

## MASSES AND SERVICES

### 24<sup>th</sup> November – Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

This weekend there will be a collection for Catholic Youth Services.

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	John Rae RIP (MOD)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>10.30am</b>	William Cole (MH)

### Weekday Services

<b>25.11 Mon</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Feria</b> C Furr RIP (JP)
<b>26.11 Tue</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Feria</b> Maureen Gallagher RIP (JG)
<b>27.11 Wed</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Feria</b> Pdraig McCooey RIP (CB)
<b>28.11 Thu</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Feria</b> Family and friends of the Harrisons (MH)
<b>29.11 Fri</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Feria</b> Lambert Family Int (ML)
<b>30.11 Sat</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>St Andrew</b> Holy Souls

### 1<sup>st</sup> December – First Sunday of Advent

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Joan Otte RIP (A&C K)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>10.30am</b>	Janice Murphy RIP (LD)

**Confession Saturday morning 9.15am – 9.45am**

**Rosary – Monday to Saturday 9.35am**

**Divine Mercy Chaplet – Friday after Mass**

### CHURCH CLEANING

<b>This week</b>	M Fitzpatrick	A Robinson
<b>Next week</b>	R Price	S Simpson-Heath

<b>READERS</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	<b>10.30am</b>
<b>This week</b>	E Linker	G Seymour	D Walmsley
<b>Next week</b>	B May	G O'Gara	D Bixby

Parish Priest: Fr John Cross

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

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**ST. GEORGE & ST. TERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**DORRIDGE**                      **24th November 2024**  
**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,**  
**King of the Universe**

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the last Sunday of the liturgical year which began in Advent 2023. As this year draws to a close we think about how our faith has helped us to navigate the path of life. As we look back we see how the fears were overcome, the high points were enjoyed, the memories were formed. We have much to be thankful for as we reach the pinnacle of our liturgical year and so our Mass this Sunday reflects our desire to thank God for sending us his Son to be our Good Shepherd and loving Saviour.

Today is also National Youth Sunday. In the diocese we have the support of the Birmingham Catholic Youth Service BCYS who advise, encourage and lead our young people, as well as clergy, faith leaders and youth leaders. The Kenelm Youth Trust (KYT) administers Alton Castle and provides events for children throughout the diocese. Our Catholic primary school provides a good education and helps to raise our children in the practice of the faith. In our own church, we have Children's Liturgy at the 8.45am Mass on Sunday during term time. Our catechism classes run on Saturday mornings for the children who are not at a Catholic school. Last year we started a Youth SVP group which challenges members to put their faith into action through working on social justice issues.

Every parish is a family of believers. Every family depends on its members to be active in prayer, social activity and Christian charity. As St Francis said, "it is by giving that we receive". Please consider how you, dear reader, can be active in your faith. Over the past year we have lost some volunteers and benefactors. I am grateful for your generosity but mindful of the true cost of discipleship. We need people to be generous with their time. We need altar servers, church cleaners, volunteers to help with children's liturgy, musicians and singers, a volunteer to help with the catechism class, members for the Youth SVP. Every person needs to think: What can I do to help?

Congratulations and celebrations to Ian Morgan and Damien Walmsley who receive an Ubi Caritas award during the 10.30am Mass today in thanksgiving for their help with the work of the Ethnic Chaplaincy led by Mgr McHugh. He will present the award and concelebrate this Mass.

This weekend please take a Walk with Me Booklet. They cost £1 each There is an Advent calendar for children.

Every Blessing,  
Father John.

## **Christmas Services**

**Christmas Carol Service** Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm & seasonal refreshments.

### **Christmas Eve Masses:**

4 pm Mass and Children's tableau of the story of the Nativity.

10 pm Mass (with the liturgy of Midnight Mass)

### **Christmas Day**

8.45 am Mass

10.30 am Mass

**PTFA Christmas Events:** We are holding our school Christmas Boutique for our children in December. We are in desperate need of used but good condition or new items (Toys, candles, books etc) suitable for children, teenagers, mums, dads and grandparents in order to make this event a success. Donations are gratefully received. Please place anything in the box in the narthex (No clothes / shoes please). Thank you. The PTFA.

