

MASSES AND SERVICES

5th November – 31st Sunday of the Year

This weekend there is a Second Collection for the Johnson Association.

Saturday	5.30pm	Joe Durcan Int (JG)
Sunday	8.45am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Mission Supporters Int (LH)

Weekday Services (Week 31. Psalter Week 3)

6.11 Mon	10.00am	Feria John Breaks RIP (JL)
7.11 Tue	9.30am	Feria SCHOOL All Souls
8.11 Wed	10.00am	Feria Margarida Da Costa RIP (DD)
9.11 Thu	10.00am	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Maureen Gallagher RIP (JG)
10.11 Fri	10.00am	St Leo the Great Dec of the Kadow family (K&A K)
11.11 Sat	10.00am	St Martin of Tours AF & LB Johnson (EJ)

12th November – 32nd Sunday of the Year

Saturday	5.30pm	Nathan Ridge RIP (MO)
Sunday	8.45am	Michael Rogers RIP (JG)
	10.30am	For the Deceased of Two World Wars

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

READERS	5.30pm	8.45am	10.30am
This week	T Hart	G Moroney-Barnett	D Walmsley
Next week	T/J Taylor	J Smith	D Bixby

TEA & COFFEE	A & K	A Robinson	O Zurak
Next week	Kadow	P Cheriton	P Hogan

Parish Priest: Fr John Cross

Deacon: Rev Mr Stephen Saum. Priest in Residence: Fr Paul Dean,

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ST. GEORGE & ST. TERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH
DORRIDGE
THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
5th November 2023

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you all survived Storm Ciaran last week. The gusts have blown most of the leaves from the trees in the presbytery garden with the exception of the apple tree, which is one of the last trees in the garden to lose its leaves. Over the last few weeks the squirrels have been busy dashing hither and thither to hide their winter food. I am sure someone once said to me this a sign of a cold winter. I hope not. The leylandii hedge at the end of our garden planted many years ago has been removed and replaced with a wooden fence. The bungalow at number 8 Warren Drive was demolished earlier in the year and replaced with a large new house. I am keen to plant some shrubs and bushes to camouflage this hard barrier. If you have any suggestions I am keen to hear any ideas.

Throughout the month of November a basket containing the names of the deceased members of your family, friends, fellow parishioners and those who have no one to pray for them will be situated on the steps of the sanctuary. With the many conflicts in the world and the victims who lose their lives in the process we have more souls to care for than ever before.

This Sunday the Johnson Association asks our prayers for retired priests. There will be a short altar talk to explain the work of the Association after Holy Communion and the second collection today is your donation to care for retired or sick priests. There are some extra envelopes in the narthex, and the Johnson Association newsletter is pinned on the noticeboard.

One of our 5.30pm parishioners, Tom Hart, has put some of his Christian books on Scripture, spiritual reading and theology on the shelf to the right of the Bethany foodbank baskets. Please take them home if you are interested. The piety stall has an excellent collection of seasonal cards and gifts as well as sympathy cards. Payment for any of the piety stall items can be placed in the wall box under the window.

Every blessing,
Fr John

You are invited to the Parish Agape!

WHEN: Sunday 26th November from 4-6pm. WHERE: 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 - whatever your age! 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 - Put your names on the list in the narthex.

Raffle Tickets are on sale in the narthex. We have been asked by Sr Sebastian, a Sister of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Christ, to help raise money to fund a Christmas Dinner for the Poor. We would be grateful if everyone could take two books of tickets with the money returned next weekend.

November Envelopes. If you wish to have loved ones remembered in prayers during November, place their names in an envelope (there are some in the Narthex). These will be put in a basket, placed near the altar, and your loved ones will be prayed for at Masses during November. You may wish to put a donation in the envelope.

The Chosen (film about the life of Christ) continues this Sunday in the Conference Room of the Parish Centre on Sunday afternoon between 4pm and 6pm. All are welcome.

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

MISSIO: Please take a red box; your small change can make a difference.

Mass Intentions: There are brown envelopes in the narthex and a good selection of Mass cards for various intentions eg Birthdays, Christmas, Anniversary, Sympathy, Exam success, Retirement, etc in the narthex.

Are you a Taxpayer? If your annual income is over the tax threshold you could support the parish by Gift Aiding your donation. This means for a £10 donation to the church the Exchequer returns to our church £2.50.

Offertory: 29.10.23 Envelopes £278 Loose Plate £197
Church Maintenance £257
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.*

Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years: Dominic Storey, Eleanor McGinn, Mary Ward. *May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Recently deceased – *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**

Made me smile!

I accidentally added two hyenas to my gravy recipe. I soon realised I had made a laughing stock.

I saw an Amsterdam cat for sale when I walked past the local pet shop. I had to go in and ask, "how Dutch is that moggy in the window?"

I cooked a meal for Lionel Ritchie recently. He asked once, twice, three times for gravy.

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.