

MASSES AND SERVICES

24th December – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday	5.30pm	Kamil Int (LH)
Sunday	8.45am	Sharon Chester Int (GS)

24th December – Christmas Eve – The Nativity of the Lord

Sunday	4.00pm	Childrens Mass - People of the Parish
	8.00pm	John Gemmell RIP

25th December – Christmas Day – The Nativity of the Lord

Monday	8.45pm	Catherine Helen RIP
	10.30am	Alison Cook RIP

Weekday Services (Psalter Week 4)

26.12.Tue	10.00am	St Stephen Debbie and Eric Burrell Diamond Wedding Anniversary
27.12.Wed	10.00am	St John, Apostle George Otte RIP (A&C K)
28.12.Thu	10.00am	The Holy Innocents Mass or Communion Service
29.12.Fri	10.00am	St Thomas Becket Helen Johnson & Family (MM)
30.12.Sat	10.00am	Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas Sharon Longebardi (GS)
	11.15am	Baptism – Felix Michael Wolf Waterworth

31st December – Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday	5.30pm	Mary Sturt RIP (SF)
Sunday	8.45am	Denis & Catherine Moroney RIP (EMB)
Sunday	10.30am	People of the Parish

Confession Saturday morning 9.15am – 9.45am (No confessions on 30th Dec)

Rosary – Monday to Saturday 9.35am (Not on Christmas Day)

Divine Mercy Chaplet – Friday after Mass

CHURCH CLEANING

This week	R Price	S Simpson Heath
Next week	P Doyle	A Robinson

READERS	5.30pm	8.45am	10.30am
This week	T/J Taylor	C Saum	No Mass
Christmas	TBA	TBA	TBA
Next week	J Musgrave	G Moroney Barnett	D Walmsley

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DORRIDGE
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
24th December 2023



Dear Parishioners

This weekend some of you will be picking up this newsletter on Sunday for the Fourth Sunday of Advent and some on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. I hope we have enough copies for everyone. This weekend I welcome our regular parishioners together with your guests, friends and visitors. All are welcome as we celebrate together the Nativity of Jesus. Christmas is the key which unlocks the gates of heaven for all who are disciples of Christ because we believe he came into this world to save us. We are called by Jesus to become his disciples and we who accept that invitation follow by listening to his word, imitating his example and living our faith. Our world is desperate for Good News which is the gift we have received and share by word and example. Each Christmas as we share cards and gifts with each other we show the depth of our love.

The (silent) collection at the Christmas Masses is your Christmas gift to the clergy. Envelopes, if you wish to use one, can be collected from the Narthex. We are grateful for your generosity.

On behalf of Fr Paul, Deacon Stephen and now Deacon Subhi,
“We wish you a Holy Christmas
and a Happy New Year!”
Every Blessing
Father John Cross
Parish Priest

Christmas Giving Tree: The SVP would like to thank all parishioners for their great generosity in supporting this year's appeal. Over 100 Christmas gifts (including a number of gift vouchers) were delivered to the school and parishioners of St Vincent's in Nechells. From an SVP perspective, it is a great joy and privilege to be involved in such an initiative. Thank you for your continuing support and happy Christmas!

The school PTFA would like to say a huge thank you to all parishioners for their support given towards our Christmas fundraising activities throughout December. Altogether we raised approximately £4,700 which is absolutely fantastic and will ensure we can provide some much needed items to enhance our children's education. We wish you all a very happy, healthy and Holy Christmas and New Year.

The Christmas Crib Stocking Collection this year is in support of a request from the Friends of the Holy Land. This Society cares for the needs of Christians and this year with the ongoing conflict many have lost members of their families, their homes, transport, jobs, schools and so much of what we would consider to be part of life.

200 Club Annual Subscription £15: Subscriptions for 2024 are now due. If you do not pay by standing order please send or deliver a cheque to the presbytery. Please write "200" Club on the back of your cheque. Alternatively, you can pay by bank transfer using TTC as the reference; please contact the parish if you need our bank details.

Please consider joining if you are a new or even a long time parishioner. Forms are available in the Narthex. Currently the funds raised are for projects to reduce the carbon footprint of the Church.

Children's Liturgy There will be no Children's liturgy at 8.45am Mass on Sunday 24th nor on Christmas Day but please join the team at the Children's Tableau Mass on Christmas Eve at 4pm starting in the parish hall. We will be back on Sunday 7th January at 8.45am Mass.

Liz and all the Gemmell family would like to thank you all sincerely for the comforting messages, cards and Mass cards following the death of John. We are uplifted by your kindness.

Fr Hudson's Care: The children who are welcomed by our foster Carers need security and love so that they can flourish. For some their family situation will improve and they will be able to return home, for others they have the assurance that loving foster carers can give. Could you be a foster carer? Contact Jo Walthew on 01675 434025 or email newroutes@fatherhudsons.org.uk

Makes me smile!

I walked through town yesterday and saw loads of German Shepherd Dogs in uniforms, playing instruments, singing Christmas carols and shaking tins.
It was the Alsatian Army.

I decided to release my own Christmas Single called "Duvet know it's Christmas".
It's a cover version.

The oldest computer was found in the garden of Eden. It was an Apple, but only had 1 byte, and then everything crashed.

Offertory: 17.12.23 Gift Aid Envelopes £249
Church Maintenance Fund £259

Loose Plate £221

✠ *Your Prayers are asked*

For those who are ill: Fr. Michael Ho, Fr Roger Peck, Joe Stephens, Michael Grosvenor, Dorothy Perkins, Jill Baynham, Tony Parsons and Rod Goodman, Dr John Martin, Pat McGeever, Matthew Gallagher. Our parishioners in nursing homes and hospitals. *We pray for them and all who care for them.*

Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years: Gwendoline Kennedy, Winnie Kelly, Chris Glynn, Shirley Miller, Anne Smith, John Tickell, Maureen Gallagher. *May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Recently deceased – Therese Allibon, John Gemmell, Anne Hunt, Jacqueline (Bobbie) Donovan, Mary Sturt, Janice Murphy.

Funeral Service for John Gemmell on Wednesday 28th December at 11.30am (Robin Hood Crematorium).

Requiem Mass for Anne Hunt on Wednesday 10th January at 11 am.

Requiem Mass for Therese Allibon on Wednesday 17th January at 11.30am.

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**

The Finches. We have been busy preparing for the big day. Mr Finch found the car park at Sainsburys had no spaces and has had fly off to some other shops to find the provisions we need. The little finches have been told they must behave or else Father Christmas may be too busy to stop. Last year we visited the Canaries for Christmas but this year we are staying at home. Must fly...

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.