

## MASSES AND SERVICES

### The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Alan & Margaret Smith (PAS)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>10.30am</b>	Mgr Noel Farman (SZ)

#### Weekday Masses & Intentions

10.2 Mon	10.00am	<b>St Scholastica</b> Helen Johnson & Family (MM)
11.2 Tue	10.00am	<b>Feria</b> Rose McCaffrey RIP Anniv (MW)
12.2 Wed	10.00am	<b>Feria</b> Chris Bullivant RIP (AR & AK)
13.2 Thu	10.00am	<b>Feria</b> Ros Hall RIP (F&R S)
14.2 Fri	10.00am	<b>Ss Cyril and Methodius</b> Rita Fearnhead RIP (AR)
15.2 Sat	10.00am	<b>Our Lady on Saturday</b> Tommy Griffin RIP (ED)

### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Isabel Cusack RIP (PM)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>10.30am</b>	Margaret Bixby & family (DB)

**Confession Saturday morning 9.15am – 9.45am**  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Saturday 9am-9.50am**  
**Rosary – Monday to Friday 9.35am Saturday 10.30am**  
**Divine Mercy Chaplet – Friday after Mass**

#### CHURCH CLEANING

<b>This week</b>	M Wilkes	P Wilkes
<b>Next week</b>	D Morgan	P Hogan

#### READERS

	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	<b>10.30am</b>
<b>This week</b>	J Musgrave	School	R Slater
<b>Next week</b>	N Damms	G O'Gara	J McDonald

#### TEA & COFFEE

<b>This week</b>	T & J Taylor	V Wilson M Buckle	C McLaughlin I Blessed
------------------	--------------	----------------------	---------------------------

Parish Priest: Fr John Cross

Deacon: Rev Mr Stephen Saum, Rev Dr Subhi Zora. Priest in Residence: Fr Paul Dean,  
 The Presbytery, 337 Station Road, Dorridge, Solihull, B93 8EZ. Tel: 01564 772098

email: [stgeorge-stteresa.dorridge@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stgeorge-stteresa.dorridge@rcaob.org.uk) Website : [www.catholicchurchdorridge.uk](http://www.catholicchurchdorridge.uk)

All church services are Live streamed via website & You Tube. Registered as a Charity No. 23421  
 St George and St Teresa School, Mill Lane, Bentley Heath, Solihull, B93 8PA. Tel: 01564 774906  
 Head of School Stephen Hainie. Executive Head Louise Flanagan

# Saint George and Saint Teresa of the Child Jesus, Catholic Church

Serving Dorridge, Bentley Heath, Knowle & Hockley Heath

Jubilee Year 2025 Pilgrims of Hope

The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 9th February

Dear Parishioners,

At the 8.45am Mass today we welcome the children from Year 3 and their parents who will make their commitment to the First Holy Communion programme. The children will be preparing for two sacraments. They will make their First Confession first, and then their First Holy Communion. We ask parents to make a special effort to bring their children to Mass on a Sunday and bring them forward to the front benches to watch and participate in the prayers. I would like the parents to bring their children to Holy Communion to receive a blessing from the priest or deacon. It is an essential part of their training

Many congratulations to the St George & St Teresa School Girl's football team of Y5 and 6 who won their league cup last week. The final score was a resounding 7-3. Didn't they do well? When people say a few footballers live in Dorridge I can yes and some of them attend our school!

In a world where we seem to be fed a diet of bad and sad news it is good to have something to celebrate. Our school is a "Good" school and I hope all new parents will seek a place for their child. With the cost of fees for independent schools now being so expensive I expect there will soon be many more applications.

I have left my request for helpers on the next page of our newsletter. As I mentioned at Mass I am thinking about succession for those who have given many years of loyal service to our parish community. The Holy Spirit engenders in us a sense of service to enrich the community. I think of the many young people who found success because of the opportunities they received. For example, sometimes singers who began in their church choir go on to become pop stars, readers find their voice in drama, flower arrangers find a career in home design or fashion, cleaners and gardeners who realised they could set up a business. One of my former parishioners was made redundant and did not know what to do. We chatted about it and I helped him set up a business called "Just call Richard". He started with DIY and general help, putting up shelves and curtain rails etc and the business thrived. Helping in church helps people find themselves

because through their generosity the Holy Spirit helps them to discover their skills. Your help is a blessing for us all. Your time is God's time. What God gives to you is blessed and transformed into something very special, like the water transformed into wine, it is God's miracle.

Every Blessing  
Fr John

How can I support **my** parish family? We now look to all members of the parish, young and old, to support the mission of the parish Here are the areas where need for more help.

- altar servers
- helpers for the Catechism Class
- Children's liturgy on Sunday at 8.45am Mass
- Church cleaning
- Refreshments after mass once a month
- Singers
- Welcomers and stewards on Sundays, funerals and special days.

**Tea and Coffee** – will be served after all Masses this weekend. Do come and join us in the Parish Centre.

**Isabel Cusack:** Many thanks to all who assisted and attended Isabel's Funeral. I have left a few Orders of Service and prayer cards in the porch. May she Rest in Peace. Amen.

**SVP Afternoon Tea Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2.15pm:** Please note the slightly earlier start time for afternoon teas from now on. In addition to the usual tea/coffee and cakes we will be very pleased to welcome local singer, raconteur and poet Alan Tumber and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible to what should be a very entertaining afternoon.

**Men's Rosary in the City:** Saturday 22nd February 12.00 - Chamberlain Square by the fountain. We are called to be a shining light in the darkness and to be a witness to all nations. Join a growing movement of men who peacefully go into the heart of Birmingham and kneel down in front of a statue of Our Lady to pray for our city, nation, and for men to live out their God given vocation as protector, defender and servant. For more information contact Ben – 07885505116.

**200 Club Winners** Congratulations to the December Draw lucky winners:  
£500 to R Bishop £50 to E Slater £15 each to J Treacy, M Walker and K Murray.  
Cheques can be collected from the sacristy.

‡ *Please pray for*

**The housebound & the sick:** Jeremy Hawker, 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:** Eric Ewing, Hélène Philomena Morgan, Isabel Cusack.

**Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years:** Bill Cullen.

*May the souls of the faithful departed, Rest in Peace.*

**Offertory:** 2.2.25: Gift Aid Envelopes £418, Loose Plate £308.

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

Mass Attendances last Sunday: 204

**Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope:** See Fr Rob Taylerson on You Tube and parish website.

**Made me smile**

My wife painted the hallway this morning, but she's struggling a bit with the front door. That's where I come in.

My maths teacher asked me, "What's a Cube Root?" I answered, "A square carrot?".

What do you call a pointless large mammal? ..... Its irrelephant.....

I've started eating low fat curries, they keep your tikka healthier.

My wife said I should get some aftershave. I thought I'd try that Diesel. Doesn't smell great but it's less than 1.50 a litre

I've been ripped off, I've paid a carpenter to make me a double bed and he's done a bunk!

Whilst on a walk this morning I met a farmer who fed his pregnant pig Marmite. Last week she had 12 Twiglets.

**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)**

*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](mailto:sg.stgeorge-stteresa.dorridge@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.*