



NEWSLETTER

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:
Ken McCombie, Lorna Kellett, David Sweet.

WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Denis Griffin, McCulloch Eugenie, Michael Brett, Catherine O'Grady, Marietta Lee, Peter Robinson, David Blagdon, Pam Hurman, Sid Berry, Bill O'Donnell, Florence Borremans, Johannah Down, Isabelita Lay, Josephine Palmer, Evelyn Burcham, Joan Court, Dennis Collins, Antonietta Brundritt, Cliff Morris, Emma Lawless, Donald Mackey, Thomas Murphy, Diana Colledge, Eric Parsons, Winifred Booth, Francis Clutton.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

AND THOSE WHO ARE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

Madeleine Page. Alma Hamilton, Chris Edley, Jill Tansley, Anna Hradil, Penny Watson, Michael O'Connell, Paul Thorpe, Maureen Hughes, Margaret Smith, Anna Bingham, Mary Hutchings, Margaritha Gibson, Anne King, Graham King, Hazel Grimoldby, Jan Rimmer, Mavis Parsons, Marie Mackay, Richard Fairfax, Roger Dore, Florencia Duga, Sandra Jones, Christopher Browne, Eveleen O'Farrell, Jane Tolfree, Carmel Allan, Sean Carroll, Martin Connolly, Joseph Hughes, Imogen Jenkins, Paul Jones, Riza Carol Khan, Monica Macauley, Esther Page, Lochlan Quinlan, Jane Randall, Sr Raymond SSJA, Michael Sigsworth, Norman Surridge, Vera Terry, Mary Wallace.

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| Sat | 21 st | 5:30pm | St John Fisher | Fourth Sunday of Advent | People of the Parishes |
| Sun | 22 nd | 8:00am | St George | Fourth Sunday of Advent | Fr James Byrne RIP |
| Sun | 22 nd | 9:15am | St George | Fourth Sunday of Advent | Larry Kent RIP |
| Sun | 22 nd | 11:00am | St Teresa | Fourth Sunday of Advent | Michela & Francesco Petraschi RIP |
| Mon | 23rd | 6:00am | St George | Simbang Gabi Mass | |
| Mon | 23 rd | 9:30am | St George | Weekday of Advent | Mgr Patrick Lynch RIP |
| Tues | 24th | 6:00am | St George | Simbang Gabi Mass | |
| Tues | 24 th | 9:30am | St George | Weekday of Advent | Rafan Jaan RIP |
| Tues | 24th | 4:30pm | St Teresa | Christmas Vigil Mass | People of the Parishes |
| Tues | 24th | 6:30pm | St George | Christmas Vigil Mass | People of the Parishes |
| Tues | 24th | 10:00pm | St John Fisher | Christmas Vigil mass | People of the Parishes |
| Tues | 24th | 11:30pm | St George | Carols and Readings | |
| Wed | 25th | Midnight | St George | Midnight Mass | People of the Parishes |
| Wed | 25th | 8:00am | St George | Christmas Day Mass | People of the Parishes |
| Wed | 25th | 9:15am | St George | Christmas Day Mass | People of the Parishes |
| Wed | 25th | 11:00am | St Teresa | Christmas Day Mass | People of the Parishes |
| Thurs | 26 th | 9:30am | St John Fisher | Feast of St Stephen | Clifford George Smith |
| Thurs | 26 th | 12:30pm | St George | Feast of St Stephen | Maldwyn and Mary Fleming RIP |
| Fri | 27 th | 10:00am | St Teresa | Feast of St John | James Littlejohns RIP |
| Sat | 28 th | 9:30am | St George | Feast of the Holy Innocents | Carlos Walsh RIP |
| Sat | 28 th | 5:30pm | St John Fisher | The Holy Family | People of the Parishes |
| Sun | 29 th | 8:00am | St George | The Holy Family | Dave & John RIP |
| Sun | 29 th | 9:15am | St George | The Holy Family | The Jones Family |
| Sun | 29 th | 11:00am | St Teresa | The Holy Family | John Lowe RIP |

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As we come very close to the celebration of Christmas, I'm struck by the way in which, alongside the familiarity of this great Feast, there is also a constant newness in more fully discovering the depth of God's presence and closeness. Each time I approach Christmas, I find a new and deeper gift in this from the Lord. I also have the enormous joy of being able to announce an early Christmas present from the Lord for our parishes. In February we will be welcoming Fr Noriel Salvador to our parishes. Fr Noriel is a brother priest who belongs to the same Institute as I do, the Priests of Notre Dame de Vie. He is currently serving as Administrator of our Institute's House of Solitude for Asia. Bishop Bosco and Fr Emmanuel Hirschauer, the Superior General of the Priests of Notre Dame de Vie, are appointing Fr Noriel to be Assistant Priest to our parishes for a period of three years. Subject to visa processing being completed on time, Fr Noriel will be arriving in our parishes on 11 February. We will have a celebration to mark his arrival on Saturday 15 February at 7pm in the Taunton Catholic Centre. Please keep Fr Noriel in your prayers as he prepares to come to Taunton.

