

MASSES AND SERVICES

10th March – Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday	5.30pm	George & Margaret Wright RIP (T&J T)
Sunday	8.45am	Joe Edwards RIP (PD)
	10.30am	Peter Morgan RIP (D&I M)
	4pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (ending at 4.50pm) + Confessions
	5pm	Stations of the Cross

Weekday Services

11.3 Mon	10.00am	Lent Feria Anthony Dean RIP (PD)
12.3 Tue	10.00am	Lent Feria Mass/Communion Service Stephen Troth RIP (PD)
13.3 Wed	11.30am	Funeral Leon Rafnson RIP
14.3 Thu	10.00am	Lent Feria People of the Parish
15.3 Fri	10.00am	Lent Feria John Gemmell RIP (MW)
16.3 Sat	10.00am	Lent Feria Therese Allibon RIP (ME)

17th March – Fifth Sunday of Lent

This weekend there will be a second collection for Church Maintenance.

Saturday	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	8.45am	Women who look after the sick (RG)
	10.30am	Sharon Longobardi In Thanksgiving
	4pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (ending at 4.50pm) + Confession
	5pm	Stations of the Cross

Confession Saturday morning 9.15am – 9.45am

Rosary – Monday to Saturday 9.35am

Divine Mercy Chaplet – Friday after Mass

CHURCH CLEANING

This week	D Morgan	P Hogan
Next week	S Chester	H Grosvenor

READERS	5.30pm	8.45am	10.30am
This week	T Hart	G Seymour	N Ritmeyer
Next week	T/J Taylor	G O'Gara	D Walmsley

TEA & COFFEE	A & C Kadow	G Seymour	R Slater
This week		S Chester	C Loughran

Parish Priest: Fr John Cross

Deacon: Rev Mr Stephen Saum, Rev Dr Subhi Zora. Priest in Residence: Fr Paul Dean,

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Head of School Stephen Hainie. Executive Head Louise Flanagan

ST. GEORGE & ST. TERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH DORRIDGE

10th March 2024
4th Sunday of Lent Year B

Dear Parishioners,

These last few days I have enjoyed a break at the Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. The occasion was a retreat for priests led by Bishop Michael Campbell OSA (Order of Augustinians) retired Bishop of Lancaster. The reflections he gave were based on the Servant songs from the prophet Isaiah. It was a gentle week of listening, meditating, praying and celebrating Mass. The weather was mild and the food was plentiful. There were 2 conferences each day as Bishop Campbell spoke about the words of the prophet which foreshadow the passion of Jesus. Isaiah, he said, is sometimes considered to be like a fifth evangelist because so much of the ministry of Christ is revealed in these words. In his reflections on these texts our retreat giver gave many asides, anecdotes and words of encouragement to the priests which were much appreciated. I hope to be able to sprinkle my reflections in sermons or newsletters with some of his words of wisdom. Walsingham has been a place of pilgrimage for those who seek the blessing of Our Lady for a thousand years. I have been visiting the shrine of Our Lady in one way or another since the 1972 and as if being the first in the family to announce the sight of the sea on family holidays of old, so too I feel the same rush of happiness when coming to this place. Here the pilgrim seeks the blessing and faith of Mary, our Mother at the Annunciation. Here we learn to say Yes when God calls us to do his Will. With our strong devotion to Our Lady it would be good for us as a parish family to visit the shrine. In the meantime on this Mothering Sunday we give thanks to God for our mothers and their many sacrifices for us.

Our Lady of Walsingham. Pray for us.

Every Blessing
Fr John

Holy Week

Palm Sunday 24th March: Masses Sat Vigil 5.30pm, Sunday 8.45am and 10.30am.

Penitential Service & Confessions: Tues 26th March at 7pm - up to 6 priests in attendance.

Holy Thursday 7pm Mass of Our Lord's Supper. Watching until 10pm.

Good Friday Morning (Time to be announced): Stations of the Cross for children.

3pm Church Service: Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion.

7.30pm Stations of the Cross.

Holy Saturday 8pm Easter Vigil.

Easter Sunday 8.45am Mass and 10.30am Mass.

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.

Solihull Chandos Choir are holding a concert at Shirley Methodist Church at 3.00 pm on Saturday 23rd March 2014. It is entitled "French Impressions" and includes works by Faure amongst others. Tickets are £15.00 (under 18s free) and are available by phone on 01564 779962 or via the web solihullchandoschoir.org.

Lent course "Finding a Voice" Our Parish **Lent Study Course** in five sessions, continues this **Tuesday 7:30pm** in the Conference Room. All Welcome.
Further details contact: dcn.stephen.saum@rcaob.org.uk

Missio co-ordinator required: We received a lovely letter of thanks from a priest who you sponsored for his training and now serves a parish. Could you help to co-ordinate the promoters? If you wish to speak with Leo (retiring co-ordinator) he is available on 07831 390255.

Could you spare 1 hour every 5 weeks to help to clean the church? Please contact Fr J 01564 772098 or contact the Parish Office by email stgeorge-stteresa.dor-ridge@rcaob.org.uk

Mother's Day cards (10th March) Cards and gifts for your friends and relations, candles, rosettes and badges for **St Patrick's Day** and **Easter Cards**.

First Communion for children at non-Catholic schools: 1st June 10am.
(For children in Year 3 or above) These take place from 11am-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

ARE YOU. New to the parish or have you changed any of your contact details?
Please complete a form for the parish records.

Vacancy: Deputy Diocesan Solicitor: The Archdiocese is looking to appoint an experienced Deputy Diocesan Solicitor to support the Diocesan Solicitor in providing high quality legal advice to the trustees of the Birmingham Diocesan Trust (BDT), colleagues and clergy. The work will from the outset include general property work, particularly title investigation, advice on property issues and queries, agreements relating to property and property transactions. Deadline for applications is Monday 18 March. See the Archdiocese website for more details [Jobs & Volunteering Opportunities | Birmingham Diocesan Trust \(birminghamdiocese.org.uk\)](http://Jobs & Volunteering Opportunities | Birmingham Diocesan Trust (birminghamdiocese.org.uk))

Makes me smile!

Name 2 fish beginning with K.

Killer whale and Kilmarnock (It's a plaice in Scotland).

My car broke down in Southampton near a Hallmark shop. I was between a dock and a card place.

I lost weight by putting bread on my head. It's my loaf hat diet.

Here is a dull but interesting fact. Koi carp swim in groups of four. If attacked koi A, B and C will scatter leaving behind the D koi.

The Institute for Unfinished Research found that 6 out of 10 people

My friend makes crockery disappear. I said, "are you a wizard? No, I'm a saucerer," he said.

My horse will only come out of the stable when it is dark. It is becoming a night mare.

Offertory: 3.3.24 Gift Aid Envelopes £323 Loose Plate £369

Cathedral Maintenance Gift Aid Envelopes £194 Loose Plate £181

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

Many thanks for your generosity. Mass Attendance last weekend 232.

✠ *Please pray for*

For those who housebound or unwell: Tony Parsons, Rod Goodman, Dr John Martin, Joe Stephens, Michael Grosvenor, Dorothy Perkins, Jill Baynham, Pat McGeever, Matthew Gallagher, Jane Cotter, Margaret Cosgrove. as well as our parishioners in hospital and nursing homes.

Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years: Fr Christopher Thornton, Nicola Johnson, Mary Keegan and Joe Edwards. *May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Recently deceased –

Leon Rafnson RIP. His funeral will take place on Wednesday 13th March at 11.30am.

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-sisteresa.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.