

MASSES AND SERVICES

8th September – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	5.30pm	Bridget Butcher RIP 1 st Anniversary (SBJ)
Sunday	8.45am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Joe Dooley RIP (EP)

Weekday Services

9.9 Mon	10.00am	Feria Tony Dawson RIP (JG)
10.9 Tue	9.30am	Feria Miriam and Benedict (AR)
11.9 Wed	10.00am	Feria Tessa Waters RIP (SF)
12.9 Thu	10.00am	Feria Sr Priscillia RIP (CO)
13.9 Fri	10.00am	St John Chrysostom Jim and Bridie Dempsey RIP (AR)
14.9 Sat	10.00am	The Exultation of the Cross Fr Bernard's Golden Jubilee

15th September – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This weekend there will be a second collection for Catholic Evangelisation.

Saturday	5.30pm	George and Margaret Wright RIP (T&J T)
Sunday	8.45am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Thanksgiving Achinivu family (SA)

Confession Saturday morning 9.15am – 9.45am

Rosary – Monday to Saturday 9.35am

Divine Mercy Chaplet – Friday after Mass

CHURCH CLEANING

This week	M Harris	T Lester
Next week	M Wilkes	P Wilkes

READERS

	5.30pm	8.45am	10.30am
This week	T Hart	J Smith	C Loughran
Next week	T/J Taylor	G Seymour	R Slater

TEA & COFFEE

	T & J Taylor	M & S Worrell	O Zurak
This week			P Hogan

The Blessing of the Graves at Widney Manor Cemetery is on 15th September and at Knowle Parish Church Cemetery on 22nd at 2.30pm.

Parish Priest: Fr John Cross

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**ST. GEORGE & ST. TERESA CATHOLIC
CHURCH
DORRIDGE**

**8th September 2024
23rd Sunday of the Year**

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we have tea and coffee after each Mass and the Christmas Cards for you to view and buy if you wish. It is not too early because Sainsburys are now selling mince pies and Christmas puddings. Very soon I expect they will have their Easter eggs on the shelves (no that's me being sarky)! We have a good selection of religious cards. Here after they will be available at the piety shop. This month tea and coffee after Mass will be the only "social event" for the parish as our next SVP tea will be on 16th October.

I am very grateful to Carolyn Roskell who will take over the mantle of running the Catechism classes. We could do with some helpers and if you could spare one hour at the weekend to share your Christian faith it would be much appreciated.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is moving to Saturday mornings from 9am to 9.50am starting next weekend. It is a time for reflection and quiet prayer. Confession is from 9.15am to 9.45am. I am brining it into the time when the heating is on. This year we shall all be looking for ways to keep the costs down.

Sadly the roof repair over the organ has not identified the leak. Last week the water was still coming in. I will be contacting the roofer.

There was a good crowd at the "We Dare to Say" meeting last Tuesday evening in the Conference Room. My thanks to Deacon Stephen for arranging this for us. It is not too late to join. The text of the course is available on the parish website.

The next Building Fund Second Collection will be on 28th/29th September – the last Sunday of the month. This can be Gift Aided if you pay tax.

I look forward to seeing you in the hall after Mass this weekend.

Every Blessing,
Fr John

The Blessing of the Graves at Widney Manor Cemetery is taking place next Sunday 15th September and at Knowle Parish Church Cemetery on 22nd at 2.30pm.

Congratulations to our 200 Club Winners

The remaining cheques (A Mackiewicz, A Martin, J Collins and M Walker) can be collected from the sacristy.

Fr Bernard's Golden Jubilee - Parish Celebration Saturday 14th September. This year Fr Bernard McDermott from the Columbans celebrates the Golden Jubilee of his ordination. Many of you will know Fr Bernard from the time when the Columbans helped to cover our Sunday Masses. The North Warwickshire Catenians are organising a celebration for the whole parish on Saturday 14th September with the 10.00am Mass celebrated by Fr Bernard to be followed by light refreshments in the parish centre. We hope many of you will be able to join in the celebration. If you would like to come into the Parish Centre for refreshments after Mass, please sign up on the board in the narthex, this will help with catering.

