

Masses at St George & St Teresa

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26th FEBRUARY – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday	5.30pm	Alan & Margaret Smith RIP (PS)
Sunday	8.45am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Kenneth John Cross
Lent extra	4 - 5pm	Quiet time in church then 5pm Stations of the Cross

WEEKDAY SERVICES

27.2 Mon	10am	Feria Rosie McCaffrey RIP (MW)
	2pm	SCHOOL Thanksgiving Mass
28.2 Tue	10am	Feria Dolores Bollard RIP (ME)
1.3 Wed	10am	St David Ken Bailey RIP (A&C K)
2.3 Thu	10am	St Chad Mary Patricia Gilbey RIP (AC)
3.3 Fri	10am	Feria Anise O'Donovan RIP (HG)
4.3 Sat	10am	Feria Seamus Dunleavey RIP (K&A W)

5TH MARCH – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

This weekend there will be a second collection for Cafod Family Fast Day

Saturday	5.30pm	George and Margaret Wright RIP (T&J T)
Sunday	8.45am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Kenneth John Cross

Confession – Saturday morning 9.15am – 9.45am Saturday evening 4.45pm – 5.15pm
Stations of the Cross during Lent - Sunday 5pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday 10.30am – 11.30am
Rosary – Monday - Saturday 9.35am
Divine Mercy Chaplet – Friday after Mass

CHURCH ROTAS

CHURCH CLEANING

This week	L.Cheung	S Chester	
Next week	Please help	Please help	Please help

READERS

	5.30pm	8.45am	10.30am
This week	M O'Dwyer	G Moroney Barnett	C Loughran
Next week	T Hart	J Smith	J McDonald

Parish Priest: Fr John Cross

Priest in Residence: Fr Paul Dean, Parish Deacon: Rev Mr Stephen Saum
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St. George & St. Teresa
Catholic Church
Dorridge
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
26th February 2023



Dear Parishioners,

You began the season of Lent with gusto! We have never seen so many people for Ash Wednesday. Well done to those who made the effort. Maybe keep it up by coming to an extra mass during the week – the ultimate prayer of the church. Now we get down to the serious business of our Lenten resolutions: Prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lent can be like a game of cat and mouse because the devil will be working hard to catch us when we are off guard. I expect he is up to his old tricks already. He can be very persuasive.

The first full week of Lent ends with Friday Family Fast Day. One of our Lenten resolutions is fasting and traditionally Friday, the day of the death of Jesus, is when we commemorate his sacrifice by abstinence. Opting for fish on Friday is traditionally the Christian way of fasting. Were chips and mushy introduced by Friar Tuck? Fasting from food is about self denial which teaches us self discipline and the ability to say “no”. Self-denial is not easy and we need to pray hard to achieve it. In our prayers we remember those who hunger for food and water due to poverty, disasters, famine and drought. The victims are members of God’s family, sisters and brothers, parents and relations across the world. Our ears are opened to their cry for help. “Ephphatha” Jesus said to the man who was deaf. Through our faith, Jesus opens our eyes and ears to see, hear and love our neighbour. Of course, not everyone can fast especially if you are on medication, old or frail but we can pray for the needy and offer a donation to help the aid agencies bring shelter and warmth, medication and food to those who need it.

Many of us have set ourselves the target of denying ourselves some particular luxury during Lent. For example, chocolate, alcohol, biscuits, puddings, watching tv, learning to put aside our phone or computer etc. The effort will require prayer and focus on the goal, knowing the discipline won will be a stronger defence against the wiles of the devil who seeks our downfall. Let us reflect on the example of the Gospel and invoke his blessing on us as we seek to imitate Christ. It is good to remind ourselves of the goal which is to prepare for the Resurrection of the Lord on Easter Sunday.

Every Blessing,
Fr John

CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 3rd March – Cafod Soup 12.30-1.30 pm in the Parish Centre. The soup is free but we ask a donation for the Lent Appeal. Please sign the list in the narthex to give us an idea of numbers for catering.

Cafod Lent Appeal This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help those affected by the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelope or at cafod.org.uk/give and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world. If you pay tax you can gift aid your donation.

Enrolment Mass: Next Saturday at the 5.30pm Mass we welcome the Year 3 children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Communion later in the year.

FIRST CONFESSION AND FIRST COMMUNION: These lessons are for children in Year 3 or older who do not attend a Catholic school. Our first class will begin on 4th March 4.30pm-5.20pm in the Parish Centre. Please let Isabel Cusack know asap on 07919 685685 or isabelcusack@yahoo.co.uk

TINNED MEAT SUNDAY 18/19th February: Many thanks to those who supported the above. We collected 217 tins of meat, 15 jars of pasta sauce and 33 Pot Noodles! Excellent result. During Lent, if you would like to keep this up, and achieve some of your fasting and almsgiving in one go, perhaps you would consider going without meat for one day a week and donating some tinned meat to our foodbank collection basket in the narthex. Not forgetting the babies, we do have a need for some baby milk formula (1&2) if you feel able to help with that instead.

SVP St David's Day Lunch 1st March 1.00pm: We have 45 coming to the above. We have ordered a few extra meals so if you missed last week's notice and/or wish to come then please phone Steve Worrell on 07740 935527. The cost is £5 and we will also be having a raffle to raise funds for the SVP.

RECYCLE YOUR USED INK CARTRIDGES...and raise money for charity. Please continue to recycle your used inkjet (not laser) printer cartridges by placing them in the Recycle4Charity green box in the narthex.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE, Ireland, 27th March 2023. Led by Mgr Daniel McHugh. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

PARISH CENTRE BOOKINGS			
Mon 27 th	Central England Pilates	Hall	9.30 – 11.00
	HeadStart Tuition	Conf Room	15.40 – 16.40
	Kick Boxing	Hall	17.00 – 20.00
Tue 28 th	Rock Choir	Hall	9.30 – 12.30
	Language Classes	Conf Room	11.30 – 15.00
	HeadStart Tuition	Conf Room	15.30 – 18.30
Wed 1 st	Rhythm Time	Hall	9.00 – 12.00
	Language Classes	Conf Room	11.00 – 16.00
	SVP	Hall	13.00 – 16.30
	Kick Boxing	Hall	17.00 – 19.00
Thurs 2 nd	Language Classes	Conf Room	13.30 – 15.00
	Scanlan Irish Dancing	Hall	17.00 – 18.00
	Central England Pilates	Hall	18.30 – 19.30
Fri 3 rd	Amy Price Step Class	Hall	10.00 – 11.00
	CAFOD Lunch	Hall	11.00 – 14.00
	Language Classes	Conf Room	11.00 – 17.00
	Kickboxing	Hall	16.15 – 17.45
	AA	Conf Room	18.30 – 20.30
Sat 4 th	Orchid Society	Hall & Conf Room	13.00 – 17.00
Sun 5 th	Food bank collection	Hall	9.30 – 12.30
<i>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</i>			



Your Prayers are asked

For those who are Sick: Dorothy Perkins, Michael Grosvenor, Tony Burdett, Jill Baynham, Des Bentley, Rita Salloway, Leo Hughes and Jaxon Rochford, Tessa Waters. *Let us also remember those who care for them.*

For those Anniversaries which occur in the last 20 years: Joseph Carolan, Ella Swann, Rita Waldron, Margaret Smith, Des Cushenan, Isobel Eustace, Dolores Bollard, Ann Bradfield,

Recently Deceased: Canon Garry Byrne, Carole Derrick.

OFFERTORY: 19.2.23

Envelopes £410

Plate £437

Average weekly offering via standing order and online banking - £680