

MASSES AND SERVICES

1st December – First Sunday of Advent

Saturday	5.30pm	Deceased members of the Otte family (A&C K)
Sunday	8.45am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Janice Murphy RIP (LD)

Weekday Services

2.12 Mon	10.00am	Advent Feria Mr & Mrs J J Gallagher RIP (JG)
3.12 Tue	10.00am	St Francis Xavier Alina (AA)
4.12 Wed	10.00am	Advent Feria Helen Johnson and Family (MM)
5.12 Thu	10.00am	St Birinus Jeremy Turner (SZ)
6.12 Fri	10.00am	Advent Feria Janet Zora Int (EMB)
7.12 Sat	10.00am	St Ambrose Joan Otte RIP (AK)

8th December – Second Sunday of Advent

This weekend there will be a collection for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese

Saturday	5.30pm	Tommy Cardall RIP
Sunday	8.45am	Moroney Barnett Thanksgiving (MOD)
	10.30am	John Gemmell RIP (EG)

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	E Linker	E Parker

READERS	5.30pm	8.45am	10.30am
This week	B May	G O'Gara	D Bixby
Next week	T Hart	School	M Heap

TEA & COFFEE	M Lambert	V Chapman	D Morgan
Next Week	H Grosvenor		M Harris

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 **1st December 2024**
First Sunday of Advent Year C



Dear Parishioners,

Advent has a twofold character. It is a time of preparation for Christmas as we celebrate the first coming of Jesus in the Nativity. We also think about the second coming of Christ at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.

This Advent we also begin a time of preparation for the Jubilee. In his prayer intention for December Pope Francis asks us to pray that this Jubilee Year may strengthen our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope. There are Walk with Me Booklets for Advent and a booklet has also been prepared for the Jubilee. The parish is invoiced for these texts so it would be helpful if you could give a £1 contribution for each booklet.

Thank you to all who have helped to provide Mass books for the congregation and the sanctuary. The dedication stickers are a work in progress, and I hope this can be completed by the New Year. Thank you to those readers who attended our meeting last Saturday. There are some spare leaflets in the sacristy for the readers.

Thank you to our flower arrangers who arrange beautiful and artistic displays of flowers throughout the year. You can contribute to the Christmas flower collection on 15th December.

Next Sunday afternoon at 4pm we have our Christmas Carol Concert followed by refreshments in the hall.

Every Blessing,
Father John.

Next Sunday: Christmas Carol Service 8th December at 4pm & afterwards seasonal refreshments in the parish hall.

Christmas Eve Masses:

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

10.00 pm Mass (with the liturgy of Midnight Mass)

Christmas Day

8.45 am Mass

10.30 am Mass



SVP Christmas Lunch Wednesday 4th December 1.00pm: We have had an excellent response to the above with 70 attending. We are very pleased that this includes 10 of our Ukrainian friends and Nick will be also on hand to sell some of his Ukrainian calendars and Christmas gifts. We are ordering just a few extra portions of food just in case anyone still wants to come and if so please phone Steve on 07740935527. This year we have decided to give any profits made to an SVP project in Druids Heath, Birmingham, one of the poorest areas in the country, who are looking for donations of electric throws to keep warm some of their elderly residents who live in very poor accommodation and many having to choose between food and heating. The cost of a throw is £40 and they cost 4p an hour to run so a very cheap way to keep warm.

The Chosen: Season 4 of the Chosen has now finished so no more till next year hopefully before Christmas we will show a short film about the birth of Christ once we have confirmed dates and times.

St George and St Teresa School PTFA Christmas Event: We are holding a school Christmas Boutique for our children in December. We are in desperate need of 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.

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) 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).

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 14th December at 3 pm. Tickets at £15 including refreshments can be purchased on the door or online at www.hamptonsingers.co.uk

Made me smile:

- *I've just joined the Bugs Bunny Fan club. The application form was a Whats App. Doc.
- * I hate Black Friday. I ordered four Kindles on Amazon and they sent me a Two Ronnies DVD.
- * Driving past a prison the other day I saw a 3 foot man in an orange jumpsuit abseiling down the wall. I thought, that's a little condescending.
- * A local baker in Scotland had a sign in the shop window, "Cakes £5 and Meringues £2.50." I pointed at one on display and said, "Is that a cake or a meringue?" The assistant replied, "Yes that's a cake and ye urnae wrang."
- * What is made from leather and sounds like a sneeze? A shoe.
- * The doctor has just prescribed me some anti gloating cream. I can't wait to rub it in.
- * I went to the doctor and said I cannot pronounce my f's and t's. He said you cannot say fairer than that.

✠ *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.

Recently deceased: Molly Clarke, Antoinette Bushell.

Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years: Michael Gannon, Rosaleen Rafnson, Peggy Jones, Ann Hunt. *May the souls of the faithful departed, Rest in Peace.*

Offertory: 24.11.24: Gift Aid Envelopes £315, Loose Plate £164.
Catholic Youth Service: Gift Aid Envelopes £182, Loose Plate £104
Av standing order and online per week £620. Many thanks for your support.
Mass Attendance last week: 218.

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.