

**Masses at St George & St Teresa celebrated without a public congregation**  
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**22ND MARCH 2020 – FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**Saturday**      **5.30pm**    People of the Parish  
**Sunday**        **10.30am**    Peter Morgan RIP (I & D M)

**WEEKDAY SERVICES**

**23.3 Mon**                      NO MASS  
**24.3 Tue**                      **9.15am**    **Feria** Roy Smith (VC)  
**25.3 Wed**                      **10.00am**    **Feria** Deceased of the Parsons Family (TP)  
**26.3 Thu**                      **9.15am**    **Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord** Jim Ryan RIP (AR)  
**27.3 Fri**                        **9.15am**    **Feria** Olivia Whatley Int (GK)

**29TH MARCH 2020 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**Saturday**      **5.30pm**    Tom Giblin RIP (PG)  
**Sunday**        **10.30am**    Lynne Fletcher (CK)

**Confessions on request – please phone the presbytery.**

**CHURCH ROTAS**

**CHURCH CLEANING**

**This week**                      D Morgan                      P Hogan  
**Next week**                      D Burrell                      S Chester                      G Deadicoat

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**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**22nd March 2020**



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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT:** The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

**NEW AUXILIARY BISHOPS FOR OUR DIOCESE:** Two new Auxiliary Bishops have been announced they will be ordained Bishop on 10th June. Canon Stephen Wright (Vicar General) will become Bishop for the north of the diocese as Bishop David McGough retires. Canon David Evans will become bishop for our area replacing Bishop Robert Byrne. Please keep them both in your prayers.

**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. This will begin from Friday evening, 20th March 2020, until further notice.

Our churches will remain open. They are not closing. They will be a focal point of prayer, where you will find solace and strength. In visiting our churches at this time, we will observe with great care the practices of hygiene and the guidance on social distancing.

The church will be open for an hour after the private weekday morning Mass:

Tues	10am – 11am
Wed	10.30am – 11.30am
Thurs	10am – 11am
Fri	10am – 11am

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](http://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>

**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](mailto:church.vid.assist@btinternet.com) set-up especially) or, if required, home visit with appropriate precautions.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will not take place on Sunday evenings, however, the church is open for an hour each weekday morning and copies will be available for private prayer.

**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](mailto:svpstgt@btinternet.com).

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AT NON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:** Due to more children now coming forward for Church classes we are hoping to offer preparation for First Holy Communion. Please contact Isabel Cusack on 07919 685685 or at [isabelcusack@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:isabelcusack@yahoo.co.uk). There will be no formal classes running until further notice.

**SVP SOCIAL AFTERNOON** In view of the risk posed by the Corona Virus it has been decided to cancel this months Social Afternoon due to be held on Tuesday 31st March. We apologise for any disappointment or inconvenience caused. St George and St Teresa SVP.

**PARISH READING GROUP** will not be meeting until further notice.

### **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](mailto:tony.joan.taylor@gmail.com)

**SURVIVE-MIVA.** The appeal due to take place this weekend for Survive-Miva (Missionary Vehicle Association) has been postponed.

**FINDING A VOICE:** Please note that the Finding a Voice course has been cancelled

**200/300 CLUB:** Thanks to all parishioners who have renewed their subscriptions for this year, only a few are still outstanding.

"Congratulations" to the Lucky Winners in the Prize Draws

January: £15 each – E Parker, V Pearson, P Hogan

February: £50 – J Edwards; £15 each – K T Murray, J Murray, R Service.

**PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE:** We are looking for a volunteer to come onto the Finance Committee, ideally someone with property experience.

**ROOF REPAIRS** to the church and parish centre have been delayed by four weeks due to the Coronavirus.

**THE CAFÉ@BENTLEY HEATH TEAM** apologises for any disappointment to guests but for obvious reasons we will not be meeting on April 4th nor May 2nd. We will keep you posted and look forward to seeing you at Café when this epidemic is over, and it is considered safe to meet again in large groups.

**GIFT AID REPORT** - in the tax year **2018-19** the parish was able to claim back from the Revenue & Customs **£16,397** as a result of your donations. **£13,374** of this was from offertory donations; **£1,854** was from School Building Fund donations and the remaining **£1,169** was from donations towards the new Baptistry. Thank you so much to all those parishioners who have supported the parish in this way.

**HCPT EASTER LOURDES PILGRIMAGE:** HCPT have decided that due to the Coronavirus their Pilgrimage to Lourdes this Easter will be postponed until later in the year or possibly next Easter. All donations received will be used towards this future pilgrimage and I thank you for all the support I've received. Francesca

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS RECOLLECTION:** The Evening of Recollection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Maryvale Institute on Thursday 2nd April has been cancelled.

## **CHURCHES TOGETHER AT KNOWLE DORRIDGE & BENTLEY HEATH LENT COURSES 2020 –**

**KNOWLE URC** York Course 'ON THE THIRD DAY' - cancelled

**DORRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH** the York Course 'Superstar' – cancelled.

**KNOWLE PARISH CHURCH** 'Resources for the Journey' and 'Apocalypse Now" – cancelled.

<b>PARISH CENTRE BOOKINGS</b>			
Mon 23rd	Kick Box	Hall	17.00 – 20.00
Tues 24th	Spanish Class	Conf Room	11.30 – 15.00
Wed 25th	Spanish Class	Conf Room	13.00 – 14.30
Wed 25th	SVP	Conf Room	19.00 – 20.00
Wed 25th	Tai Chi	Hall	18.45 – 20.00
Thu 26th	Italian Class	Conf Room	09.30 – 13.30
Thu 26th	AA Meeting	Conf Room + Kitchen	19.00 – 21.30
Fri 27th	Italian Class	Conf Room	10.30 – 16.30
<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 <a href="mailto:oksanazurak@gmail.com">oksanazurak@gmail.com</a></i>			



### *Your Prayers are asked*

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

**For those Anniversaries which occur in the last 20 years:** Martin McDonnell, Tom Giblin, Michael Bourke, Jim Ryan, Maurice Western, Lorraine McVeigh, Stan Grosvenor, Anthony Poncia, John Kelly, Jack Craddock .

**Recently Deceased:** Canon Peter Taylor, Fr Robert Wright.