

MASSES AND SERVICES

11th February – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This weekend there will be a second collection for Church Maintenance

Saturday	5.30pm	Tim Hegarty RIP (SF)
Sunday	8.45am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Sue Kimberley and family (D&I M)

Weekday Services (Psalter Week 2)

12.2 Mon	10.00am	Feria Betty Perry (KW)
13.2 Tue	10.00am	Feria Janice Murphy (I&D M)
14.2 Wed	10.00am	Ash Wednesday Therese Allibon AK)
	7.30pm	John Martin Int (GMB)
15.2 Thu	10.00am	Thursday after Ash Wednesday Eve Hands Int (T&J T)
16.2 Fri	10.00am	Friday after Ash Wednesday Bobbie Donovan (B&P S)
17.2 Sat	10.00am	Saturday after Ash Wednesday Owen McCaffrey RIP (MW)

18th February – First Sunday of Lent

Saturday	5.30pm	Nicky Musgrave RIP (JM & family)
Sunday	8.45am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	John Gemmell RIP (I&D M)
	4pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (ending at 4.50pm)
	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	R Price	S Simpson-Heath
Next week	P Doyle	A Robinson

READERS	5.30pm	8.45am	10.30am
This week	J Musgrave	V Chapman	N Ritmeyer
Next week	N Damms	G Moroney-Barnett	D Bixby

TEA & COFFEE	P & B	A Robinson	C McLaughlin
This week	Service	P Cheriton	I Blessed

Parish Priest: Fr John Cross

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ST. GEORGE & ST. TERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH
DORRIDGE

11th February 2024
6th Sunday of the Year

Dear Parishioners,

Do you recall your teacher at school saying, "Put your pens down, stop what you are doing, and listen!" This is exactly what we are called to do in the beautiful readings from Scripture which mark the beginning of Lent. "Now.....Now, it is the Lord who speaks..."

So often the reader says these words in a hurry making it sound like some sort of reprimand as they say "Now, now! it is the Lord who speaks." But this is not how this text should be read. No, it is a statement of the present moment as the Lord calls each one of us stop what we are doing and listen. The message of the prophet Joel is: penance and reconciliation.

As with the words of the pop song, "Now is the time to make things right..." Now is what we are called to, not tomorrow, not next week or next month but now. Each of us is invited to turn back to God by using the tools of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is not one or the other but all three which help us to attain the spiritual fitness we need to become ambassadors for Christ. The Gospel of Matthew reminds us that spiritual fitness comes from the efforts we make in our hearts to turn back to the Lord. It is not about public displays of pain and suffering but about our interior disposition to seek forgiveness for our sins. Jesus gave his Church, through Simon Peter, the gift of forgiveness, reconciliation and peace. Forgiveness from God is through the Sacrament of Confession. Through this encounter with Christ we receive the healing Grace of forgiveness. Only Jesus has the power to forgive our sins. Be healed in the Sacrament of Confession. Ash Wednesday Mass is at 10am and 7.30pm. It is a day of fasting and abstinence. Remember the devil will be working overtime!

During Lent try to go to Mass during the week and on Sunday. Go to confession. Pray in whatever way is right for you. The church will be open for quiet prayer during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday afternoon from 4pm to 5pm. The Stations of the Cross will be at 5pm and is about 30 mins.

Every Blessing,
Fr John

Thank you to those who helped to make Confirmation last Sunday such a great occasion for the school and parish combined. Congratulations to the children who received the Sacrament of the Holy Spirit.

There will be Tea and Coffee served in the Parish Centre after Masses this weekend. All welcome.

During Lent

Lent course “Finding a Voice”

Our Lent study course in five sessions, starts on Tuesday 20th February 7:30pm in the Conference Room. All Welcome. There is a course booklet, but it's not essential. The 5 weeks of the course are: God's opening Gambit; Unafraid of Fear; No short cuts; The 'No Discouragement Rule'; Faith in our voice!

Further details contact: dcn.stephen.saum@rcaob.org.uk

CAFOD family fast day: We are hoping to have homemade soup on Friday 23rd February between 12noon and 1pm.

Walk with me booklets are available in the narthex (recommended donation £1).

Proposed Pilgrimage “Footsteps of the Saints” 30 August 2024 to 5 September 2024. This Pilgrimage is being arranged with Monsignor Daniel McHugh as Spiritual Leader. The itinerary includes Lake Iseo, Bergamo, Brescia, Verona, Padua and Venice and we will trace the steps of various Saints including Pope John Paul XXIII, Pope Paul VI, St Anthony and St Mark. Flights are from and to Birmingham at reasonable times. The cost per person sharing is £939 and £1,184 single room. There is an option to visit the opera in Verona which runs until 7 September. If you are interested in joining the Pilgrimage please let me, Fred Slater, know and I will send you the full itinerary. My email address is frederick1310@icloud.com

Job Vacancies: Site Manager at Our Lady of Compassion School and Class Teacher at St Augustine's Primary School. See the OLAAS MAC website for further details and associated documentation [Current Vacancies | Our Lady and All Saints Catholic MAC \(olaas.co.uk\)](http://olaas.co.uk)

Lourdes Pilgrimage: Each May half term, the Archdiocese of Birmingham organises a pilgrimage to Lourdes, in France, for a week of prayer and service at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes. 2024 will be the 82nd Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage. Would you be willing to give up a week of your time to assist sick pilgrims in Lourdes? If so, please email Kathryn, our Chief Nurse, on chiefnurse.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk or visit the Diocesan website for more information.

Calling all Catholic Men! The next men's Rosary in the City Saturday 17th February at 12.00. PLEASE NOTE. This time we will gather in Victoria Square outside the Council House. For any more details contact Ben: 07885505116.

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

First Communion for children at non-Catholic schools: 1st June 10 am.
(For children in Year 3 or above) These will start on Saturday 2nd March from 11 am-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

Makes me smile!

I saw a sign which said, "Dogs must be carried on the escalator." So I had to use the stairs because I don't have a dog.

The inventor of Morse code has passed away: dots to dots, dashes to dashes.

Two snowmen in a field. One says to the other: can you smell carrots?

Offertory: 4.2.24 Gift Aid Envelopes £231 Loose Plate £617
Mass Attendance last weekend 412.

✠ *Please pray for*

For those who are ill: Tony Parsons, Rod Goodman, Dr John Martin, Joe Stephens, Michael Grosvenor, Dorothy Perkins, Jill Baynam, 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: Katherine Fricker, Norman Guice. *May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Recently deceased – Fr Alexander (Sandy) Brown.

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 Finches

That naughty squirrel. Last week we caught Simon Squirrel red-handed in our nest. "What do you think you are doing?" Mr Finch said to him. "I'm looking for my nuts," he replied, "did I hide them in your nest?". "No, you won't find them here. Go and look in the garden under the trees." (Mr Finch can be very stern when he wants to be). Squirrels, as you know, are very forgetful. In the autumn they bury their nuts and scraps of food all over the garden but when winter comes, they cannot remember where. Silly Simon Squirrel! Best tweets from the Finches.

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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.