Christmas Stock – Piety Stall – Available this weekend. As the nights start to draw in, Christmas items are appearing on the high street and on the weekend of 7/8 September, coinciding with the monthly refreshments in the Parish Centre following each Mass, we will be sharing our Christmas items for you to purchase from the Piety Stall.

This year, as last year, we have a range of religious Christmas items – Christmas cards, Christmas candles and a small selection of items for children (for example, sticker books). All competitively priced and any money we make goes into the Church so all for a good cause. Please feel free to come and look and purchase items after any of the Masses next weekend.

St Peter's Open Evening 2024: Thursday 19th September - 5.30pm - 8pm. The governors, staff and pupils of St Peter's Catholic School extended a warm welcome to all prospective pupils and their families to our Open Evening on Thursday 19th September. Come and chat to our staff, view our buildings and meet some of our pupils. Doors open at 5.30pm with several opportunities to hear the Headteacher's address.

'A Night at the Musicals', an exciting event coming up on Saturday 5th October 2024, 7.30 at Olton Friary, in the Church. Hear fabulous tunes from the musicals played by our own amazing organist Gerry Poole, and a special guest organist Pavlos Triantaris. Also listen to beautiful solos, the church choir and prepare to be amazed by a dance cabaret of ballroom dancing. Tickets £12 per person, under 12s are free. Refreshments served after the concert in the Church Hall. To book your tickets or for more information please contact Geraldine Gnych (geraldine.gnych@oltonfriary.org.uk)

Conversational Irish language classes suitable for complete beginners or intermediates, starting on Wednesday 11th September 7:00 pm at Holy Cross and St Francis Parish Hall, B76 2RS. Please phone Gerard for more details on 07929 873828. We shall be using buntus cainte book one, available from the Gael Linn internet shop.

Archdiocese of Birmingham Job Vacancy: Chartered Surveyor (RICS) General Practice Surveyor, Property Team. Senior Surveyor. Location: Birmingham / Coleshill / Hybrid remote working. Salary: £50,000 p.a. to £55,000 p.a.

Made me smile:

Someone has accused me of plagiarism – their words not mine.

I haven't had a splinter for many years now, touch wood.

I noticed all the cakes for sale at the bakers were priced £1 except one which was £5. "Why is this one so expensive?" I asked. "This is madeira cake," he replied.

I picked up a book after the Olympics called "Off the Parallel Bars". It was by Jim Nastics.

It takes me 15 minutes to walk to the pub and 45 minutes to get back. The distance is staggering.

My job is checking containers with fleas in. It's a tick box exercise.

Man walks into a hardware shop and asks

✠ *Please pray for*

The housebound & the sick: Tony Parsons, Rod Goodman, Dr John Martin, Joe Stephens, Michael Grosvenor, Dorothy Perkins, Jill Baynham, Matthew Gallagher, Jane Cotter, Margaret Cosgrove, Jesse Cusack Morris as well as our parishioners in hospital and nursing homes.

Rest in Peace:

Norah Maddocks RIP. Her funeral will take place on Wednesday 18th September at 12noon.
Robert Waters, Marie Crosby RIP.

Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years: Gabrielle Ebremare, Geraldine McHugh. *May the souls of the faithful departed, Rest in Peace.*

Offertory: 11.8.24: Gift Aid Envelopes £261, Loose Plate £142. March for Life £285.
Mass Attendance 164

18.8.24: Gift Aid Envelopes £304, Loose Plate £173 Mass Attendance 147

28.8.24: Gift Aid Envelopes £344, Loose Plate £189 Mass Attendance 187

1.9.24: Gift Aid Envelopes £350, Loose Plate £195 Mass Attendance 175

August Church Maintenance Gift Aid Envelopes £193, Loose Plate £29

Av standing order and online p.w. £620. Many thanks for your support.

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 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.