

## MASSES AND SERVICES

### 6th 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)

### Weekday Masses & Intentions

<b>17.2 Mon</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Feria</b> Owen McCaffrey RIP Anniv (MW)
<b>18.2 Tue</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Feria</b> Isabel Cusack RIP (PM)
<b>19.2 Wed</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Feria</b> Albert Bliss (ML)
<b>20.2 Thu</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Feria</b> Lena Booth RIP (EMB)
<b>21.2 Fri</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Feria</b> M Duggan Int (CL)
<b>22.2 Sat</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Chair of St Peter</b> Michael & Laura return to good health (MW)

### 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 23rd February 2025

This weekend there will be a second collection for the Church Maintenance Fund

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Nicky Musgrave RIP Anniv (JM)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>10.30am</b>	Phili Price RIP Anniv (RP)

**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>	D Morgan	P Hogan
<b>Next week</b>	H Grosvenor	S Chester

<b>READERS</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	<b>10.30am</b>
<b>This week</b>	N Damms	G O'Gara	J McDonald
<b>Next week</b>	M O'Dwyer	E Moroney Barnett	D Walmsley

Parish Priest: Fr John Cross

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



Dear Parishioners,

Last week I attended several meetings on behalf of the parish. On Monday evening (on my day off) the Churches Together in Knowle, Dorridge and Bentley Heath met at the Dorridge Methodist Church in Mill Road. The meeting reviewed joint events since last October. I am grateful to Deacon's Stephen and Subhi for representing us at these services. The pulpit swap for Christian unity week was well received by the participating churches. There will be pancakes at the Methodist Church at their afternoon tea party on Shrove Tuesday. There will be a joint service to reaffirm the Covenant on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October at the URC church in Station Road. I can vouch for their warm hospitality and chocolate biscuits. We all liked the idea of a Passion Play for Easter 2026. Some churches will be running a Lent discussion meeting. There are hopes for an Eco talk and a request for speakers. The next Churches Together meeting is on 18<sup>th</sup> June.

The Deanery Meeting on Tuesday last week saw the parishes in Birmingham North and East meet at Olton Friary. We were reminded that the churches in our cluster (Dorridge, Shirley, Solihull, and Olton Friary) need to work together on achieving the Diocesan vision of **Evangelisation, Formation, Liturgy and Worship** and **Social Outreach**. With a focus on *young people and families, Co-responsibility, and care for creation*. The question is how? We shall also be soon needing representatives from the laity to participate in discussions concerning the future for our churches.

Before the next Deanery meeting in March our cluster (clergy meeting together) will be required to propose which properties to keep and which to dispose of, or repurpose in terms of our presbyteries, churches, and parish halls. Deciding factors will be where a parish is operating at a deficit, where property and energy costs cannot be met, where repairs of properties is higher than a parish can afford, where Sunday attendance is less than one hundred. Other considerations are the declining number of clergy, if the parish lose their priest he might not be replaced. The good news is we are not in any of these categories. Our task is to grow the parish and remain self-supporting and sustainable.

Some more good news is the SVP Tea Party next Wednesday. It is always a very enjoyable afternoon.

Every Blessing  
Fr John

**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.

**First Holy Communion Catechism Class.** These will begin on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 12noon in the conference room of the Parish Centre. Please contact [roskelca@gmail.com](mailto:roskelca@gmail.com)

**Jubilee Year 2025 Pilgrims of Hope** “An Invitation to Begin Again” (Pope Francis 11 January) Ethnic Chaplaincies and Eastern Churches Intercultural Mass To mark the Solemnity of Pentecost Saturday 7 June 2025 12 noon Praying for Priestly Vocations Celebrant: Bishop David Evans Our Lady and St Brigid’s Church, Northfield. Confirmation of Attendance and further information: Mgr Daniel McHugh 07812 110 640.

**Marriage Care:** Our marriage preparation and support service enables couples to nurture faithful and fruitful marriages that last, as we draw on Catholic Christian tradition and contemporary research to help couples focus on the quality of their relationship with each other. Through our relationship counselling service we accompany, with compassion and practical wisdom, couples who find themselves in need of support on their journey. [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk)

**Vacancies:** The Archdiocese is recruiting for the following four positions: Operations Director, IT Manager, Finance Manager and Gift Aid Officer. Full details and closing dates can be found at [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs). If you think you have the skills, please do apply.

**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.

✠ *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:** Kathleen Quayle, Nicky Musgrave, Mariangela Byrne, Katherine Fricker, Norman Guice, Dena Clare, Mary Mee, Simon Worthington, Leon Rafnson.

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

**Offertory:** 9.2.25: Gift Aid Envelopes £305, Loose Plate £184.

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

Mass Attendances last Sunday: 274.

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

### **Made me smile**

10 minutes I spent waving to my neighbour this morning before I realized she was cleaning her windows.

Don't throw sodium chloride at people. That's a salt.

Evolution is a funny old thing, I mean, a tail on a whale? That's got to be a fluke.

A spate of burglaries in a local stable has resulted in the theft of horse bits. ... and I got that from the horse's mouth!

A thief broke into my house last night. He started searching for money so I woke up and searched with him.

We named our baby butter. Soon after getting home we received a call from the hospital to say we had been given the wrong child. We can't believe it's not Butter.

My microwave lasagne instructions read 'remove packaging and film'...but didn't tell me where to send the video!

We needed our hallway decorated and got someone local in. I got chatting to him and found out he is a Ryanair pilot and does a bit of decorating on the side to make ends meet...To be fair he did a great job on the landing!

I've got two cats and they are called 1 and 2. If 1 runs off I still have 2....

**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.*