

MASSES AND SERVICES

27th October – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This weekend there is a second collection for Church Maintenance Fund

Saturday	5.30pm	Cate and Mark Bullen Wedding Anniversary (SF)
Sunday	8.45am	Private Int (EF)
	10.30am	People of the Parish

Weekday Services

28.10 Mon	10.00am	Ss Simon & Jude Andrew Wilson Int (JG)
29.10 Tue	10.00am	Feria John O'Neill RIP (PM)
30.10 Wed	10.00am	Feria Barry Clark RIP (T&J T)
31.10 Thu	10.00am	Feria Brendan Cummins RIP (Fr J)
<u>1.11 Fri</u>	<u>10.00am</u>	Solemnity of All Saints Dcn Paul Grosvenor RIP (HG)
	<u>7.30pm</u>	People of the Parish
2.11 Sat	10.00am	All the Faithful Departed Sick friends & family (Ocho family)

3rd November – Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

This weekend there is a second collection for the Johnson Association

Saturday	5.30pm	Marian Lambert 80 th Birthday Int (Friends)
Sunday	8.45am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Fr Bernard McDermott Int (D&I M)

Confession Saturday morning 9.15am – 9.45am

Rosary – Monday to Saturday 9.35am

Divine Mercy Chaplet – Friday after Mass

CHURCH CLEANING

This week	M Harris	T Lester
Next week	M Wilkes	P Wilkes

READERS

	5.30pm	8.45am	10.30am
This week	T/J Taylor	C Saum	C Loughran
Next week	J Musgrave	G Moroney Barnett	R Slater

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**

27th October 2024

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

I am pleased to say the new Lectionaries have arrived and it is good to hopefully protect them in the years ahead. As I mentioned in a previous newsletter, I would like to invite contributions to help to cover the cost of these various tomes and I have put together a form for those who would like to have their name or intentions included on a text. For the altar there are four volumes. Volume one is for Sundays and Feasts, volumes two and three for weekdays and Saints and volume four covers votive Masses. There is a slightly smaller chapel edition for use at school or services outside the church. This also has four volumes.

I have purchased a Book of the Gospels to replace the existing copy which will become obsolete when we begin the new translation on First Sunday of Advent. There will be a study edition for the clergy which we will keep in the presbytery.

The People's Mass Book will be what we shall use for the parishioners. This will replace the current edition. I have ordered one hundred of these at £4.95 a copy. Plus, three large print versions and dust jackets. Over a period of three years, we will build up our stock. I plan to put a sticky label into the inside of the cover and if anyone would like a special intention to help to cover the cost of one book this would be much appreciated. There will be six separate books to cover the three-year cycle of readings as we have now. If you gave £30 this would cover the cost of all the books used in a three-year cycle. I have looked at all the options available and overall, this works out as the cheapest. I have put together a form to complete if you would like to help to purchase a book and have the name of a loved one remembered and prayed for the next 50 years. So, it is quite a good deal in this respect.

I still need one or more parishioners to volunteer for our Catechism Class. This is for one hour on a Saturday morning from 11am to 12noon. If you have a free hour, I know I can say that you will get more out of this far than you put in.

This coming Friday 1st November is the Feast of All Saints. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass Times are at 10am in the morning and 7.30pm in the evening. The following day is the Feast of All Souls and there will be one Mass at 10am on Saturday morning.

The local Catholic parishes of St George and St Teresa, St Augustine, Our Lady of the Wayside, Blessed Robert Grissold and Olton Friary are the members of the new cluster. The Archbishop wants us to focus on how we can work together. We are planning a SWOT analysis: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. Being still relatively new to the parish I would welcome your thoughts.

It has crossed my mind that we might have a parish magazine. Would anyone like to help? We have many interesting people, lots of events and occasions, our school connections,

former parishioners, new parishioners and so on. Too much for the weekly newsletter. I was thinking of three editions a year.

