

MASSES AND SERVICES

20th August – 20th Sunday of the Year

Saturday	5.30pm	Jayne Crump RIP (CD)
Sunday	8.45am	Special Int (EF)
	10.30am	People of the Parish

Weekday Services (Week 20. Psalter Week 4)

21.8 Mon	10.00am	St Pius X Pat Mullen RIP (SF)
22.8 Tue	10.00am	Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Rhea Hourigan RIP (NW)
23.8 Wed	10.00am	St John Wall Eileen Connolly RIP (PM)
24.8 Thu	10.00am	St Bartholomew Private Int (GB)
25.8 Fri	10.00am	Feria Bernadette Flannigan Int
26.8 Sat	10.00am	Blessed Dominic Barberi Fr John Peyton Int (DM)

27th August – 21st Sunday of the Year

Saturday	5.30pm	Fr John Int
Sunday	8.45am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Christine Newbold Int (SM)

Confession Saturday morning 9.15am – 9.45am
Wednesday Exposition: Restarts in September
Rosary – Monday to Saturday 9.35am
Divine Mercy Chaplet – Friday after Mass

CHURCH CLEANING

This week	M Wilkes	P Wilkes
Next week	D Morgan	P Hogan

READERS	5.30pm	8.45am	10.30am
This week	T/J Taylor	S Zora	C Loughran
Next week	J Musgrave	V Chapman	J McDonald

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ST. GEORGE & ST. TERESA CATHOLIC
CHURCH
DORRIDGE
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
20TH AUGUST 2023

Dear Parishioners,

Fork handles or four candles? Yes we all know this amusing sketch from the Two Ronnies. I am pleased to tell you that we now have four matching candles, two on the main altar and two on the Lady Altar and I hope they will not be as time-consuming to maintain as the ones they replace. Why do we have candles at Mass? They remind us of those days gone by when candles were the only source of light. Nowadays on special occasions we light "The Big Six". These are the candles on the high altar by the Tabernacle. Candles provide warmth and create a special atmosphere. Each year on the Feast of the Dedication of the Church we light the Consecration candles. These are fixed to the wall and mark with a cross the places where the Bishop our Diocese rubbed the oil of Chrism on the walls of the church to consecrate them for the sacred life of the church. This is why our church is holy. We respect and show reverence; a sanctuary lamp burns to remind us of the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Our church is where we meet God, who comes to us for the most important moments of our spiritual lives: Here we baptise those who want to belong to the Christian family and follow the teaching of Christ through the Church; here the Holy Spirit comes down on those who are Confirmed; here is the place of Marriage; here we attend a Requiem Mass and pray for the souls of our loved ones, family and fellow parishioners; here the liturgy of the years is celebrated across the seasons; here we seek the forgiveness of our sins in the Sacrament of Confession. Here Christ is made present for us in the sacrifice of the Mass; here we celebrate our faith, ask the intercession of Our Blessed Lady; here the flame of faith is shining.

When the Christians gathered for Mass in the Roman catacombs, candles were essential to provide a light in the darkness. Today our altar candles remind us of those days of persecution. Our Christian forebears kept the flame of faith alive. We do the same in these dark days of ours.

Every Blessing,
Fr John

St George & St Teresa Blessing of the Graves

Widney Manor Sunday 17th September at 2.30pm

Knowle Cemetery on Sunday 24th September at 3pm.

Children's Liturgy resumes on Sunday 10th September.

Ex Urbe concert "Eternal Light" at St George and St Teresa's on Sunday 10th September at 4 pm and Hampton in Arden Parish Church on Saturday 9th September at 7 pm. Ex Urbe, conducted by Benjamin Hamilton, are delighted to present a weekend of timeless and uplifting choral music, inspired by many composers through the ages including Durufle, Macmillan, Whitacre, Rutter and more. Tickets priced at £12 can be purchased on the door or online via <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/ex-urbe-chamber-choir>. There will be light refreshments. Please come and enjoy this enchanting afternoon concert entitled Eternal light.

