

MASSES AND SERVICES

17th September – Twenty-fourth Sunday of the Year

This weekend there will be a collection for Catholic Evangelisation

Saturday	5.30pm	(Vigil) George & Margaret Wright RIP (T&J T)
Sunday	8.45am	(Children's Liturgy) People of the Parish
	10.30am	Patricia Foster (Byrne family)

Weekday Services (Week 24. Psalter Week 4)

18.9 Mon	10.00am	Feria Nora Devlin (JG)
19.9 Tue	9.30am	Feria SCHOOL Angela & David Rogers Int
20.9 Wed	10.00am	St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions Fr Michael Ho Int (D&T K)
21.9 Thu	10.00am	St Matthew Jane McTernan (HR)
	1.45pm	Funeral Service Peter Rogers Jones
22.9 Fri	10.00am	Feria Jill Baynham (ML)
23.9 Sat	10.00am	St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) Pat Mullen (Burrell family)

24th September – Twenty-fifth Sunday of the Year

Saturday	5.30pm	(Vigil) Martin Duffy RIP (ED)
Sunday	8.45am	(Children's Liturgy) People of the Parish
	10.30am	Special Int (MP)

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	R Price	S Simpson Heath
Next week	P Doyle	A Robinson

READERS	5.30pm	8.45am	10.30am
This week	B May	J Smith	D Walmsley
Next week	T Hart	G Seymour	D Bixby

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
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
17th September 2023 The Joy of the Gospel

Dear Parishioners,

In preparation for a Jubilee of Prayer in 2025 this Sunday celebrates the **Joy of the Gospel**. These were the words used by Pope Francis during his accession speech to the whole Church. The **Jubilee Year** has the theme of **Pilgrims of Hope**. Our preparation will be to reflect on the four constitutions of the Second Vatican Council which will help us understand the way the Church as an organisation not only guides and deepens the faith we profess but also helps us to proclaim it and evangelise.

I am sure we have all discussed at one time or another the role of the Church in the modern world and how it can communicate our message of hope and joy in God. With many forms of social media, as well as opportunities in our conversations to bring this message to our world, we know we are both pilgrims of hope who profess and believe our faith and missionaries who are called to proclaim it. But most of us feel unqualified to speak with any confidence because we do not always understand the full meaning nor are we confident in speaking about our faith except among our fellow parishioners.

In response to this invitation to prepare for the Jubilee Year let us think about ways our parish can prepare and be involved. The Church in England and Wales has produced a series of videos on the four Constitutions which reflect on the Liturgy, the Word of God, the Church and on its role in the modern world. These can be found on the website of www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday

Last Thursday marked the date of my First Anniversary in the parish and I offered a Mass of Thanksgiving. It has been a year of listening, learning and walking with you. I can even find my way to Sainsbury's without using the sat nav! Moving house has been quite a challenge but I thank you for making me feel as if I had been here all the time!

This weekend we shall have the Blessing of the Graves at Widney Manor Cemetery starting at 2.30pm. I am keeping my fingers crossed about the weather but at least it will not be so packed with people, or as cold and damp, as it was at the end of November last year. We should all find a space to park. I plan to lead a few prayers at the other side of the circle before inviting you to, "stand by your graves." The clergy will make their way to you. If it is absolutely tipping it down I will bless the rain - if it hasn't already blessed me!

Every Blessing

Fr John

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

Children's Liturgy is every Sunday during Term time at 8.45 am in the Parish Hall.

VACANCY: A clerk to governors of St George and St Teresa School is needed. There are usually three meetings a term plus some administrative duties and production of minutes from the meetings. For further information please telephone the school and ask for Mrs Louise Flanagan.

MISSIO Red Box Collections: Please note that your friends from Missio will be calling on you in the coming days. Please have your box ready as all donations are much appreciated in these difficult times. Thank you, Leo.

Offertory: 10.9.23 Envelopes £291 Loose Plate £255
Catholic Education: Envelopes £114 Loose Plate £14
Average weekly offering via standing order and online banking - £680

Blessing of the Graves

Widney Manor Cemetery THIS SUNDAY 17th September at 2.30pm

Knowle Cemetery on Sunday 24th September at 3pm.

Social get-together over tea, coffee and cakes for members of our community on Wednesday 20th September from 2.30pm - 4pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome. Please come along (Arranged by the SVP).

A Session for all Readers has been arranged for Saturday 23rd September at 1.45pm. It should last for no more than an hour. There will be a repeat session in October (date to be arranged) for those who are unable to attend this one. It applies to all readers weekday and Sundays.

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.

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation. For Adults to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Email: stgeorge-stteresa.dorridge@rcaob.org.uk for more information. This is something which can begin at anytime of the year.

Evening Prayer and Benediction in honour of Our Lady of Walsingham on Sunday 24th September at 4pm at Sacred Heart & Holy Souls Church Acocks Green. The time of prayer will be followed by refreshments in the Parish Meeting Room and an opportunity to discover more about supporting the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham through the Walsingham Association. All welcome.

Quiz Night in aid of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham: A charity Quiz Night at Holy Souls Social Club, Acocks Green on Friday 29th September 8.30pm. Come and join the quiz, can you bring a team? Great prizes and complimentary buffet. Proceeds in aid of the Walsingham Association for the upkeep of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham.

✝ *Your Prayers are asked*

For those who are ill or housebound: Fr. Michael Ho, Fr Paul Chavasse, Joe Stephens, Michael Grosvenor, Dorothy Perkins, Jill Baynham, Rita Salloway, Leo Hughes, Tessa Waters and Tony Parsons. 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: Jack Slater, GERALYN O'NEILL, Jim Ryan. *May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Recently deceased – May they rest in peace:

Fr Edwin Cownley, Bridget Butcher, Kevin Diggins,

Peter Francis Jones. (Funeral Service Thurs 21st Sept at 1.45pm.)

Michael Rogers. (Reception at 5pm on Wed 27th Sept and Requiem Thurs 28th at 10.30am.)

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**

Makes you smile!

A friend has just set up a new shop selling drones. I asked if he was selling very many? He said they were flying off the shelves. I hear Greggs are thinking of delivering pastries by drone but it was pie in the sky.

“Doctor, Doctor, I’m addicted to eating sofas and armchairs.” Doctor: “you’ve got a suite tooth.”

Took my car to the garage to pump up the tyres. The air machine cost £1 for 3 minutes. Four months ago it was 50p for 3 minutes. That’s inflation for you!

Guy who owned the local cinema has died. His funeral will be at 12.10, 14.20 and 18.40.

What do you call two birds stuck together? Velcrows.

An Arab went to the dentist. He said drill anywhere I’m feeling lucky!

Small Ads: Two-seater brown leather sofa with reclining seats. Footstool to match. vgc hardly used. Free. Two matching velour fabric armchairs with polished wood armrests and wooden frames. vgc. Refectory/dining table with 6 matching chairs and a separate carver. all vgc. & free to a good home. Ask Fr John.

COMMENCING 12th September
with the showing of the film

**FINDING
A VOICE**

A Study Course based on
THE KING’S SPEECH

HILARY BRAND



First study evening will be 19th
September

In the Parish Centre
Conference Room

All welcome

There is a course book which
many of you may still have, as
we started this the Lent before
we went into lock-down.

*(Further details from Deacon
Stephen 07768 775066)*

Tuesday evenings 7:30pm