I hope you all enjoy the half term holidays.

Every Blessing, Fr John



There is a weekend coming up soon 29 November - 1 December at The Ibis Hotel, Rugby.

For the past 50 years Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been offering marriage enrichment experiences all around the world. Focused on couples who want to enrich their relationship and discover God's desire for their marriage. The Marriage Encounter weekend and online experience are an opportunity to explore your relationship at a deeper, more intimate level, regardless of how long you have been together. To find out more or book an experience: Go to wwme.org.uk or click on the link.



Confirmations Class: Register now for the Confirmation Class for children in Year 6 and over who attend non-Catholic Schools in the parish. Please send contact details and name of the child to Fr John at our parish email address.

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St Peter's Catholic School Sixth Form Open Evening – Thursday 14th November 6pm – 8pm. Our current Year 11 are most welcome, as are students from other schools. Headteacher's address at 6.10pm and 7.10pm.

St George and St Teresa Catholic Primary School - Open Morning.

November 5th 9.30 am – 10.30 am. Prospective parents are warmly invited to attend our Open Morning. Spend time in our Foundation Key Stage and see how our youngest pupils enjoy their learning through play based, focused and independent activities across all areas of the curriculum. You will have an opportunity to meet with staff informally and ask any questions you may have.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2025 is the Year of Jubilee and Archbishop Bernard invites you to come with us: "It's a great experience to be together with upwards of 700 fellow pilgrims." The pilgrimage dates are: Sat 24 – Fri 30 May 2025, and you can now express your interest in a place or get more information by scanning the QR code on your phone, or by visiting www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes.



Singers Wanted! Christmas is just round the corner and the choir will be meeting for rehearsals on a Thursday evening starting 31st October 7.30pm. If you enjoy singing, please come and join us - no experience needed! You are welcome to sing with us just for the Carol Service if you prefer. However, we also very much welcome anyone who would like to join us to support the 10.30 Mass on a Sunday on a more regular basis. If you would like to know more, please get in touch with Carolyn Roskell on 07985 217553.

Keep an eye on your valuables. Do not leave items unattended.

Holy Souls Envelopes are in the Narthex. Please put in the envelope the names of your deceased family and friends for whom you wish to pray. These will be placed in a basket near the altar during the month of November. Hand in to the sacristy or post through the presbytery letter box (please do not ring the bell).

Blessing of Graves -

Brandwood End Sunday 3rd November 2pm
Widney Manor 1 Sunday 10th November 2pm
Lawn 001-673, Lawn 674-1411, Lawn 2353-3433 and children's graves. i.e. from the car park to the roundabout by children's area and including Lawn 2353-3433.
Widney Manor 2 Sunday 17th November 2pm
Lawn 3450-3525, Lawn 3530 – ongoing, i.e. from the roundabout to the railway line.
Robin Hood Sunday 24th November 2pm

The Chosen – will start again, episode 4 on the 30th of October. All are welcome.

A Dana Good Christmas: Dana and Grimethorpe Colliery Band play Town Hall, Birmingham on 22nd Dec at 3.30pm. Visit bmusic.co.uk and a special 10% discount for parishioners is available by quoting CHOIR10. Do not miss this Christmas spectacular!

Made me smile:

I tried to take my pet clam for a walk but it is hard to walk anywhere with a pulled mussel.

Why are cow's dairy intolerant? Because they lack toes!

I got mild road rage in Cairo. My wife said I should toot and calm down.

✠ Please pray for

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

Rest in Peace: Rita Terry, Johnny Pullen.

Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years: Paul Byrne, Mary King, Lawrence Jones, Marilyn Smythe, Paul Grosvenor. *May the souls of the faithful departed, Rest in Peace.*

Offertory: 20.10.24: Gift Aid Envelopes £336, Loose Plate £205.

Missio: Gift Aid Envelopes £223, Loose Plate £147.

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

Mass Attendance last week: 194.

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-steresa.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.