

## MASSES AND SERVICES

### 15<sup>th</sup> December – Third Sunday of Advent

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

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	George and Margaret Wright RIP (J&T T)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	Dennis Moroney RIP (EMB)
	<b>10.30am</b>	People of the Parish

### Weekday Services

16.12 Mon	10.00am	<b>Advent Feria</b> All members of the Niblett and Dorte Family (DN)
17.12 Tue	10.00am	<b>Advent Feria</b> Keith Mercer RIP (GMB)
18.12 Wed	10.00am	<b>Advent Feria</b> Special Int for SG (MP)
19.12 Thu	10.00am	<b>Advent Feria</b> John Robinson RIP (AO)
20.12 Fri	10.00am	<b>Advent Feria</b> Pearl and Dave
21.12 Sat	10.00am	<b>Advent Feria</b> Dan Dean RIP (EMB)

### 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Roland and Margaret Taylor (T&J T)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	Moroney Barnett Thanksgiving (MOD)
	<b>10.30am</b>	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

<b>This week</b>	M Harris	T Lester
<b>Next week</b>	M Wilkes	P Wilkes

### READERS

	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	<b>10.30am</b>
<b>This week</b>	T/J Taylor	E Moroney Barnett	C Loughran
<b>Next week</b>	J Musgrave	F Long	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** 15th December 2024  
**Third Sunday of Advent Year C**



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we reach the Sunday of Advent made famous by the 1972 release of "Gaudete". We celebrate Mass today at this over half way point to Christmas and feel the joy of the Birth of Jesus. But today we light the rose coloured candle on the Advent wreath, the third candle out of five.

On Tuesday evening at 7pm there will be an Advent Penitential Service at Our Lady of the Wayside Church in Shirely. This is the last call before Christmas to cleanse your soul of its impurities and be prepared to welcome the Lord Jesus into the purity of your heart.

If you dropped a Mass Intention or any Mass Book donations into the sacristy or handed them in to the Church last weekend they appear to have gone missing. We normally have a number of Mass Intention envelopes and can find none. It's another warning to all of us to be aware that there may be a thief in our midst.

Many thanks to Deacon Stephen and Deacon Subhi who kept the show on the road last weekend. I was very poorly and Fr Paul went down with a cold. I'm afraid it has been a struggle all week and I will need to take great care before Christmas. If you have a cold or worse please do not share it with the old and the vulnerable. I put myself in the latter category.

Thank you to the Choir and readers for the Nine Lessons and Carols Service last Sunday. I listened on the live stream and enjoyed a quality production as good as any professional organisation.

Deacon Stephen has put up the Red Post Box for us again to share our cards. Did you see the Kitchen Prayer printed on a crucifix in the narthex? It would look good on your wall.

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



### **Christmas Lunch**

A great turnout of nearly 80 people enjoyed the Christmas lunch with entertainment from Vlod, on his accordion, and the Sand Fairy from Ukraine, who demonstrated her amazing skills depicting a number of nativity scenes all in sand and projected onto the tv screen. Overall, with some additional donations, we raised sufficient to buy 15 electric throws to take over to Druids Heath to provide additional warmth for some of their poorer residents. Many thanks to the helpers on the day and all who attended to make that possible in addition to having a good time!

### **Christmas Giving Tree**

Many thanks to all of you who have taken labels off the tree. Please ensure that the presents are returned to church by 10.30 on Monday morning 16/12, at the very latest, as these need to be accounted for before taking to St Vincents school on Wednesday 18/12 and the parish priest on Thursday 19/12.

**Tea and Coffee** 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](mailto: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.

**Columban Calendars** are available free in the Narthex.

**The Chosen** Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm in the conference room.

Come and enjoy the story of the First Christmas told in a beautiful way be 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

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

### **Made me smile:**

I went to the shop to pick up a Christmas item I had ordered. The assistant handed them over and said, "you're crackers Sir." I said, "thank you, you are pretty daft yourself."

I always wanted to work with pharmacists. Now I have dispensed with them.

Went to Waterstones and asked if they had any books on bad eyesight. "This is Wetherspoons," he said.

Parcel couriers Fed Ex and UPS have joined forces to compete with Amazon. They will now be known as FED UP.

### **✠ *Please pray for***

**The housebound & the sick:** 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:** Raphael Lee, Molly Clarke, Mary Gilligan.

**Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years:** Ellen Lewis, Margaret Barnfield, Anise O'Donovan, Therese Allibon. *May the souls of the faithful departed, Rest in Peace.*

**Offertory:** 8.12.24:

Poor Parishes: Gift Aid Envelopes £248, Loose Plate £116.

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](mailto:oksanazurak@gmail.com)**

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