

MASSES AND SERVICES

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)

Weekday Services

16.9 Mon	10.00am	Ss Cornelius and Cyprian Tessa Waters RIP (SVP)
17.9 Tue	10.00am	Feria Jim & Bridie Dempsey RIP (AR)
18.9 Wed	12noon	Requiem Mass Norah Maddocks RIP
19.9 Thu	10.00am	Feria Thanksgiving (ME)
20.9 Fri	10.00am	St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions Marian & Anthony Galligan (EMB)
21.9 Sat	10.00am	St Matthew Chi Ogo Birthday Int (CO)

22nd September – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This weekend there will be a second collection for the Fr Hudson's Society.

Saturday	5.30pm	Martin Duffy RIP (ED)
Sunday	8.45am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Norah Maddocks 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	T/J Taylor	G Seymour	R Slater
Next week	N Damms	G O'Gara	J McDonald

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

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

**15th September 2024
24th Sunday of the Year**

Dear Parishioners,

For the last few days we have had an unpleasant taste of winter but I hope this coming week we will see some warmer weather. Today (Sunday) we have the Blessing of Graves starting at 2.30pm at Widney Manor Cemetery. It normally takes about an hour to bless the graves of your loved ones and friends. There will be a few prayers before we start and then the clergy (priests & deacons) will begin. It is always difficult to know where to meet so let us say about halfway down and more towards the right hand side with the entrance to the cemetery behind you and by that tree where you waited last year.

This weekend the Diocese is hosting a National Eucharistic Conference at Oscott College. I haven't said too much about it because only 4 representatives were invited from our Deanery. It is by ticket only. There is more information on the Diocesan website. Here is also another national event called "Evangelii Gaudium" which is about how we proclaim the unique message of the Gospel.

Speaking of the Word of God ...we begin to use the new Lectionary on 1st December. This is the new translation of the Bible for Mass. I have ordered 110 People's Mass Books @ £5.95 each book. As each batch is delivered we shall pay a bill of £654.50 not incl P&P and the cost for the Peoples Mass Book over 3 years is £3927. The Lectionary for the altar is in 4 volumes costing £695 in total. There is also a slightly smaller edition £395 for school Masses and a study edition for the house. The total cost for all our new books is over £5,000. I would welcome single donations for one volume of the lectionary of £174. The donator will be acknowledged in the front cover.

I will have a special envelope collection to cover the cost of these new books. I will provide the envelopes and a date for a weekend in the future when it can be taken.

Every Blessing,
Fr John

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SVP Afternoon Tea cancelled: Please note that there will not be an afternoon tea as usual on Wednesday 18th September. The next afternoon tea will be Wednesday 16th October.

World Day of Prayer: I am looking for preferably 2 people to take over the role of World Day of Prayer for our parish, having been on the committee for many years it's time for me to pass on the baton! Our next meeting is on Wednesday 25th September at 7.30 at the Methodist Church. I shall be present & if anyone would like to accompany me & meet the team please contact Daphne Morgan on 07909 835665.

Christmas Piety Stall Stock – This year, as last year we have 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.

St Peter's Open Evening 2024: Thursday 19th September - 5.30pm - 8pm. The governors, staff and pupils of St Peter's Catholic School extend a warm welcome to all prospective pupils and their families at 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.

Made me smile:

Today is National Procrastination Day. I was going to tell a few jokes but I might now leave it until tomorrow.

Two men walked into a bar and after ordering their drinks got out their packed lunch to eat. "I'm sorry", said the barman, "you cannot eat your own food in here". So they swapped sandwiches.

I went to the local electrical shop and asked if they had a smart speaker. They managed to find a very polite sales assistant in a three piece suit.

Man walks into a hardware shop and asks for a mousetrap but can you hurry please because I need to catch a bus. Salesperson apologises. Sorry sir we don't sell traps that big.

What do Scottish carpenters celebrate on 31st December?
Mahogany.

My inflatable house got a puncture the other day, now I live in a flat.

After eating a meal in the restaurant I asked for the bill, five minutes later the police arrived.

✠ *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, Mariea Crosby RIP.

Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years: Jack Slater, GERALYN O'NEILL, Henry Fenton. *May the souls of the faithful departed, Rest in Peace.*

Offertory: 8.9.24: Gift Aid Envelopes £328, Loose Plate £112. March for Life £285.

Catholic Education Service: Gift Aid Envelopes £110.

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

Mass Attendance last week 179.

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.