

St. George & St. Teresa
Catholic Church
Dorridge

**SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST, KING OF
THE UNIVERSE
22nd November 2020**



SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE: The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

NATIONAL LOCKDOWN:

Sadly, there will be no public Masses for four weeks, no baptisms or weddings. For funerals we are limited to 30 and priority is given to family and close friends of the deceased. We are not allowed to distribute communion after Masses during lockdown.

The church will be open for private prayer, the blessed sacrament will be exposed during this time:

Wednesday – from 9am to 9:50am

Friday - from 10am to 11am

We are happy to open at other times if sufficient number of people request this and stewards are able to volunteer.

Thanks to those who have volunteered for stewarding. If you can help, please email stgeorge-stteresa.dorridge@rcaob.org.uk with your name, telephone number and availability.

NATIONAL LOCKDOWN STATEMENT from Cardinal Vincent and Archbishop Malcolm McMahon, writing on behalf of all the Bishops in England can be found on our Parish Website.

REFLECTION DURING LOCKDOWN: Responding to the Psalms is a project of the Spirituality Committee of the Bishops Conference of England and Wales. See parish website for details. A November Novena for the Holy Souls can also be found on the website.

LIVE-STREAMING AT ST GEORGE AND ST TERESA

7.15am Office of Readings

7.30am Morning Prayer

WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS are now available and can be collected when the Church is open for private prayer. If you have a friend coming to private prayer please ask them to pick up a copy for you.

NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY 22nd Nov is celebrated this Sunday on the Solemnity of Christ the King. Please find a video link for an interactive video for families to watch and pray together at home from the National Youth Sunday website <https://youtu.be/FIoxXWKmnRA>

LIVE STREAMING: Thank you for your comments on the new system. Fr Rob has decided to delay the switch until after lockdown so we will continue to stream Mass via MCN Media.

A NEW PARISH WEBSITE is under construction and we would welcome suggestions and feedback. The new website can be viewed at www.catholicchurchdorridge.uk. Please email comments to the Parish. Note that this website is only a trial version and for up to date information on Mass times and what is happening in the Parish please access the existing website.

BLESSING OF GRAVES – NOVEMBER. Due to Covid Restrictions the blessing of graves will not take place this year. However, if you wish to visit your loved ones graves Mgr McHugh has prepared a short prayer service that can be used. This can be downloaded from the Parish Website.

2019-20 GIFT AID/TAX CERTIFICATES - due to the impact of Covid-19 on working arrangements at the Diocesan office, the individual certificates of Gift Aided donations will not be posted to you this year. If any parishioner would like confirmation of their gift aided donations for the 2019-20 tax year, then please contact Gift Aid co-ordinators, Joan & Tony Taylor, on tony.joan.taylor@gmail.com.

PUBLICATION OF THE IICSA REPORT: Last week saw the release of an Independent National Report on the strengths and weaknesses of the Catholic Church in England and Wales in relation to child sexual abuse. The report can be found at <https://www.iicsa.org.uk/publications/investigation/roman-catholic-church> and the statement in response from The Catholic Bishop' Conference of England Wales is available at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/statement-on-the-publication-of-the-iicsa-report>

JOB VACANCY: The Archdiocese of Birmingham wishes to appoint a Chief Operating Officer. If you would like to receive an Information Pack for this role with details on how to apply, please send an expression of interest and (optional but appreciated) a CV or professional profile in confidence to our consultant, Jenny Hills at executive@harrishill.co.uk. Further details can be found on the diocesan website <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Pages/FAQs/Category/jobs>

JOB VACANCY: Our Lady and All Saints MAC are seeking to appoint a Finance Manager. This newly created MAC comprises of thirteen schools including St George and St Teresa Primary. See the parish website for the job description and person specification. The closing date is Monday 7th Dec.

SVPI/ SCHOOL FOODBANK SUPPORT GROUP: Have you filled your 'Count UP to Christmas' box yet? It's not too late to start one - just fill a big box with 30 items of non-perishable foods & essential household supplies, including a few Christmas treats. We will collect these to sort and distribute to Bethany Food Bank on the weekend of **28th & 29th November, and 5th & 6th December**. The boxes can either be dropped off to the Parish Centre between **11.00am - 12.15am on Sunday 29th November or Sunday 6th December**, or dropped into any of our porch volunteers. If you are unable to deliver your box yourself, please phone 07758 447355 to arrange a collection, and we will be happy to collect your box for you. Thank you very much!

SACRED HEART MESSENGER: If you wish to continue receiving the magazine in 2021, please complete the enclosed envelope for orders and return to the presbytery.

ST GEORGE AND ST TERESA SCHOOL VIRTUAL OPEN MORNING: As we are unable to hold our normal Open Mornings for potential new pupils, we have made a wonderful video for prospective parents who have children due to start Nursery or Reception Class in Sept 2021. www.stgandt.solihull.sch.uk/community-information/virtual-open-morning-video

NEW PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS: Please note that the parish has a new email address – stgeorge-stteresa.dorridge@rcaob.org.uk

PARISH BULLETIN: If any parishioners would like to receive the bulletin by email please contact the parish at stgeorge-stteresa.dorridge@rcaob.org.uk requesting a copy. Bulletins, current and historic, can also be found on the Parish Website <http://www.catholicchurch.dorridge.uk/bulletins/>

THE RHYTHM TIME GROUP are looking for a family support volunteer. They usually meet in the Parish Centre on a Wednesday morning. <https://rhythmtime.lpages.co/family-support-volunteer/>

MARYVALE HOSTS VIRTUAL OPEN DAY: Take a tour (from the comfort of your own home) of the Maryvale Institute on Friday 27 November from 1pm to 2.30pm This is a great opportunity to find out more about the facilities and the subjects enrolling for January 2021 that you are interested in, online and via our virtual classrooms. You can meet Programme Directors, find out more about courses, participate in question and answer sessions and discover for yourself the atmosphere of the Institute. www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/virtual-open-day-at-the-maryvale-institute

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 | | | |
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| Sun 22nd | Sorting donations for Food Bank | Hall | 11.30 – 12.30 |
| Fri 27th | AA | Hall | 19.30 – 22.00 |
| <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, Sean and Margaret Sullivan, Michael and Brenda Grosvenor, Simon Niblett, Tony Burdett, Sheila Fildes. *Let us also remember those who care for them.*

For those Anniversaries which occur in the last 20 years: Mary Crossley, James Cullen, Catherine Edwards.

Recently Deceased: Mary Wilson (Devon), David Maddocks, Marielyn Joy Smythe – Funeral Mass Mon 23rd Nov at 10.30am

OFFERTORY: 15.11.20

Envelopes £91

Plate £

Average weekly offering via standing order and online banking - £570