

MASSES AND SERVICES

20th October – Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This weekend there is a second collection for Missio.

Saturday	5.30pm	Michael Kelly RIP (MH)
Sunday	8.45am	Bernard Hole RIP (FL)
	10.30am	People of the Parish

Weekday Services

21.10 Mon	10.00am	Feria Henietta Coyle RIP (PM)
22.10 Tue	10.00am	St John Paul II Johnny Pullen Int (DK)
23.10 Wed	10.00am	Feria Colin Humphries RIP (AA)
24.10 Thu	10.00am	Feria Fr Bernard McDermott Golden Jubilee Int (ML)
25.10 Fri	10.00am	Feria Jayne Rookes (SH)
26.10 Sat	10.00am	Our Lady on Saturday Aisha A Int (Ocho family)

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 Ann (SF)
Sunday	8.45am	Private Int (EF)
	10.30am	People of the Parish

Confession Saturday morning 9.15am – 9.45am

Rosary – Monday to Saturday 9.35am

Divine Mercy Chaplet – Friday after Mass

CHURCH CLEANING

This week	E Linker	E Parker
Next week	M Harris	T Lester

READERS	5.30pm	8.45am	10.30am
This week	T Hart	V Chapman	M Heap
Next week	T/J Taylor	C Saum	C Loughran

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**

20th October 2024

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

Last Friday morning when I opened the curtains in my bedroom there was a thick morning mist outside as the sun was doing its best to clear the air for the new day. The signs of the season of Autumn are all around us now as the leaves are falling like gentle rain and the trees are reaching their height of beauty with the colours of the gold, orange, red and yellow which tell us that the season of growth is coming to an end. Soon the trees will stand with bare branches while the weather blows out the broken wood. I love the seasons of the year and even in the wintertime when there is no visible growth the dormant world is waiting and preparing for the spring.

Just as the seasons provide the clear scenery for our lives so too we cannot be blind to the world around us. The various wars, battles, bloodshed in the Middle East and Ukraine. In my newspaper I noticed a picture of aid agency workers dealing with the victims of another rocket attack and on the next page pictures of a fashion event in Paris. The two events could not have been further apart.

Similarly our own country is now debating the law on assisted dying. It is terrible to even contemplate such a possibility. That our medical profession geared to save life and manage pain will be required to offer this alternative. A visit to the doctor in some future date would be to discover that the practice could no longer afford the care we need and had I ever considered assisted dying? Oh dear.

The Right to Life Charity has a website a letter prepared for you to sign and send to your MP. I've sent my letter. We can annotate the letter or personalise it but the purpose is to inform our MP that we are not in favour of this or any proposal to take away the life of a fellow human being.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols has written an excellent letter – please read it as it covers all the points. On the reverse is a poster and QR Code for the Right to Life website and a letter to your MP.

There are many other matters which ought to be discussed but probably won't be. Palliative care is one, care of the elderly is another and the management of pain. The NHS doesn't provide care for the elderly – it is provided by local authorities and privately. This is a travesty and has been not only swept under the carpet but kept under the carpet for years.

Our hospices are run and funded by Charities. The NHS has no involvement with the hospice movement. Hospices need more support. See and support the hospice charity shops and initiatives. The NHS did provide a way of “care” called the “Liverpool Care Pathway” it was anything but care because patients were denied water and died of thirst. It was appalling and now thankfully it has been stopped.

As we see in our seasons, life and death is part of our lives. The beginning and the end are as important as each other. But when someone ends a life before its due date this is not our choice and we should not impose it.

Every Blessing, Fr John

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 a 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 who are interested in joining a supportive, inclusive and successful Sixth Form. Headteacher’s address at 6.10pm and 7.10pm.

St George and St Teresa Catholic Primary School - Open Mornings

October 23rd 9.30 am – 10.30 am and November 5th 9.30 am – 10.30 am. Prospective parents are warmly invited to attend our Open Mornings. 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: Every year, hundreds of pilgrims from across the Archdiocese of Birmingham join together for the Lourdes Pilgrimage. 2025 is the Year of Jubilee and Archbishop Bernard invites you to come with us on this very special occasion in the life of the Archdiocese: “It’s a great experience to be together with upwards of 700 fellow pilgrims.” The pilgrimage dates have been announced: Saturday 24 – Friday 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.



Holy Souls Envelopes are in the Narthex. Please hand in to the sacristy or post through the presbytery letter box please do not ring the bell.

Blessing of Graves -

Oscott	Saturday 2 nd November 3pm
Brandwood End	Sunday 3 rd November 2pm
Widney Manor 1	Sunday 10 th November 2pm
Widney Manor 2	Sunday 17 th November 2pm
Robin Hood	Sunday 24 th November 2pm

Missio: This weekend there will be a collection for Missio. Please take a prayer card from the narthex and an envelope should you wish to gift aid your donation.

Warning recent theft in the Parish Centre.

The Chosen – There will be no Chosen Wednesday the 23rd of October but will start again episode 4 On the 30th of October. All are welcome.

Made me smile:

The first rule of the micro manager club is – here, let me show you.

I was invited to speak at a conference on misinformation. When I turned up, nobody was there.

When my daughter said she was starting a theatre company I said, “Are you having me on?” She said, “well I’ll give you an audition but I’m not promising anything”.

I wish Oxford and Cambridge could settle their differences. I do hate to see them rowing.

Why couldn’t the policeman take his dog for a walk? He had no leads.

I belong to a plastic surgery support group. There are new faces every week.

After a round of golf I like nothing better than tea and sand wedges.

I was told off at the cinema for bringing my own food in. Shame – I hadn’t had a BBQ for ages.

✠ 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 as well as our parishioners in hospital and nursing homes.

Rest in Peace: Rita Terry.

Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years: Jack Clyde, Bernard Asquith, Michael Corrigan. *May the souls of the faithful departed, Rest in Peace.*

Offertory: 13.10.24: Gift Aid Envelopes £426, Loose Plate £277. CAFOD £700.

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

Mass Attendance last week: 244.

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.