

MASSES AND SERVICES

10th December – Second Sunday of Advent

This weekend there will be a second collection for the Poor Parishes.

Saturday	5.30pm	George and Margaret Wright RIP (T&J T)
Sunday	8.45am	Denis Moroney RIP (EMB)
	10.30am	People of the Parish

Weekday Services (Reading for Year 2, Psalter Week 2)

11.12 Mon	10.00am	Advent Feria Mass or Communion Service Della Dutton RIP (SS)
12.12 Tue	9.30am	Advent Feria Mass or Communion Service Deceased of the Diocese (SS)
13.12 Wed	10.00am	St Lucy Dr Desmond Greaves RIP (DG)
14.12 Thu	10.00am	St John of the Cross Stephen O'Brien RIP (R&M W)
15.12 Fri	10.00am	Advent Feria Mel Yates RIP (B&P S)
16.12 Sat	10.00am	Advent Feria George Wall (JH)

17th December – Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday	5.30pm	Roland & Margaret Taylor RIP (T&J T)
Sunday	8.45am	Sue Bradshaw RIP (JS)
	10.30am	Graham Drakeford RIP (SC)

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

This week	S Chester	H Grosvenor	
Next week	M Fitzpatrick	R Slater	A Robinson

READERS	5.30pm	8.45am	10.30am
This week	B May	S Zora	J McDonald
Next week	T Hart	V Chapman	N Ritmeyer

TEA & COFFEE	B & P	G Seymour	I McLaughlin
This week	Service	S Chester	I Blessed

Parish Priest: Fr John Cross

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ST. GEORGE & ST. TERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH
DORRIDGE
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10th December 2023

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

Christmas Masses and Services
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

The Chosen: Come and enjoy the story of the First Christmas told in a beautiful way by the makers of popular series “The Chosen”. On Saturday 23rd Dec at 4pm in the conference room. (We will be finished in time for Mass at 5.30pm). Refreshments will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

Coffee And Tea After Mass: Coffee and Tea will be served after all Masses this weekend. Meet your fellow parishioners in the Parish Centre.

Christmas Greetings Campaign 2023– sheets are available in the narthex, detailing this year's list of prisoners of conscience. Please support this campaign by sending a card to one, or more, of the four prisoners on the sheet; at this time of year we can let them know that they are not alone or forgotten. The sheet is compiled from a list provided by Action By Christians Against Torture (www.acatuk.org.uk) whose aim is to mobilise Christians of all denominations to come together to pray and write letters of appeal. This can often lead to the end of torture, improvement of conditions and release of prisoners. The full ACAT Campaign list of prisoners can be accessed via a link from the Justice & Peace page on the parish website (www.catholicchurchdorrige.uk).

Coffee after Mass: The rota for next year will be produced soon and it would be very helpful to have some additional volunteers. If you are able to help, please contact Joan & Tony on 01564 205238 or email tony.joan.taylor@gmail.com. The requirement should be only two or three times a year for each volunteer.

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 is now having to pay rent of £2.5k per month, previously they have had the use of their premises for free. If you can help, please email svpstgt@btinternet.com or phone Steve on 07740935527 or contact any SVP member.

SVP Christmas Afternoon Tea and Social 13th December 2.00pm: Please note the slightly earlier start time of our Christmas Afternoon Tea with Who Let the Ukes Out joining us, once again, at 2.15pm with their repertoire of Christmas Songs. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Christmas Giving Tree: Many thanks to all those who have taken tags off the Christmas Giving Tree. Please ensure all gifts are returned and put under the tree, with the required label, by **Sunday 17th December at the very latest**, so that we will have time to check them and take them to St Vincent's well before the end of term.

For those who would like to make a financial donation, please place this in an envelope marked 'Christmas Giving Tree' and post through the Presbytery letterbox. Thank you in anticipation for your generosity.

PTFA Christmas Events

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.

Offertory: 3.12.23 Gift Aid Envelopes £359 Loose Plate £245
Flowers £344

✠ *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, Matthew Gallagher. 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: Agnes Mathias, Dennis Chester, Susan Smith, Margaret Barnfield, Anise O'Donovan.
May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Recently deceased – John Gemmell, Anne Hunt, Jacqueline (Bobbie) Donovan, Janice Murphy
Requiem Mass for Bobbie Donovan on Tuesday 19th December at 11am.
Requiem Mass for Janice Murphy on Wednesday 20th December at 10am.
Requiem Mass for Anne Hunt on Wednesday 3rd January at 11 am
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**

Makes me smile!

A man has been arrested for smashing up bowls of dumplings in a Chinese restaurant. Police have charged him with wonton destruction.

What if there were no hypothetical situations? We would have to make them up.

From a cracker: Who is Santa's favourite singer? Beyonsleigh.

New Parishioners

Welcome to our new neighbours who have been looking for a suitable home in Dorridge for a couple of weeks. Mr Finch is a hedge fund manager who is able to WFH most of the time but likes the proximity to the main line. Mrs Finch is a SAH - Stay at Home mum as her children will be starting at school next year. They are very happy with their new home which has good outdoor space. We shall be hearing more about them next week.

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-stteresad.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.