



NEWSLETTER

THE HOLY FAMILY

WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:

Ken McCombie, Lorna Kelleff, David Sweet.

WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Kyle Holmes, John Holden, Michael Sweeney, Jorge Alfaro, Angela Phillips, Bernard Moscardini, Sheila Brown, David Blagdon, Monica Bridden, Bridget Saunderson, Vincent Grendon, Sheila Cozens, Nora Robbins, Mary Page, Eileen Clark, Fr. Patrick Ryan, Larry Kent, Doris Golding, Vince Pizii, Joy Carey, Antony Evans, Margaret Smith, Mildred Rowan. Victoria Thompson Noakes, Rose Lawrence, Carmela Lanfranchi, Peter Wills, David Harrison, Lola Granville Barker, Robert Nesbitt, Larry Whitford, Monica Carpenter.

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.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

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 and 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
Mon	30th			NO MASS	
Tues	31 st	9:30am	St George	Seventh Day of Christmas	Larry Kent RIP
Tues	31st	10:00pm	St George	Mary, Mother of God	Alexander Waugh RIP
Wed	1 st	9:30am	St George	Mary, Mother of God	Jo and Gareth-Thanksgiving
Thurs	2 nd	9:30am	St John Fisher	Memorial of St Basil and St Gregory Nazianzen	People of the Parishes
Thurs	2 nd	12:30pm	St George	Memorial of St Basil and St Gregory Nazianzen	Jack and Molly Sowerby RIP
Fri	3 rd	10:00am	St Teresa	Weekday of Christmas	Lilian Donaldson RIP
Fri	3rd	12 Noon	St Richards	Funeral Mass of Lorna Kelleff	
Sat	4 th	9:30am	St George	Weekday of Christmas	Chantelle and Adrian Hale
Sat	4 th	5:30pm	St John Fisher	Weekday of Christmas	CMBF
Sun	5 th	8:00am	St George	Solemnity of the Epiphany	Private intentions of Alessandra Grolla
Sun	5 th	9:15am	St George	Solemnity of the Epiphany	Rumualdo Mata and Maria Mateus RIP
Sun	5 th	11:00am	St Teresa	Solemnity of the Epiphany	Roddy and Dorrie Wade-Thomas

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As we come to the end of the year, I find it a really powerful moment to look back over the past year at all the blessings that God has given us, both individually and as a parish and to entrust the year ahead to Him. One of the major changes for 2025 will be in the growth of the Syro-Malabar Rite community in Taunton. We had the great joy of their being formally declared a Mission in September and as a consequence they will now be celebrating Mass every Sunday rather than twice a month as at present. The Anglican community have been incredibly generous in welcoming them to use St John's Church for this. Please keep them very much in your prayers for this new stage in the life of their community and that we may continue to maintain strong spiritual and material ties between our communities. Up to now, the Syro-Malabar Rite Masses have taken place in the afternoons, but with this new stage, they will also be able to celebrate a morning Mass, enabling many shift workers to be able to attend. Fr Rajesh has been incredibly generous in celebrating Sunday Masses for the Latin-rite parishes. With the additional Syro-Malabar Rite Masses being celebrated at the same time as the Latin-rite Masses, this will no longer be possible for him. He will continue to be around and supporting the parishes in other ways, including in the celebration of some weekday Masses. I know you will want to join me in expressing our profound gratitude for his wonderful priestly ministry. I feel so blessed to have him as a brother priest here, and am constantly inspired and encouraged by his friendship and love of the Lord.

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.

LANDINGS: is a process to welcome inactive Catholics who wish to take another look at the Church, by giving them a safe space to land. It offers a space place to tell one's story, discern a place in the Church, and find a spiritual way home. We'll be launching a new programme shortly, if you're interested please contact the Parish Office or Father Tom.

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.

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 Dominic, Dursley; St Joseph, Nympsfield.

Standing Orders: 22/12/24

St George: £1827.96 St Teresa: £359.07

Offertory Collection: 22/12/24

Not available

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.

ST RICHARD'S MASS: will be held on the 11th January at 3pm

MASS CHANGES: there will be no Mass on Monday 30th December. There will be a Mass at 10pm on Tuesday 31st December at St George's Church.

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.

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.

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.

THANK YOU: From Fr Tom, Fr Rajesh and all the parish team for your cards and gifts for Christmas. These are so deeply appreciated.

PARISH OFFICE: reopens at 9am on Monday the 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.