

## MASSES AND SERVICES

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Jill Baynham (wellbeing) (B&P S)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>10.30am</b>	Confirmandi

### Weekday Masses

<b>27.1 Mon</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Feria</b> Grace Gallagher RIP (NW)
<b>28.1 Tue</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>St Thomas Aquinas</b> Isabel Cusack RIP (SM)
<b>29.1 Wed</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Feria</b> Claire Robinson RIP (JG & Family)
<b>30.1 Thu</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Feria</b> Tony Guest Int (CL)
<b>31.1 Fri</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>St John Bosco</b> Norman & Julia (T&J T)
<b>1.2 Sat</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Our Lady on Saturday</b> Margaret Hicks RIP (AA)

### The Presentation of the Lord – 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Stephen May RIP (May Family)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>10.30am</b>	William Cole (MH)

**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>	E Linker	E Parker
<b>Next week</b>	M Harris	T Lester

<b>READERS</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	<b>10.30am</b>
<b>This week</b>	TBA	TBA	School
<b>Next week</b>	T/J Taylor	G Seymour	C Loughran

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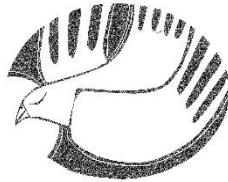
Head of School Stephen Hainie. Executive Head Louise Flanagan

# Saint George and Saint Teresa of the Child Jesus, Catholic Church

Serving Dorridge, Bentley Heath, Knowle & Hockley Heath

Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Year

26<sup>th</sup> January 2025



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we welcome Bishop David Evans to our parish as he celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 10.30am Mass on Sunday. The recipients are the children of Year 6 who attend our school and 3 children from the catechism class. Please keep them and all our children in your prayers.

Last Tuesday I attended the Reception and Mass of former parish priest of St Augustine's, Fr Fred Sheldon (1981-1991). Bishop David was the Chief Celebrant with a number of priests concelebrating. Fr Dominic informed us that the hymns we sang were those sung at Fr Fred's ordination mass. He was a late vocation and in his previous life he was an electrician. I bet that came in handy when he was a parish priest! I have left the Order of Service in the Narthex.

Fr Rob Taylerson is famous. Well, as you know all our former clergy are famous. Fr Rob is now a star on You Tube. I watched a presentation he gave about Creation which is his personal reflection and one of the themes for the Jubilee Year. I thought it was excellent and thought provoking. It is about 12 minutes.

The Comfirmandi came to two practices in the church last week. I thought they were well-behaved and prepared for the occasion. Every candidate for Confirmation has received the Sacrament of Confession (which was my task on Tuesday morning) after I had celebrated the Mass for the repose of the soul of Isabel Cusack. It was good to have the children with us at the Mass along with many of her fellow parishioners, friends and colleagues.

The maintenance of the church and site is ongoing. I am pleased to say last Thursday all the fire extinguishers were checked, serviced or replaced. After two years of wrangling with our electricity suppliers, an electrician came last Sunday morning to fix an isolator on the Presbytery fuse board. Having waited such a long time for this work to be done, I was not going to change what was for us an inconvenient day and time. It was an essential item to be fixed before the long overdue repairs for the house can begin. The monthly church maintenance collection will be taken today. Last year you raised £9900 and we had to spend £26,700. Prices have gone up and so I would ask you to keep this in mind for your contributions which are as always gratefully received.

Every Blessing,  
Fr John

**The new cleaning rota** for 2025 is available in the Narthex. Thank you to all the cleaners and we are always looking for a few more.

### **200 Club Winners**

Congratulations to our December draw lucky winners:

£500 to R Bishop

£50 E Slater £50

£15 each to J Treacy, M Walker and K Murray.

Cheques can be collected from the sacristy.

**Booking now open for this year's Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage.** You are most welcome to join us this Jubilee Year as we journey to Lourdes in May. The pilgrimage runs from Saturday 24 - Friday 30 May 2025 with the theme: "With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope". If you would like to travel to Lourdes but in need of assistance we can help. Assisted pilgrims have the support of doctors, nurses, carers and hospitaliers throughout their time on pilgrimage. You will participate fully in the pilgrimage and experience the love of God through the care, love and friendship of volunteers. Please contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office to discuss assistance requirements: 0121 230 6288 / [admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk). As well as applications from assisted pilgrims we're also keen to hear from doctors, nurses and carers eager to volunteer their time and experience Lourdes. If Our Lady is calling you please answer and give to others. We look forward to hearing from you. Find out more here: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage>

✠ *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:** Isabel Cusack. Reception and Mass on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February. Requiem Mass on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 11am.

**Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years:** Gerald Macklin, Adrian Walker, Margaret Flood, Joan Johnson, Jeff Horsburgh.  
*May the souls of the faithful departed, Rest in Peace.*

**Offertory:** 19.1.25: Gift Aid Envelopes £380, Loose Plate £238.  
Av standing order and online per week £620. Many thanks for your support.  
Mass Attendances last Sunday 214.

**Jubilee:** See Fr Rob on You Tube and check out the parish website.

**Makes me smile** (c/o Morgan family Christmas crackers)

What kind of motorbike does Father Christmas ride? A Holly Davidson.

Why should you never invite a football team to Christmas dinner? They are always dribbling.

What begins and ends with a T and has T in it? A teapot.

Why did Santa pour Lemsip down the chimney? He was going down with the flue.

What do you drain your vegetables with at Christmas? An Advent colander.

What does Father Christmas do when his elves misbehave? He gives them the sack.

I visited a monastery last week and as I passed the kitchen I saw a monk cooking the lunch. I asked, "Are you the Friar?" "No I'm the chip monk", he replied!

My teenage son asked for a lift so I said, "You look really great!"

**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)**

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