

MASSES AND SERVICES

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)

Weekday Services (Psalter Week 2)

15.1 Mon	10.00am	Feria Maureen Gallagher RIP (JG)
16.1 Tue	10.00am	Mass or Communion Service Feria George Wall (JH)
17.1 Wed	11.30am	Requiem Therese Allibon RIP
18.1 Thu	10.00am	Feria Rosemary Lannie (MW)
19.1 Fri	10.00am	St Wulstan Mary Nash RIP (PD)
20.1 Sat	10.00am	Our Lady on Saturday John & Mary Maginness (MM)

21st January – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	8.45am	Richard Kadow Int (AK)
	10.30am	John Gemmell RIP (MH)

Confession Saturday morning 9.15am – 9.45am
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	M O'Dwyer	G Seymour	M Heap
Next week	B May	G O'Gara	C Loughran

TEA & COFFEE

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

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ST. GEORGE & ST. TERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH
DORRIDGE

14th January 2024

2nd Sunday of the Year Friendship Sunday

Dear Parishioners

How many people in church do you know by name when you come to Mass? Do you ever talk to anyone when you attend church? Does anyone ever talk to you?

This weekend I am going to call "Friendship Sunday". It is Peace Sunday. Peace in the sense of an end to conflict and war. Peace in that when we offer the sign of peace to our neighbour we share the peace of Christ with them. At the Sign of Peace we receive the Peace of Christ and we share it. When we share the Peace of Christ we also share something of ourselves and our response to God's love which is in our own hearts. If I say, "Peace be with you" to my neighbour I offer them the peace of Christ which is already in me. If Christ is not in me I cannot share what is not there. But Christ **is** in us and he shares his peace with us and those we share his peace with.

This weekend at the Masses I shall say (5.30pm and 10.30am) I shall invite you to introduce yourself to someone you do not know (adults only). So be ready. And if you see someone who is for some reason being ignored I ask you to break the ice. Just say "Hello, my name is" (first name), "I have been a member of this church for" however many months or years...and anything else you might like to share. Please talk to someone you do not know and invite them to have a coffee/tea in the hall after Mass.

Why? The church is our spiritual home. It is the place where we worship God as a family together. To be a family means knowing our brothers and sisters. Every parishioner in the next pew is our spiritual brother or sister. Knowing about people means telling them a little about ourselves and listening to them and their story as they listen to ours. It is surprising how similar we are. Time spent getting to know someone is never wasted time but breaking the ice is difficult because we are shy and easily embarrassed. In ten minutes we might begin a friendship which could be a lifeline and perhaps even last a lifetime. All it takes is a willingness to talk and listen. Today we have two chances to share the Peace of Christ: at Mass when we share the Sign of Peace and afterwards when we share our peace through friendship.

Every Blessing,
Fr John

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

Lepra: To coincide with World Leprosy Day on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th January 2024, Laurice from Lepra will be making an appeal. *“With your help we can find, diagnose and treat more people affected by leprosy so that they will have a brighter future, full of hope.”* www.lepra.org.uk.

A note from Community Development Team at Solihull Council: UKHSA and the Met Office have issued an amber cold weather alert. This weather could increase the health risks to vulnerable patients and disrupt the delivery of services. There is also useful information in the Council's 'Here2Help this Winter' booklet which can be accessed at www.solihull.gov.uk/here2help.

This weekend the SVP are making an appeal for warm winter coats.

Social get-together over tea, coffee and cakes for members of our community on Wednesday 17th January from 2.30pm - 4pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome. Please come along (Arranged by the SVP).

Coffee and Tea After Mass: Coffee and Tea will be served after all Masses this weekend. Do come and join us in the Parish Centre.

The Christmas Crib Stocking Collection was for the Friends of the Holy Land. You donated - £233+ £43.13 + £41.13. Many thanks for your support.

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: 1st June 10 am

(For children in Year 3 or above) These will start on Saturday 2nd March from 11 am-12 noon in the Conference Room of the Parish Centre Please register your interest with Isabel Cusack on 07919 685685 or isabelcusack@yahoo.co.uk

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.

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 Sunday morning at the 8.45am Mass.

Makes me smile!

My wife said, "What begins with H and ends in E?" I said, "No it does not."

Just read an advert for the Warwick Castle Sales. "50% off the Medieval Torture Chamber."

"While stocks last".

A priest was invited to say Grace before a meal. He was wearing dark glasses, a large nose and a false beard. It was a blessing in disguise.

My 2 neighbours are having a contest to see who can put their washing out the fastest. So far it is level pegging.

Offertory: 7.1.24

Gift Aid Envelopes £335

Loose Plate £237

Mass Attendance 204.

✠ 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: Frances McGauley, Paul Pollok, Jim Carrico, Joseph McGorian, Freda Turton, John Connor, Stella Smith, Carole Johnson.

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

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

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:

It was a false alarm. Spring has not sprung after all. Mr Finch is very relieved. The eggs at Sainsbury's were just a marketing ploy. It is too cold for baby birds, they wouldn't survive the cold weather. Last week our nest was free-ee-eezing. The little finches had to wear some extra layers to keep warm. Mr Finch is dreaming of long sunny days watching the cricket.

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.