FATHER TOM DUBOIS

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXODUS 90: Calling all Catholic adult men who are seeking to develop their relationship with God through 3 core pillars: prayer, asceticism and fraternity. Exodus 90 is a spiritual challenge that lasts 90 days, starts on the 20th Jan & concludes on Easter Sunday. We will meet as a small group once a week for an hour to support and guide each other on the journey. Visit <https://exodus90.com/how-it-works/to> understand all that's involved and the commitment required. Jacob will be giving a talk after masses on the weekend 11/12th January. Contact Jacob.m.keogh@gmail.com or Fr Tom.

LEGION OF MARY: Following the initial meeting, we will be meeting again on 9 January at 6.30pm in St George's Rectory. Anyone who was unable to attend the first meeting but who would like to join the Legion would be most welcome.

READINGS AND CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT: 4pm **this** Sunday 22nd December in St Georges Church. Followed by mince pies and mulled wine in the Parish Centre.

SIMBANG GABI MASSES: We are celebrating a Novena of Masses at St George's daily at 6am until the 24th Dec.

BEYOND THE THRESHOLD: creating safe spaces for people to find out who we are, what we believe and what we're like! Starting Saturday 18 January at St Brendan's College, Brislington, from 10am (9.30am refreshments) Register using: <https://beyondthethreshold.eventbrite.co.uk>

EPIPHANY MASS AND CELEBRATION: We will be having our traditional international Mass and meal to celebrate the Epiphany on Saturday 4 January at 7pm at St George's, followed by a meal in the Catholic Centre. We will be having singing and prayers in different languages. You are also invited to bring a dish of food from your home country to share at the celebration afterwards.

NEIL PEIXOTO: one of our seminarians training to be a priest in our Diocese will be coming to our parishes for a placement from 2 to 30 January. Please keep him in your prayers for his time here.

DEMENTIA AWARENESS How can we better support people living with dementia and their carers both practically and spiritually? We're offering a number of opportunities to engage with this, both individually and as a parish. The first is a session on 12 January after the 9.15am Mass in the Taunton Catholic Centre, which will explore how we can better support those living with dementia.

CONFESSION TIMES: At St George's: Sat 10am-10:30am; Thurs 12 noon -12:30pm
At St Teresa's: Fri 9:30am -10am
At St John Fisher: Sat 5pm-5:25pm
ADORATION TIMES: At St George Tues-Sun-6:30am-7:30am;
Wed 6:30am-9:30am; Tue-Fri5-6pm; Thurs 12 -12:25pm; Fri 5:00am -midnight; Saturdays 10am-11am (Children's Holy hour);
St John Fisher: Wed 3pm-6pm; Thurs10-12pm

NOTICES

Diocesan Prayer Link: St Stanislaus, Dulverton; Sacred Heart, Minehead, with Watchet.

Standing Orders: 15/12/24

St George: £1827.96 St Teresa: £359.07

Offertory Collection: 15/12/24

St George: £417.15 St Teresa: £358.15

St John Fisher £174.01

RIP: Lorna Kellett's funeral will take place at St Richard's on 3 January at midday. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

PSALM RESPONSE FOR ST TERESA: *Save us, O Lord; carry us back. Rouse your power and come. Rescue your people; Show us your face. Bring us back.*

ST TERESA'S CRIB: Donations this Christmas and New Year will be going to Ukraine helping families threatened by cold. CAFOD's Church partners are helping families rebuild walls and fix windows to keep out the cold and provide fuel so families can stay warm also cook. You can scan the QR code or visit CAFOD.org.uk



FRENCH GATHERING: following the success of our initial meeting, we are making this a regular event. If you'd like to be kept informed, please contact the parish office.

ST GEORGE JESSE TREE: now in St Georges Church. Donations to 'Open Door Charity' for the homeless in Taunton. Please take a tag and return your present by 22nd December.

IMPACT: our group for teenagers will meet 5th January from 5.30-7pm in St George's Rectory.

THE BOOK GROUP: will meet on Wednesday 8th January at 2.00 pm. at Cotford St Luke. New members are welcome.

I WANT TO SEE GOD: Our group is taking a break over the Christmas period and will meet again on 7 January.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE: from Monday 23rd December, reopens on Monday 30th December.

PRAYER GROUPS: Charismatic Prayer Group: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 7.00pm-8.30pm St. George's Church; 2nd and 4th Wed 10am-11.30am St. George's Centre
Mother's Prayer: Every other Thurs 8-10pm Parish Centre.
Prepare for Sunday praying the Mass readings together: Thurs 1pm-2:15pm, 9th January, St George's Centre
Pray the Rosary: Tues 6:15pm St George's Church; 1st Tuesday of the month at 10:30am St John Fisher Church.