

MASSES AND SERVICES

22nd December – Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Saturday	5.30pm	Roland and Margaret Taylor (T&J T)
Sunday	8.45am	Moroney Barnett Thanksgiving (MOD)
	10.30am	People of the Parish

Weekday Services

23.12 Mon	10.00am	Advent Feria Maginess Family (MM)
24.12 Tue	10.00am	Advent Feria Priests of the Parish
	4pm	Nativity of the Lord Children of the Parish
	10pm	Winnie Kelly and Kath Playdon RIP (MH)
25.12 Wed	8.45am	Nativity of the Lord Catherine Helen RIP
	10.30am	People of the Parish
26.12 Thu	10.00am	St Stephen Maureen Gallagher RIP (JG)
27.12 Fri	10.00am	St John, Apostle George Otte RIP (A&C K)
28.12 Sat	10.00am	Holy Innocents Raphael Lee RIP and family Int (CL)

29th December – The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday	5.30pm	Nathen Ridge RIP (MO)
Sunday	8.45am	Denis and Catherine Moroney (EMB)
	10.30am	People of the Parish

Weekday Services

30.12 Mon	10.00am	Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas Jo, Joan and Tony Facchino Don and Roger Bowser (HB)
31.12 Tue	10.00am	Seventh Day within the Octave of Christmas Mary Gilligan RIP (AR&AK)
1.1 Wed	10.00am	Mary the Mother of God Anthony Family Int (JL)
2.1 Thu	10.00am	St Basis the Great and St Gregory Barry Green RIP
3.1 Fri	10.00am	Christmas Feria Noah Edwards RIP (EMB)
4.1 Sat	10.00am	Christmas Feria Sutton Family Int (JL)

5th January – The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday	5.30pm	Natey Cheffers RIP (JM)
Sunday	8.45am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Mary Coton (MH)

Confession Saturday morning 9.15am – 9.45am

Rosary – Monday to Saturday 9.35am

Divine Mercy Chaplet – Friday after Mass

Parish Priest: Fr John Cross

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ST. GEORGE & ST. TERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH
DORRIDGE **22nd December 2024**
Christmas Edition



Dear Parishioners,

Our newsletter this week is a double issue to allow us to have a little break from preparing a newsletter during the holidays. I think you will agree the weeks of preparation have passed faster than ever this year and suddenly Christmas Day is almost upon us. Thank you to all who have helped to prepare the church for our special Masses this year.

I hope every family has a Christmas crib in their home. A Christmas crib was suggested by St Francis of Assisi. He said preach the Gospel and if necessary use words! The crib is the Gospel of the Lord without words. It tells us all we need to know. On our cards the stable looks like an Air B&B with well-behaved animals. I think the reality would have been noisy, with an over-powering stench of animals. When we think about the birth of Jesus we need to think where Christ Jesus is in our lives and priorities? If Jesus is not in the top 3 we need to ask ourselves why?

This year our crib collection will be for Mary's Meals. For £19.15 they can feed a child for a year. In 2022 they fed over 2 million children in areas of the world where poverty and hunger prevented children from attending school.

As we celebrate the birth of Christ, the Prince of Peace we pray for peace in our world.

A Happy and Holy Christmas
And a peaceful New Year to you all,

Father John and Father Paul
Deacon Stephen and Deacon Subhi.

Your Christmas Gift at the Offertory Collection is greatly appreciated. There are envelopes in the narthex. If you are away at Christmas remember we serve you day and night and all year round. And if you only come to church at Christmas and Easter remember we are here for you every day of the year.

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



CHURCH CLEANING

This week	M Wilkes	P Wilkes
Next week	D Morgan	P Hogan
w/c 6th Jan	H Grosvenor	S Chester

READERS

This week	5.30pm	8.45am	10.30am
Next week	J Musgrave	F Long	R Slater
4th /5th Jan	N Damms	V Chapman	J McDonald
	TBA	TBA	TBA

Columban Missionary Calendars are available free in the Narthex.

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. If you would like to join the 200 Club, application forms are available in the narthex.

Made me smile:

I would like you to keep your Christmas cracker jokes I will stick them to a board and we can decide on the best and the worst.

I see the manager of John O'Groats FC has resigned. He said he has taken the team as far as it could go.

My new book. "How to say no emphatically in German." Is now on sale. Only £9.99

I saw a woman selling batteries in the park today. She sells C cells by the see-saw.

Hands trembling I checked the numbers again 09-15-23-01-25. I was in a deep state of shock, after all this time I had got a doctor's appointment!

One of my favourite jokes this year: My four year old grandson has been learning Spanish all year but he still cannot say Hello. I think that's poor for four.

✠ *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:

22nd -28th December: Winnie Kelly, Chris Glynn, Shirley Miller, Anne Smith, John Tickell, Maureen Gallagher.

29th December – 4th January: Frank O'Hare, Michael Gannon, Monica Bailey, Ann Hunt.
May the souls of the faithful departed, Rest in Peace.

Offertory: 15.12.24: Gift Aid Envelopes £395, Loose Plate £226.

Christmas Flowers £266

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

Mass Attendance last week: 240.

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**

Christmas

Blessings

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.