

MASSES AND SERVICES

29th September – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This weekend there will be the September Collection for the Church Maintenance Fund.

Saturday	5.30pm	Martin Treacy Anniv (JT)
Sunday	8.45am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Madeline Dempsey (AR)

Weekday Services

30.9 Mon	10.00am	St Jerome Tony Dawson RIP (K&A W)
1.10 Tue	10.00am	St Teresa of the Child Jesus Eve Hands (J&T T) (Pro Popolo)
2.10 Wed	10.00am	Guardian Angels Mass/Communion Service Gweneth McAuley (MM)
3.10 Thu	10.00am	Feria Mass/Communion Service Elizabeth Johnson & Family (MM)
4.10 Fri	10.00am	St Francis of Assisi Mass/Communion Service World Peace (MH)
5.10 Sat	10.00am	Our Lady on Saturday Mass/Communion Service Carlos Thornton RIP (MM)

6th October – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

This weekend there is a second collection for CAFOD Harvest Fast.

Saturday	5.30pm	William Stanley Robinson RIP (A&C K)
Sunday	8.45am	Winnie Gannon (GS & SC)
	10.30am	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	H Grosvenor	S Chester
Next week	M Fitzpatrick	A Robinson

READERS

	5.30pm	8.45am	10.30am
This week	M O'Dwyer	E Moroney Barnett	N Ritmeyer
Next week	E.Linker	F.Long	D Walmsley

Parish Priest: Fr John Cross

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Head of School Stephen Hainie. Executive Head Louise Flanagan

**ST. GEORGE & ST. TERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH
DORRIDGE**

29th September 2024

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

On Tuesday 1st October we celebrate Saint Teresa of the Child Jesus our co patron of church and school. After her canonisation by Pope Pius XI on 17th May 1925 many churches and schools were named after St Teresa, St Thérèse of Lisieux or St Thérèse of the Child Jesus. We use the English spelling of St Teresa. The French spelling is on the bus stop outside the church! Were there not a hierarchy of saints I would have St Teresa first better than G&T - even "stag" is possible. I think it is nice to have the patron saints of England and France in the spirit of entente cordiale! St Teresa was born on 2nd January 1873 and died on 30th September 1897 at the age of 24. Next year as we shall be celebrating the 90th Anniversary of the opening of our church I think it would be nice if we could have a statue of St Teresa. I have been looking at the website of E. Carrara & Sons who supply statues. They are not cheap, but they do make a church Catholic.

How often do you pray to your Guardian Angel? I was taught to say in my prayers, "Please dear Guardian Angel, watch over me during this day / night." Our Mass on Wednesday is the Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels. Don't forget to pray and give thanks to your Guardian angel who watches over you each day and night. My father met his Guardian Angel during a bombing raid on the docks in Dover during WW2. He was returning to his ship when someone pulled him into a doorway. Moments later a bomb fell where he would have walked, and I would not be here to tell the tale!

Friday is the Memorial of St Francis of Assisi. His shrine was the place where Pope John Paul II inaugurated the World Day of Prayer for Peace in 1987. In our troubled times we seek the intercession of St Francis: "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace."

Last weekend in his pastoral letter to the faithful, Archbishop Bernard asked us to think about one new way our parish might respond to the needy in our parish. One of our parishioners commented that some members of our parish family cannot drive anymore, and it would be good to offer them a lift to church on Sunday. Do you know of anyone who cannot get to church anymore? Let me know.

Every Blessing,
Fr John

CAFOD: This Friday is Harvest Fast Day and the second collection next weekend will be for the proceeds. Pick up your donation envelopes this week.

The Chosen – All are invited to come and see Series Four: Each Wednesday starting on 2nd October at 7.30pm in the Parish Conference Room. We will show one episode each week with time for an informal discussion or questions afterwards. Refreshments will be provided.

The SVP would like to thank the Parish & local community for your support of the Bethany Community Food Bank which is run by Pastor Kevin & a team of volunteers. We have recently received notification that the items in short supply are **sugar, pasta/ cooking sauces & UHT milk**. Understandably, over the summer break, donations have been reduced but if you could add an extra item to your shopping that would be greatly appreciated by the ever-increasing number of clients. This includes a substantial increase in the number of pensioners requiring assistance.

Monetary donations are also gratefully received. Please pass onto a member of the SVP or go onto the parish website to donate directly online.

Hampton Singers invite you to their next concert "Celebrating the Timeless Songs of Love" on Saturday 19 October at 7pm at George Fentham Hall, Hampton in Arden B92 0AH. Tickets priced £15 can be purchased on line at or on the door.

Asylum Seeker/Refugee Befriending - Would you be interested in becoming a befriender to a refugee or asylum seeker in the Birmingham Area? If so, the Birmingham Churches Together Refugee charity 'RESTORE' is running training sessions on Tuesday 9th, 16th and 23rd October, 7.15pm to 9.15pm at The REP Theatre in Birmingham. More information can be found on the poster in the narthex, from the link [Restore Autumn Training Course 2024 - Restore \(restore-uk.org\)](https://www.restore-uk.org) and via this YouTube video <https://youtu.be/7lQfrZuvl-Y> If you would like an informal chat with someone from the Parish about what being a befriender entails, give Tony a ring on 07787 538620.

Vacancies

See Our Lady and All Saints Catholic Multi Academy website for details.

Play Assistant Salary: Band A (£22,366 - £22,737) pro rata, fixed term with the potential to become permanent, Our Lady of Compassion.

HR Business Partner Band E (£35,745 - £41,418 FTE), permanent, full time: 37 Hours per week, 52 weeks per year. Alternative working patterns considered. Start Date: 4th November 2024 or sooner.

Christmas Piety Stall Stock – This year, as last year we have range of religious Christmas items – Christmas cards, Christmas candles and a small selection of items for children (for example, sticker books). All competitively priced and any money we make goes into the Church so all for a good cause.

'A Night at the Musicals', an exciting event coming up on Saturday 5th October 2024, 7.30 at Olton Friary, in the Church. Hear fabulous tunes from the musicals played by our own amazing organist Gerry Poole, and a special guest organist Pavlos Triantaris. Also listen to beautiful solos, the church choir and prepare to be amazed by a dance cabaret of ballroom dancing. Tickets £12 per person, under 12s are free. Refreshments served after the concert in the Church Hall. To book your tickets or for more information please contact Geraldine Gnych (geraldine.gnych@oltonfriary.org.uk)

Made me smile: Some quick fire jokes: I went to a stamp collectors shop the other day and the man behind the counter said "That's a nice hat." I said, "Philately will get you nowhere!" I asked the hotel receptionist if she could call me a taxi? She said, "Certainly sir, you are a taxi!" The local chicken farmer has had to close because he couldn't make hens meet. What do you say to a thirsty dinosaur? Tea Rex? I asked the consultant where he had studied keyhole surgery. He said Yale. The police in Manchester are hunting a drag queen who was last seen robbing a bank. "We know he has a Wigan address," they said.

✠ *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, Jesse Cusack Morris as well as our parishioners in hospital and nursing homes.

Rest in Peace: Norah Maddocks.

Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years: Thomas Dean, Neil Clune, Les Whitfield. *May the souls of the faithful departed, Rest in Peace.*

Offertory: 22.9.24: Gift Aid Envelopes £315, Loose Plate £233.

Fr Hudson's Society Gift Aid Envelopes £289, Loose Plate £148.

Av standing order and online per week £620. Many thanks for your support.

Mass Attendance last week: 206.

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**

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-stteresadorridge@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.