

MASSES AND SERVICES

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord - 12th January 2025

Saturday	5.30pm	Bridget Desmond RIP (MM)
Sunday	8.45am	Church Cleaners Intentions
	10.30am	People of the Parish

Weekday Masses

13.1 Mon	10.00am	Feria Dedrie Finn RIP (SF)
14.1 Tue	10.00am	Feria Margaret Griffiths RIP (VC)
15.1 Wed	10.00am	Feria Pearsall family and friends (MP)
16.1 Thu	10.00am	Feria Majmunah (MG and family)
17.1 Fri	10.00am	St Anthony Mary Ormsby wellbeing (T&J T)
18.1 Sat	10.00am	Feria Watt family Int (JL)

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 19th January 2025

Saturday	5.30pm	Roland and Margaret Taylor RIP (T&J T)
Sunday	8.45am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Tim Hegarty RIP (SF)

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

CHURCH CLEANING

This week	M Fitzpatrick	A Robinson
Next week	R Price	S Simpson Heath

READERS	5.30pm	8.45am	10.30am
This week	E Linker	G Moroney-B	D Bixby
Next week	B May	J Smith	M Heap

TEA & COFFEE

This Week	B&P Service	M&S Worrell	O Zurak Pauline Hogan
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Parish Priest: Fr John Cross

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Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Year

12th January 2025

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. For most of us the Sacrament of Baptism was celebrated by our parents and family when we were a few weeks or months old. It is the first Sacrament of our initiation into the Christian faith. At first it is our parents and Godparents who take on the responsibility to bring their child up in the knowledge and practice of the faith. Practice of faith is not just about being nice to people but about coming to church and becoming an integral member and active part of the community. The sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation complete the process of initiation so that the grace of receiving Jesus at Mass shows our understanding of how his passion, death and resurrection has saved us. By the grace we receive from frequent Holy Communion and from the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation we are prepared to go out to the whole world to proclaim the Good News. It gladdens my heart that these wonderful Sacraments of the Church are received by the children of our parish. On 26th January Bishop David Evans will be conferring the gifts of the Holy Spirit on the children from our Year 6 class at school and the catechism class. This will be at the 10.30am Mass on Sunday. Please keep them in your prayers.

Next Saturday we begin the octave of prayer for Christian Unity. The churches in our neighbourhood are Knowle Parish Church (KPC), the United Reform Church, the Methodist Church, St Philips and St James Anglican Church and not forgetting our church. Last year a joint service was arranged at KPC at 11am on Sunday. This year it was announced by email that we should preach in each other's churches. Unfortunately this is not possible at a Catholic Mass although perfectly feasible at a joint ecumenical service. I hope this might be possible next year. The prayer of Christian Unity is that "we may be one". The words are from Jesus in the Gospel of John. We shall have a Mass for Christian Unity and pray each day for our fellow Christians and Church Leaders from next Saturday 18th – 25th inclusive.

This weekend there will be hot drinks in the hall after Mass. Come and meet your fellow parishioners.

Every Blessing,
Fr John

Christmas Giving Tree: The SVP would like to thank all parishioners for their great generosity in supporting this year's appeal. Over **200** Christmas gifts were delivered to the school and parishioners of St Vincent's in Nechells. From an SVP perspective, it is a great joy and privilege to be involved in such an initiative. Thank you for your continuing support and happy New Year!

SVP Afternoon Tea 2.30 15th January Parish Centre: Our next tea is Wednesday 15/1/25 at the usual time of 2.30pm. In addition to the abundance of tea/coffee and cakes we are very pleased to confirm that one of the Dorrige councillors, Sally Tomlinson, has agreed to come and speak for 30/45 minutes and talk about her role and how the council works and any interesting issues. So it will be good to see as many of you as possible. If you have not been before then perhaps a good way to start the new year as this is a very relaxed and social occasion, with a chance to meet others!

200 Club Annual Subscription £15: Subscriptions for 2024 were due on 31st December. If you do not pay by standing order please send or deliver a cheque to the presbytery. Please write "200" Club on the back of your cheque. Alternatively, you can pay by bank transfer using TTC as the reference; please contact the parish if you need our bank details. If you would like to join the 200 Club, application forms are available in the narthex.

✠ *Please pray for*

The housebound & the sick: Jeremy Hawker, Isabel Cusack, 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: Christine Bullivant, Mary Gilligan.

Fr Fred Sheldon, Parish Priest of St Augustine's 1981-1991: Fr Fred's body will be received into St Augustine's Church, Station Road, Solihull, B91 3TG on Tuesday 21st January at 6pm, followed by the celebration of Holy Mass. The Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday 22nd January at 12 noon. Archbishop Bernard Longley will preside.

Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years: Dennis O'Keeffe, Paul Pollok, Jim Carrico, Freda Turton, Margaret Igoe, John Connor, Pauline Murphy, Stella Smith.
May the souls of the faithful departed, Rest in Peace.

Offertory: 29.12.24: Gift Aid Envelopes £277, Loose Plate £151.

5.1.25: Gift Aid Envelopes £253, Loose Plate £189.

Crib Collection for Mary's Meals £279.

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

Mass Attendances last Sunday (snow) 157.

Diocesan Directories £5

Jubilee: For more information about the Jubilee check out the parish website.

2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrimage – there will be a Pilgrimage to Puglia from 9 September 2025 to 16 September 2025 with Monsignor McHugh as Spiritual Leader. The itinerary includes visits to Bari (St Nicholas), Alberobello (St Anthony), San Giovanni Rotondo (Padre Pio Shrine), Trani (also St Nicholas), Lecce (St Oronzo), Matera (Madonna della Bruna) and Pietrelcina (birthplace Padre Pio). Flights are from and to Birmingham via Naples. Cost is £995 per person sharing or £1,195 single. If you are interested in joining the Pilgrimage please let me, Fred Slater, know and I will send you a full itinerary. My email address is: frederick1310@icloud.com

And finally....**Makes me smile**

Missing: Two year old black and white cat with green collar. Very intelligent. Felix, if you are reading this please come home!

Does having a cake in each hand count as a balanced diet?

Severe weather warning. The AA has said anyone travelling in icy conditions should take a blanket, shovel, extra clothing, a hot drink, 24hour supply of food, de-icer, petrol can, first aid kit and jump leads. I felt like a right idiot on the bus!

According to the recent survey by the Academy of Incomplete Research, nine out of ten people are.

Just had my Christmas Dinner. These slow cookers are rubbish.

How do chickens write? With ball point hens.

Cold comfort. My car wouldn't start this morning. I looked under the bonnet and saw a bat sitting on the engine block. He said, "Good day to your Sir and might I say how handsome you look today. I knew the problem straight away; bat flattery.

I was at the bus stop this morning and an elderly lady said to me, "isn't it cold today?", I said, "Yes winter draws on." She said, "Mind your own business young man."

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.