**FINAL WEEKEND TO SIGN UP FOR THE SVP CHRISTMAS LUNCH:** Christmas lunch Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 1.00pm. There will be a choice of Turkey dinner in gravy or Mediterranean Vegetarian Tart (if neither of these is suitable, please contact us) plus trifle. The cost will be £10 per head to include a glass (or two!) of wine or soft drink and a raffle ticket. All are welcome but we need to know numbers and choices by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or alternatively please email [svpstg@btinternet.com](mailto:svpstg@btinternet.com) or phone Steve on 07740935527 or contact any SVP member, to book your place and advise your meal option, or for further information.

**Christmas Greetings Campaign 2024** – sheets are available in the narthex, detailing this year's list of prisoners of conscience. Please support this campaign by sending a card to one, or more, of the four prisoners on the sheet; at this time of year we can let them know that they are not alone or forgotten. The sheet is compiled from a list provided by Action By Christians Against Torture ([www.acatuk.org.uk](http://www.acatuk.org.uk)) whose aim is to mobilise Christians of all denominations to come together to pray and write letters of appeal. This can often lead to the end of torture, improvement of conditions and release of prisoners. The full ACAT Campaign list of prisoners can be accessed via a link from the home screen on the parish website ([www.catholicchurchdorridge.uk](http://www.catholicchurchdorridge.uk)).

**Assisted Dying Bill:** On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November the eve of the Euthanasia vote, join us for an all night vigil at Sacred Heart and Holy Souls Church Acocks Green. Our prayers are so needed! We begin our Vigil with Mass at 8pm Thursday and ends with Mass at 7.30am Fri 29<sup>th</sup>. Please don't feel obliged to stay all night but your presence and prayers even for an hour would be greatly appreciated for this cause! Let's make a stand that we value human life from Conception to natural death. The vigil will be livestreamed.

**Hampton Singers** invite you to a festive afternoon of Christmas music and readings in the beautiful setting of St Mary's Church Temple Balsall on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 3 pm. Tickets at £15 including refreshments can be purchased on the door or online at [www.hamptonsingers.co.uk](http://www.hamptonsingers.co.uk)

**The Chosen** – Series 4 continues in the Parish Centre Conference Room on Wednesday at 7.30pm.

**Confirmations Class:** The Confirmation Classes have now begun for children in Year 6 and over who attend non-Catholic Schools in the parish. Contact Fr John asap for late starters. [stgeorge-stteresa.dorrige@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stgeorge-stteresa.dorrige@rcaob.org.uk)

**St Peter's Catholic School newsletter** can be found on the website:  
[www.st-peters.solihull.sch.uk/latest-news](http://www.st-peters.solihull.sch.uk/latest-news)

**Blessing of Graves:** Robin Hood Cemetery: Sunday 24th November 2pm.

**Made me smile:**

Did you hear about the new restaurant on the moon? Great food, no atmosphere.

My grandmother reached 100 yesterday. That's the last time I let her drive when she is late for bingo.

Police have arrested the world tongue twister champion. The police say he will receive a tough sentence.

Did you hear about the couple who eloped to Torquay? It was a marriage made in Devon.

✠ *Please pray for*

**The housebound & the sick:** Janet Zora, Arthur Uzell, Fr. Michael White, Tony Parsons, Rod Goodman, Dr John Martin, Joe Stephens, Michael Grosvenor, Dorothy Perkins, Jill Baynham, Matthew Gallagher, Jane Cotter, Margaret Cosgrove and Jesse Cusack Morris, as well as parishioners in nursing homes and hospital.

**Rest in Peace:** Mgr. Graham Wilkinson, Johnny Pullen, Antoinette Bushell.

**Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years:** Mary Crossley, Kathleen Bourke, Janice Murphy. *May the souls of the faithful departed, Rest in Peace.*

**Offertory:** 17.11.24: Gift Aid Envelopes £165, Loose Plate £307.

Church Maintenance Fund: Gift Aid Envelopes £191, Loose Plate £191

Av standing order and online per week £620. Many thanks for your support.

Mass Attendance last week: 222.

**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](mailto:oksanazurak@gmail.com)**

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