

MASSES AND SERVICES

1st October – Solemnity of St Teresa of Lisieux

Saturday	5.30pm	(Vigil) Kevin Diggins RIP (AR)
Sunday	8.45am	(Children's Liturgy) Ken Bailey RIP (A&C K)
	10.30am	People of the Parish

Weekday Services (Week 26. Psalter Week 2)

2.10 Mon	10.00am	Holy Guardian Angels Mass or Communion Service Elizabeth Mary Johnson & Family (MM)
3.10 Tue	10.00am	Feria Mass or Communion Service Kevin Diggins RIP (MP)
4.10 Wed	10.00am	St Francis of Assisi Mass or Communion Service Thanksgiving for Good Exam Results (MH)
5.10 Thu	10.30am	Feria Mass or Communion Service
6.10 Fri	10.00am	Feria Mass or Communion Service Dawn RIP (DdC)
7.10 Sat	10.00am	Our Lady of the Rosary Mass or Communion Service Janet Clarke RIP (SM)

8th October – 27th Sunday of the Year A

This weekend there is a second collection for CAFOD Harvest Fast

Saturday	5.30pm	(Vigil) People of the Parish
Sunday	8.45am	(Children's Liturgy) Dan Griffiths RIP (VC)
	10.30am	Pat Mullen RIP (EJ)
	12noon	Baptism Hugo Charles Steele

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	M Harris	T Lester
Next week	M Wilkes	P Wilkes

READERS	5.30pm	8.45am	10.30am
This week	T/J Taylor	G O'Gara	M Heap
Next week	J Musgrave	E Moroney Barnett	C Loughran

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
THE SOLEMNITY OF ST TERESA OF LISIEUX
1st October 2023

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate the feast day of one of the patrons of our church as the Solemnity of St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, popularly known as the Little Flower.

Our Entrance Antiphon today from Deuteronomy says:

The Lord led her and taught her,
And kept her as the apple of his eye.
Like an eagle spreading its wings
He took her up and bore her on his shoulders.
The Lord alone was her guide.

The published letters between her parents illustrate something that we might draw example and strength from in our relationships with family, friends and faith. The incidents described in these letters give us access to the honest and intimacy of Thérèse's family. They were never meant for general publication, but they give us a picture of the undeniable fact that sainthood is a family project of parents and children immersed in the God of love. They call us to a deeper love for God, for each other, and to naturally reach out to the poor in body and spirit in our Church family, the community around us and the wider world.

As a parish family we need to look at how we can help others both through prayer and action, from the very young to the very old, to find their vocation in life. We need to build community and we are asking each and every one of you for your opinions, ideas and concerns so we can develop a way forward. This is particularly important at the present time when the Synodal process, "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission" moves into its next phase in Rome.

In the last two years, Pope Francis has been calling us to be renewed in this mission. He wants us to rediscover our life in the Church as a communion of life with God and with one another, opened for us through the Sacraments, those outward signs of inward grace. We are invited to accept whatever the will of God may be for us in our lives, however confusing and painful that may be at times. Every one of us is invited to step out in the confidence that Christ, the Good Shepherd is in control.

There's much good work going on in our parish, but we can do more. We need ideas and people to come forward and help grow the family of God, taking Jesus' love into the community. Don't be shy! Hidden in our parish there are remarkable people who are capable of remarkable things.

In the words of that other Thérèse, Teresa of Avila; "God has no hands but our hands".

May the month of October be a time of grace for our Church, both in the great gathering in Rome and in the circles of our lives here at home, in family and community.

God Bless, Deacon Stephen

This coming Friday is Harvest Family Fast Day: The second collection next week will be for CAFOD. If you wish to gift-aid your donation, please use one of the envelopes in the narthex.

The Chosen: continues in the Conference Room of the Parish Centre on Sunday afternoon between 3-4pm All are welcome.

SVP Afternoon Tea and Social 18th October 2.30pm Following their very entertaining performance at our Pig Roast we are very pleased to welcome back Who Let The Ukes Out to our October afternoon tea and social. Everyone is very welcome and we are hoping for a capacity crowd. So, whether you have been before or not, please come along to what will be a very enjoyable afternoon and an opportunity to meet others. It's free and a plentiful supply of cakes as usual!

