivered to those less fortunate in the parish of St Vincent's, Nechells in time for Christmas. An email from the Head Teacher there states, "We once again thank you for your incredible kindness. Our families are very special but live in such poverty these gifts mean so much to us". For those who would like to make a financial donation, please place in an envelope marked 'Christmas Giving Tree' and leave at the Presbytery. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

Concert in aid of Mary's Meals: Marysmeals.org.uk feeding children in the world's poorest countries, for £19.15 per school year. Presents a concert with Lichfield Gospel Choir, 9th December, St Martin in the Bull Ring £10 per ticket. See leaflet in porch.

Our Lady and All Saints Catholic Multi Academy Job Vacancies: Further information and application packs are available under the vacancies section of the website (olaas.co.uk).
School Administrator Permanent: St John the Baptist Catholic Primary.
Pastoral Mentor Salary Permanent: St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School.
Teaching Assistant Fixed Term – to 31st Aug 2024: St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School.

Safeguarding: Sandy & Daphne will be speaking at all Masses on the weekend of the 2nd/3rd December to introduce themselves as the Parish Safeguarding Representatives.

PTFA Christmas Events

Christmas Fayre, Saturday 2nd Dec from 11am to 2pm at St George and St Teresa School. There will be fun and games, festive food, speciality stalls and an opportunity to meet Santa (advance booking required - please contact the school). All are welcome.

We will shortly be holding our Christmas raffle; tickets will be on sale after Masses soon.

School Christmas Boutique: We are in desperate need of used but good condition or new items (Toys, candles, books etc) suitable for children, teenagers, mums, dads and grandparents. Please place in the box in the narthex (No clothes / shoes please). Our school children always enjoy the boutique shopping experience. Thank you.

Rosary Rally in the Bullring at 11.45am by the bull on 2nd December! Please join us as we pray with our Blessed Mother for the world.

You are invited to the Parish Agape Sunday 26th Nov 4-6pm in the Parish Centre. As we approach the season of Advent we'll be celebrating our Faith in a festive atmosphere, with joyful music. A celebration for everyone to share. Please bring food to share with others.
FOOD: Be as creative as you like! Bring any favourite drink with you such as wine or beer. Tea, coffee and squash will be available. A chance to meet others in the parish - no matter which Mass you attend. Families especially welcome. Do join us if you can.

Hampton Singers' Christmas Concert: Sat 9th Dec at 4 pm at St Mary's, Temple Balsall. Tickets £15 including refreshments available on the door or at www.hamptonsingers.co.uk

Ex Urbe Chamber Choir presents "Eternal Joy" Cracking carols for Christmas on Sat 2 Dec at 6 pm in Hampton-in-Arden Parish Church. Tickets available via exurbe.org or on the door.

Christmas Masses and Services

Parish Carol Service Sunday 17th December at 4pm
Seasonal refreshments afterwards in the Parish Centre.

Service of Reconciliation and Confession

Tuesday 19th December at 7pm, Our Lady of the Wayside, Shirley.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday 23rd December Vigil - 5.30pm

Sunday 24th December - 8.45am

There will be no Sunday 10.30am Mass

The Nativity of the Lord

Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve - Childrens Mass - 4pm

Midnight Mass! Celebrated by Mgr McHugh - 8pm

Monday 25th December Christmas Day – 8.45am and 10.30am

Offertory: 19.11.23 Gift Aid Envelopes £255 Loose Plate £166
Church Maintenance Fund £277
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, Pat McGeever. Catholics in parish nursing homes and hospitals. *We pray for them and all who care for them.*

Recently deceased – Jacqueline (Bobbie) Donovan. Her funeral will take place on 19th December at 11am. *May she rest in peace.*

Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years: Mary Crossley, Kathleen Bourke. *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**

Makes me smile!

“Chocolate advent calendars don’t really portray the meaning of Christmas”, says the Archbishop of Cadbury. Is this an item of flake news?

My wife has a black belt in cookery – she could kill you with one chop.

Today I watched a TV program about chiropody. It has some tremendous footage.

I’ve just found out Steffi Graf, the tennis player, has a sister called Polly. I’m not lying either.

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-stteresa.dorridge@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.