✠ *Your Prayers are asked*

For those who are Sick or Housebound: Joe Stephens, Michael Grosvenor, Dorothy Perkins, Jill Baynham, Rita Salloway, Leo Hughes, Tessa Waters and Tony Parsons.
Let us also remember them in our prayers and also those who care for them.

Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years: Desmond O'Dwyer, David O'Donnell, Marion Leverington.

Recently deceased – May they rest in peace: Fr Keith Enston, Anthony Edwards, Pat Mullen, Desmond Bentley.

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**

Offertory: 13.8.23 Envelopes £269 Loose Plate £167 Survive Miva £170
Average weekly offering via standing order and online banking - £680

An Introduction to Voluntary Workplace Chaplaincy. A 7-week training course 25th September – 13th November on Monday evenings from 5-7pm. It is led by the Workplace Chaplaincy Church and Industry Group for Birmingham & Solihull (CIGB) and will take place at Solihull Methodist Church which is next to Solihull Station. The CIGB has a network of 40 voluntary chaplains in the Midlands in retail, conference venues, fire stations, FE Colleges, construction sites, manufacturing, transport, and residential living. This might suit a parishioner with time on their hands, perhaps someone who has retired or early retired and enjoys meeting people. The course is not accredited but there is a certificate of completion. There is a charge of £50. The current chaplains visit Birmingham Airport, Bullring, Touchwood Shopping Centre, NEC, NIA, JLR and fire stations. Posts are voluntary but reasonable expenses will be met. Please sign up by 19th September. Registration form and more information can be found at teamadmin@cigb.org.uk or write to CIGB, John Cadbury House, 190 Corporation Street, Birmingham. B4 6QD. See the Information sheet in the Narthex.

News from the Diocese

The Harvington Pilgrimage on Sunday 3rd September celebrates 100 years since the building was rescued by the Archdiocese of Birmingham. The Martyrs' Mass remembering St Nicholas Owen who constructed many hiding places for priests and St John Wall, a priest who celebrated Mass for Catholics, starts at 3pm. The grounds will open at 1.30pm and pilgrims should bring a folding chair and an umbrella (to keep the sun/rain off!) It is a lovely place for a family visit and to take a picnic. Tours of the hall should be booked with Harvington Hall in advance. A coach will be leaving from Our Lady of the Wayside and St Augustine's Church, please sign up via the list in the Narthex. Most of you seem to be making your own way!

English Martyrs Church in Sparkhill celebrate their Centenary with a Mass on Fri 8th Sept at 6pm. Former parishioners and clergy are invited to attend. The organisers request you contact englishmartyrs.bham@rcaob.org.uk or telephone the Presbytery during office hours 0121 753 4457 to let them know numbers for catering. The Mass will be offered by The Most Rev Kevin McDonald (Emeritus), a former PP of English Martyrs, Rector of Oscott College, Bishop of Northampton and Archbishop of the Diocese of Southwark.

Birmingham Diocese Dates for your diary: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

All at St Chad's Cathedral: 24/8: Free Organ Recital with David Saint 31/8: Free Organ Recital with Anthony Pinel

Sat 2 September: March for Life

Veneration of the Relics of St Columba, St Margaret and St Andrew: The Parish of Sacred Heart and Holy Souls, Acocks Green invites you to come and venerate the relics on Tuesday 22nd August. Events and liturgies throughout the day: Opening Mass 10am, followed by rosary and litany. Tea, coffee and cake available in the meeting room afterwards. The Church will be open throughout the day for people to come and venerate these saintly relics. 5pm Adoration with reflection on the veneration of relics, 5.30pm to 6pm opportunity for confession. 6pm Closing Mass. Parking is available close to the church and access will be the front and side door for disabled access. All are welcome.

Makes you smile