Parents and Toddlers' group. They meet on a Tuesday morning from 9.30-11.30am during term time in Saint Augustine's parish hall. All are welcome.

Singers wanted! We are looking for singers to join our choir, especially male singers. We support the 10.30 Mass on Sundays and are looking to learn some new music over the autumn. We will also be starting to prepare for Christmas a bit later in the term. If you are interested in joining us, choir rehearsals will take place every Thursday at 8pm in church so please just turn up. You do not need to be able to read music, have previous experience or be able to come every week, everyone is welcome! If you would like to know more, contact Carolyn Roskell 07985 217553.

Mary's Meals: Celebrate World Porridge Day - 10 October. Mary's Meals feeding porridge to children in Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe. It cost just £19:15 to feed a child for a whole school year. Donations welcome: worldporridgeday.com

Fundraising & Office Administrator: We are seeking a full-time Fundraising & Office Administrator to join our team. You will provide exemplary administration support to the Mission Office of the Missionary Society of Saint Columban (the Charity) in Britain. For more details about the position and to apply, please email the HR Advisor at hr@columbans.co.uk.

Coffee morning after Mass on Wednesdays starting on 11th October.

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation. For Adults to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Email: stgeorge-stteresa.dorrige@rcaob.org.uk for more information. This is something which can begin at anytime of the year. Non RC husbands and wives are welcome to consider if the short course is more suited to them.

Offertory: 24.9.23 Envelopes £282 Loose Plate £315
Fr Hudson's: Envelopes £119 Loose Plate £79
Average weekly offering via standing order and online banking - £680

Our **Parish Catechism Class** (for children who do not attend a Catholic School) will begin soon. The Confirmation Programme begins **on Sunday October 8th**. The sessions will take place in the Conference room after the 8.45am Mass and before the 10.30am Mass to allow the candidates and their families to attend Sunday Mass. If you would like to register your child for First Holy Communion (Year 3 and over) and Confirmation, please email or phone Isabel Cusack ASAP. Email. isabelcusack@yahoo.co.uk. Telephone 07919 685685.

Makes you smile!

I was in the attic the other day and found my grandfather's old wig-weaving machine. It's a family heirloom.

We had our monthly staff meeting at the zoo last week. No one mentioned the elephant in the room.

My sister Lorraine flew to Barcelona recently but the passengers had to wait on the tarmac for hours. Lorraine in Spain stays mainly on the plane.

I watched a coughing contest on the telly last week between the residents of Whitley Bay, Tiger Bay and Morecombe Bay. I love to watch the Great British Bay Cough.

Rosary Rally: Calling all Catholic Men for the Men's Rosary Rally in the Bullring at 11.45am by the bull on 7th October. For more information contact Ben: 07885 505116.

Ladies please join us at St Michael's Catholic Church opposite Moor Street Station at 11.45am to pray in support of the Men's Rosary Rally.

Asylum Seeker/Refugee Befriending - would you be interested in becoming a befriender to a refugee or asylum seeker in the Birmingham Area? If so, the Birmingham Churches Together Refugee charity 'RESTORE' is running training sessions on Tuesday 3rd, 10th and 17th October, 7.15pm to 9.15pm at The REP Theatre in Birmingham. More information can be found on the poster in the narthex, from the link <https://www.restore-uk.org/news/restore-training-course/> and via this YouTube video <https://youtu.be/71QfrZuyl-Y> If you would like an informal chat with someone from the Parish about what being a befriender entails, give Tony a ring on 07787 538620.

✝ *Your Prayers are asked*

For those who are ill or housebound: Fr. Michael Ho, Joe Stephens, Michael Grosvenor, Dorothy Perkins, Jill Baynham, Rita Salloway, Leo Hughes, Tony Parsons and Rod Goodman. 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: Les Whitfield, Margaret Evans and Bernard Spillane. *May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Recently deceased – May they rest in peace:

Bridget Butcher, Michael Rogers.

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.