

## MASSES AND SERVICES

### 17<sup>th</sup> November – Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

This weekend the second collection will be for the Church Maintenance Fund

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Tessa McNamara RIP (T&J T)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	Patricia Bailey Int (EMB)
	<b>10.30am</b>	People of the Parish

### Weekday Services

18.11 Mon	10.00am	<b>Feria</b> Tessa Walsh RIP (PM)
19.11 Tue	10.00am	<b>Feria</b> Cormack Kenny (BH)
20.11 Wed	10.00am	<b>Feria</b> Holy Souls
21.11 Thu	10.00am	<b>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> C Gill RIP (JP)
22.11 Fri	10.00am	<b>St Cecilia</b> Mrs Jebanasem (G&M)
23.11 Sat	10.00am	<b>Our Lady on Saturday</b> Helen Johnson and Family (MM)

### 24<sup>th</sup> November – Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	John Rae RIP (MOD)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>10.30am</b>	William Cole

**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>	H Grosvenor	S Chester
<b>Next week</b>	M Fitzpatrick	A Robinson

<b>READERS</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	<b>10.30am</b>
<b>This week</b>	M O'Dwyer	J Smith	N Ritmeyer
<b>Next week</b>	E Linker	G Seymour	D Walmsley

Parish Priest: Fr John Cross

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**ST. GEORGE & ST. TERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**DORRIDGE**      **17th November 2024**  
**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend has the title of Safeguarding Sunday. As a church our priority is for everyone to feel safe and be safe. Last Wednesday about 70 priests and deacons attended a compulsory day at St Chad's cathedral which was presented by our Diocesan Safeguarding team. I found the day to be informative and helpful with plenty of good advice and examples of good practice for our community. Our Parish Safety Representatives are Sandy Walmsley and Daphne Morgan. Their contact details are on this newsletter every week, on the noticeboard and website.

The end of the year is next weekend and the following week we shall have our new translation of the Catholic Bible. The books will be on display throughout the weekend and they will be blessed at the 10.30am Mass on Sunday morning. You can look but don't touch. The existing books must be at least 50 years old. Thank you to those who have offered to pay for one or more sets of the books we shall use for our Sunday Masses. Each book has a dust cover to protect it. The dedications will be put into the books in due course. Donations for the People's Mass books are going quite well but we are still £1625 short of total cost of the books. In preparation for the introduction of these new texts there will be a meeting for all readers at Mass, weekdays and Sundays, next Saturday afternoon at 2pm in the church.

A few weeks ago I circulated a letter from Cardinal Vincent Nichols concerning the Catholic view against assisted suicide and assisted dying. I included information how to contact your MP (via the Right to Life website) The forthcoming Bill has its first reading on November 29<sup>th</sup> so there is still time to contact your MP. Lord David Alton has provided an information leaflet/card for parishioners to send to your MP. These are available on the table in the Narthex. There is also an excellent article from the Catholic Herald which I have printed for you, collect from the Narthex.

Next Sunday, Christ the King, is the last of this liturgical year. It is like reaching the top of the mountain and so we celebrate this achievement before the start of Advent the following week. At the 10.30 am Mass two of our parishioners will receive the Ubi Caritas Award for assistance in the production of the weekly Ethnic Chaplaincy Sermon which is on the Diocesan website. Monsignor McHugh will be presenting the awards to Ian Morgan & Damien Walmsley at this Mass and there will be light refreshments in the hall afterwards. At the time of writing, I hope there will be a short presentation about Youth Ministry in this parish.

Every Blessing, Fr John

**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](http://www.hamptonsingers.co.uk)

**St Peter's Catholic School newsletter** can be found on the website: [www.st-peters.solihull.sch.uk/latest-news](http://www.st-peters.solihull.sch.uk/latest-news)

**Christmas Carol Service** Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm & seasonal refreshments

**Christmas Eve the Mass times are**

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

10 pm Mass (with the liturgy of Midnight Mass)

**Christmas Day**

8.45 am Mass

10.30 am Mass

**PTFA Christmas Events:** We are holding our school Christmas Boutique for our children in December. We are in desperate need of used but good condition or new items (Toys, candles, books etc) suitable for children, teenagers, mums, dads and grandparents in order to make this event a success. Donations are gratefully received. Please place anything in the box in the narthex (No clothes / shoes please). Thank you. The PTFA.

### **SVP Forthcoming events**

**Afternoon tea and social this Wednesday 20th November 2.30pm.** All welcome and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible to have a chat and enjoy the tea/coffee, cakes. Entertainment "to start getting you in the mood for Christmas" with Who Let the Ukes Out!

**Christmas Lunch Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 1.00pm.** There will be a choice of Turkey dinner in gravy or Mediterranean Vegetarian Tart (if neither of these is suitable please contact us) plus trifle. The cost will be £10 per head to include a glass (or two!) of wine or soft drink and a raffle ticket. All are welcome but we will need to know numbers and choices by Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or there will be an opportunity to book at the afternoon tea. Alternatively, please email [svpstgt@btinternet.com](mailto:svpstgt@btinternet.com) or phone Steve on 07740935527 or contact any SVP member, to book your place and advise your meal option, or for further information.

**Confirmations Class:** The Confirmation Classes have now begun for children in Year 6 and over who attend non-Catholic Schools in the parish. Contact Fr John asap for late starters. [stgeorge-stteresa.dorridge@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stgeorge-stteresa.dorridge@rcaob.org.uk)

### **Blessing of Graves**

Widney Manor Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2pm, from the roundabout to the railway line.

Robin Hood Cemetery: Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2pm.

**The Chosen –** The next episode of Series Four of The Chosen will be shown in the Parish Centre Conference Room on Wednesday at 7.30pm.

**This weekend is Safeguarding Sunday:** The theme and focus this year is – ‘Let’s talk about it’. It’s time to have open and honest conversations about what we got wrong and what we’re getting right. It’s an opportunity to talk about how we can work together to prevent abuse and create a world where every child and adult can feel safe and be safe. This is a great opportunity to join with thousands of churches across the UK to say yes to safeguarding and no to abuse.

We believe that safeguarding is an outworking of our faith in a loving and just God – the God who calls us to speak up on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves and to defend the rights of the vulnerable (Proverbs 31:8).

Please join us in praying for all those who work to ensure our communities and churches are safe for all.

### **Made me smile**

After arguing for some time with a man who said I was in his seat he finally said. “Okay, you fly the plane!”

The inventor of Horlicks is a Malti millionaire.

Just came up to a sign that said “pavement closed, please use the other side”. To be honest it made me cross.

We went to see the Red Arrows yesterday there were gasps of “Ooh” and “Aah” as the crowds watched on in amazement. Near miss after near miss had some people covering their eyes and shaking their heads in disbelief. It was a good half hour of entertainment, but in the end, my wife finally managed to park the car and we made our way into the airshow.

### **✠ Please pray for**

**The housebound & the sick:** 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.

**Rest in Peace:** Mgr. Graham Wilkinson, Johnny Pullen, Antoinette Bushell.

**Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years:** Breda Hourihane. *May the souls of the faithful departed, Rest in Peace.*

**Offertory:** 10.11.24: Gift Aid Envelopes £300, Loose Plate £250.

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

Mass Attendance last week: 266.

**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)**

*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](mailto:sg.stgeorge-stteresa.dorridge@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.*