

MASSES AND SERVICES

8th December – Second Sunday of Advent.

This weekend there will be a collection for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese

Saturday	5.30pm	Tommy Cardall RIP
Sunday	8.45am	Moroney Barnett Thanksgiving (MOD)
	10.30am	John Gemmell RIP (EG)

Weekday Services

9.12 Mon	10.00am	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	People of the Parish
10.12 Tue	10.00am	Advent Feria Keith Mercer RIP (GMB)	
11.12 Wed	10.00am	Advent Feria Special Int for SG (MP)	
12.12 Thu	10.00am	Advent Feria John Robinson RIP (AO)	
13.12 Fri	10.00am	St Lucy Paul Haley RIP (B&P S)	
14.12 Sat	10.00am	St John of the Cross C Sherratt RIP (JP)	

15th December – Third Sunday of Advent

This weekend there will be a collection for the Christmas Flowers.

Saturday	5.30pm	George and Margaret Wright RIP (J&T T)
Sunday	8.45am	Dennis Moroney RIP (EMB)
	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	School	M Heap
Next week	T/J Taylor	E Moroney Barnett	C Loughran

TEA & COFFEE

	M Lambert	V Chapman	D Morgan
This Week	H Grosvenor		M Harris

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 **8th December 2024**
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Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday we have our Christmas Carol Concert at 4pm. It is the traditional nine lessons and carols and I hope as many of you as possible will be able to come to this special parish service. It is followed by traditional refreshments of the season in the Parish Centre before you return to Strictly or whatever you do on a Sunday evening.

In mind also is another tradition of Advent which is going to confession. I poured out my faults and failings to a priest of the Diocese a few days ago and felt spiritually refreshed by God's grace in this time of preparation for the celebration of the Birthday of Jesus. I fear many Catholics have convinced themselves (erroneously) that they do not need forgiveness which allows the devil to secure his foot in your doorway. We have the Sacrament of Confession in the box on Saturday from 9.15am to 9.45am. The Penitential Service is on Tuesday 17th December at 7pm at Our Lady of the Wayside in Shirley. St Augustine's have confession between 11am and 12noon on Saturday and Our Lady of the Wayside from 10am on Saturday. There will be at least four priests or more at the Penitential Service.

This weekend we welcome the children from Year Four of our school at the 8.45am Mass who will help with the liturgy. The children from our Catechism Class will make their commitment to their Confirmation instruction on Sunday morning at 10.30am.

Thank you to those who have been supportive of our various charitable requests. It is a busy time but somehow and by the grace of God, your generosity knows no bounds.

Every Blessing, Father John.

Christmas Eve Masses:

4.00 pm Mass and Children's tableau of the story of the Nativity.

10.00 pm Mass (with the liturgy of Midnight Mass)

Christmas Day

8.45 am Mass

10.30 am Mass



Tea and Coffee – will be served after all Masses this weekend. Do come and join us in the Parish Centre. The rota for next year will be produced soon and we really need some additional volunteers. If you are able to help, please contact Joan & Tony on 01564 205238 or email tony.joan.taylor@gmail.com. The requirement should be only two or three times a year for each volunteer, please consider if you can support your parish community in this way.

Christmas Giving Tree: The SVP will be placing the Christmas Giving Tree in the Narthex during Advent. Parishioners are invited to take a gift suggestion tag from the tree and return the relevant present (wrapped and identified by the tag) to the church any Saturday or Sunday from now until 15th December. Gifts will then be delivered to those less fortunate in the parish of St Vincent's, Nechells in time for Christmas. For those who would like to make a financial donation, please place in an envelope marked 'Christmas Giving Tree' and leave at the Presbytery. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

The Chosen Sunday 15th December at 3pm in the conference room.

Come and enjoy the story of the First Christmas told in a beautiful way by the makers of the popular series "The Chosen" What better way to prepare our hearts and minds for the true meaning of Christmas? Mulled wine and mince pies will be served as well as tea/coffee and biscuits! Everyone is Welcome.

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

200 Club Annual Subscription £15: Subscriptions for 2024 are now 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.

Congratulations to our lucky 200 Club winners:

August - £15 each to M Phillips, A P Scott, R Salloway

September - £50 to C Abberley, £15 each to A Kadow, T McGeever, C Halliday

October - £15 each to M O'Dwyer, P Cheriton, S Oates

November - £15 each to J Taylor, K Brennan, M O'Dwyer

Winnings can be collected from the Sacristy.

Hampton Singers invite you to a festive afternoon of Christmas music and readings in the beautiful setting of St Mary's Church Temple Balsall on Saturday 14th December at 3 pm. Tickets at £15 including refreshments can be purchased on the door or online at www.hamptonsingers.co.uk

G&T PTA Christmas Raffle

Raffle tickets will be available at the end of mass 7th and 8th December for the G&T PTA Christmas Raffle to anyone who would like them. We have some wonderful prizes this year including luxury hampers donated by families in the school, vouchers donated by Touchwood, Giggling Squid, Sans, Eric Lyons and Tesco. All money goes to St George and St Teresa School for resources for the Children. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 12 December. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Made me smile:

I said to the doctor, "every time I shut my eyes I see an insect spinning". "Don't worry", said the doctor, "it's just a bug going round".

My friends and I are going to a new restaurant called "Atom" this evening. When the bill arrives we shall try to split it.

Went to Buckingham Palace the other day when an eel was knighted. It was surreal.

Conjunctivitis.com – a site for sore eyes.

I was nearly knocked down by a salt gritter the other day. "Watch here you are going", I shouted through gritted teeth.

✠ *Please pray for*

The housebound & the sick: Isabel Cusack, Raphael Lee, 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: Molly Clarke.

Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years: Rene Wainwright, Dennis Chester, Courtney Harris, Susan Smith, Tommy Cardall. *May the souls of the faithful departed, Rest in Peace.*

Offertory: 1.12.24: Gift Aid Envelopes £454, Loose Plate £205.

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

Mass Attendance last week: 216.

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.