

MASSES AND SERVICES

7th January – The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday	5.30pm	Keith Wilson RIP (VW)
Sunday	8.45am	Margaret Griffiths RIP (VC)
	10.30am	People of the Parish

Weekday Services (Psalter Week 1)

8.1 Mon	10.00am	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord George Wall (JH)
9.1 Tue	10.00am	Feria Neil & Sheila Roy Int (SM)
10.1 Wed	11.00am	Funeral Anne Hunt
11.1 Thu	10.00am	Feria Pamela Atkinson RIP (MW)
12.1 Fri	10.00am	Feria Anna Connolly Int (DK)
13.1 Sat	10.00am	Our Lady on Saturday Anusha Jabanasam (G&M)

14th January – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	5.30pm	Roland & Margaret Taylor RIP (T&J T)
Sunday	8.45am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Janice Murphy RIP (PD)

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

CHURCH CLEANING

This week	M Harris	T Lester
Next week	M Wilkes	P Wilkes

READERS	5.30pm	8.45am	10.30am
This week	N Damms	J Smith	D Bixby
Next week	M O'Dwyer	G Seymour	M Heap

TEA & COFFEE

Next week	T & J Taylor	M & S Worrell	O Zurak P Hogan
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Parish Priest: Fr John Cross

Deacons: Rev Mr Stephen Saum, Rev Dr Subhi Zora. Priest in Residence: Fr Paul Dean.

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ST. GEORGE & ST. TERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH
DORRIDGE
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
7th January 2024

Dear Parishioners

A clue from a recent crossword puzzle read, "Ships of the desert" with the answer being camels. Whenever I hear the Epiphany Carol "We Three Kings" I imagine the caravan of camels walking in their slow but regular gait on the sandy ground, conveying their precious cargoes of wise men with their gold, frankincense and myrrh. The rhythm of the music allows one to imagine the scene. In contrast to the shepherds who were called by the angels to leave their flocks to visit the newborn child, the wise men were prompted by their studies and following a bright star they came to do homage to the newborn king.

We too are guided by the star of faith to worship the Messiah. For us it is the light of truth as revealed by Christ which opens for us the treasures of our faith. Our faith allows us to trust our conscience and use our imagination to understand the truth of God's love. In 2024 let us, like the Magi, be guided by our conscience and open to the prompting of the Holy Spirit to find the presence of God.

Every Blessing,
Fr John

New to the parish? Please complete a form for our parish records.

Sainsburys Bethany Foodbank collection: We have been advised by Sainsburys that we collected £1046.17 over the 2 Saturdays before Christmas which, in addition to about 12 trolley loads of food, was a fantastic result.

Dates for your diary

Sacrament of Confirmation: Sunday 4th February at 10.30am

Ash Wednesday: 14th February

First Communion for the children at St George and St Teresa School: 8th June at 11am

First Communion for children at non-Catholic schools: To Be Arranged

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, friends, homes, transport, jobs, schools and ask our prayers and support.

Crib collection so far - £233.

Did you lose a car key on Christmas Eve? It belongs to a VW owner.

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.

Congratulations to our lucky 200 Club winners:

October - £15 each to C Halliday, R Chapman, C Parkins

November - £15 each to Mr & Mrs Harley, C Acton, V Bentley.

Children's Liturgy resumes this Sunday at the 8.45am Mass.

Makes me smile!

After a recent theft the police rang to say they had managed to recover our stolen sofa. That was nice of them. It was starting to look tatty.

A man was hit on the head by a tin of custard when he visited the local supermarket. He is now suffering from ambrosia.

Swedish astronomer Anders Celsius died in 1744 aged 43 but his rival Daniel Gabriel Fahrenheit was convinced he was 109!

I decided on a high-risk strategy to dry my washing this morning. It was all on the line.

I've got a new job making chess sets. I'm on Knights next week.

I just got back from the National housebuilding competition. I managed to get through to the semi's.

New book: "Dentistry is Fun" by Phil McCavity.

My Christmas tree wasn't just happy to have its decorations removed. It was delighted!

My New Year's resolution this year is to try to finish everything I have sta...

Offertory: 31.12.23 Gift Aid Envelopes £298 Loose Plate £335
Mass Attendance 202.

✠ *Please pray for*

For those who are ill: Tony Parsons, Rod Goodman, Dr John Martin, Joe Stephens, Michael Grosvenor, Dorothy Perkins, Jill Baynham, Pat McGeever, Matthew Gallagher, as well as our parishioners in hospital and nursing homes.

Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years: Margaret Griffiths, Dennis O'Keeffe, Margaret Igoe, Pauline Murphy, Rita McDonnell.

May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Recently deceased – Therese Allibon, John Gemmell, Anne Hunt, Fr Chris Greaney.

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

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 oksanzurak@gmail.com**

The Finches :

We were very glad to keep the rain out of our nest during the recent storms. The yew tree branches provide excellent shelter from the inclement weather. Mrs Finch told us to have a good wash in one of the many potholes in the church car park and also washed the baby clothes. Mr Finch thought it too early 'for all that' and still Christmas but Mrs Finch told him to read the signs: A little bird told her a shelf-filler at Sainsbury's has been seen laying eggs on the shelves, so she says it must be Spring.

SCHOOLS MEDIA COMPETITION | Columban Missionaries invite students aged 13-18 to submit an original piece of writing or image on the theme:

BIODIVERSITY MATTERS

Explore Biodiversity, which humanity relies on for health, food and well-being.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS SATURDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2024

For entry details: www.columbancompetition.com

WRITTEN PRIZES
• 1ST €500
• 2ND €250
• 3RD €150

IMAGE PRIZES
• 1ST €500
• 2ND €250
• 3RD €150

COLUMBAN MISSIONARIES

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.