

St. George & St. Teresa
Catholic Church
Dorridge

**5TH SUNDAY OF
EASTER**
10th May 2020



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Fr Rob and Fr Paul are currently using English Mass chants from the missal for the Sunday Mass Prayers. If you would like to follow the music and/or join in at home it can be found at <http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Missal/Music/Chants/Mass-Chants-A4.pdf>

MANY THANKS to those parishioners who have found different ways to continue their offertory donations under the current conditions.

LIVE-STREAMING AT ST GEORGE AND ST TERESA

7.15am Office of Readings

7.30am Morning Prayer

MESSAGE FROM FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND: Due to Covid-19, we cannot hold the fund raising events that many of you have supported. Meanwhile, the impact of the virus on Christians in the Holy Land is devastating as so many rely on the income from pilgrimages and tourists. The Charity has launched the FHL Pentecost Challenge to raise funds before Pentecost on 31 May. Three long standing supporters have pledged to match fund the first £100,000, so every £1 you donate will have the impact of £2. Please donate at <http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pentecost-challenge> and please be generous.

CAFOD launched its coronavirus emergency appeal on 30 April. The effects of coronavirus on developing countries where CAFOD works are likely to be devastating. Families without enough to eat and without access to clean water and healthcare are particularly vulnerable to coronavirus. The poorest and most marginalised communities will be pushed further into poverty. Your prayers and gifts are needed now more than ever to help protect the lives of those in poor communities. While we are not able to hold physical collections in our church, you can donate as individuals at cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal

CEMETERIES: Solihull Council have asked us to inform parishioners that cemeteries throughout Solihull will now be open at weekends 9am – 6pm. Also, mourners are welcome to use mobile phones to share funeral services, with permission.

The full statement can be seen below and here - <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Resident/Births-deaths-marriages/Deaths/cemeteriesinsolihull>

CHURCH WEBCAM: If any parishioners need assistance with viewing the church cameras at home ie wish to follow services whilst self-isolating etc. Martin Whiting is very willing to assist. Telephone 01564 777506 or Email (church.vid.assist@btinternet.com set-up especially) or, if required, home visit with appropriate precautions.

FR ROB has been told by the hospital, because of his medical conditions, he has to self-isolate for twelve weeks – until 27th June.

THE SVP is a Catholic charitable society whose aim is 'faith in action'. The school 'Mini Vinnies' club are affiliated to the parish SVP group. Our parish SVP group do daily deliveries of food & supplies to Food Banks, homeless shelters, as well as to drop in centres for asylum seekers & refugees. Due to the current situation, the main Food Bank that they work with are desperately short of provisions and are struggling to meet demand for the most deprived areas of Birmingham. They need urgent donations of food, cleaning products, toiletries and baby products on a large scale. Donations can be dropped off at the school for the SVP team to collect every Thursday. Newsletters, for an update on how things are going, can be found on the parish website.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK is not cancelled but will be very different this year! The normal activities of events, street collections and door to door collecting cannot go ahead so we are asking you to be inventive about how to encourage people to give on line. Christian Aid are offering a variety of resources we can use such as e-envelopes. Find all this at caweek.org/virtualresources

We discussed this together (on line) at the Churches Together meeting and the possibility of a virtual Quiz involving all the Churches was raised and is being planned. Will keep you informed. Christian Aid is asking us to pray and will be offering a daily live stream of prayer and reflections during Christian Aid Week. As a community we have always made a huge effort to fund raise for Christian Aid for which we are very grateful. This year we are asking for a similar but different effort.

SMBC have also launched the 'Here 2 Help' web pages which contain information about how residents can get help with food, money advice, wellbeing etc. This includes key contact details which you may find very useful if you need to signpost residents for additional support. These are continually being updated with any new information. <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Resident/socialservicesandhealth/Coronavirus/Here2Help>

BIBLE ALIVE: Stuck at home? Need something to read? Your free copy of Bible Alive can be accessed via <https://shop.alivepublishing.co.uk/subscription/freeTrial>

CORONAVIRUS: Guidance from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales:

In response to the Coronavirus pandemic, so many aspects of our lives must change. This includes the ways in which we publicly express our faith. It is very clear that, following official advice and in order to keep each other safe, save lives and support the NHS, at this time we must not gather for public acts of worship in our churches.

However, the celebration of Mass, Sunday by Sunday and day by day, will take place without a public congregation. Fr Rob and Fr Paul will continue to celebrate Mass at St George and St Teresa and parishioners are encouraged to join with them from home via the live streaming on the parish website. Please note that the Saturday 10am and Sunday 8.45am Mass will not be taking place.

The National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham will continue its full liturgical programme and this will be available to all via the Internet www.walsingham.org.uk

Because of the situation the Church finds herself in, the obligation for the faithful to attend Holy Mass on a Sunday or Holy day of Obligation is removed, until further notice.

More detailed guidance can be found on the Bishops` Conference website <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines>

OFFERTORY DONATIONS DURING COVID-19 OUTBREAK

In response to a request from one of our parishioners on how she could continue to support the Parish during the period of public Mass suspension, we are suggesting the following options:

1. Bank Transfer of Offertory donations

- You can make a weekly/monthly/ one off donation to the Parish bank account
- If you are a gift aider then please put the reference as **your envelope number** eg 'Env 133'
- If you are not a gift aider the reference should be "**Offertory**"
- Parish account details: **Please 'phone the parish to obtain details**

2. Offertory Envelopes can be put through the presbytery door.

3. You can set up a Standing Order but this would, of course, continue after the Covid-19 outbreak unless you stopped it. (reference 'offertory' or your envelope number (as in point 1)). Any queries please contact Tony & Joan Taylor on 01564 205238 or by email at tony.joan.taylor@gmail.com

4. **On line giving** Donations, which can be gift aided, can be made to our parish via the "donate" button on the diocesan website home page <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>. The button takes you to a page where you can make a donation using a credit or a debit card, please note there is a small charge associated with the card method. On the "Donate to" drop down menu please select "Dorridge" in that way any donation made will be forward to the parish.

SVP If any parishioners face difficulties and need any help during the Coronavirus situation, and possible self isolation, please contact the SVP. We seem to have a problem with the mobile phone that we use for this but do have an email address svpstgt@btinternet.com.

PARISH CENTRE BOOKINGS
<i>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</i>



Your Prayers are asked

For those who are Sick: Dorothy Perkins, Pam Goodwin, Margaret Wright, Margaret Sullivan, Michael and Brenda Grosvenor. *Let us also remember those who care for them.*

For those Anniversaries which occur in the last 20 years: Sidney Dawson, Grace O'Neill and Hazel Maguire.

Recently Deceased: Fr Anthony Conlon, Fr Andy Kenny, Fr Tim Burke, Bishop Leo McCartie.

OFFERTORY: 19.4.20 – 3.5.20
Clergy Training Fund

Envelopes: £416 Plate: £40
Envelopes: £37