

NEWSLETTER

THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: Veronica Smith

WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Jo Fitzhugh, Winifred Woods, Elsie Oaten,

Monica Carpenter, Frances Poole, Margaret Mulqueen, Neville Osborne, Margaret Pegge, Catherine Geraghty, Nora Harkin, Madeleine Hill, Muriel Simons, Patrick Halloran, Marie-Therese Hyde, Raymond Osborne, Elizabeth Austin, Carol Crean, Jennifer Lander, Gordon Bone, Annette Everett, Tom Verrier, Donna Eills, Christina Hindley, Rosemary Spencer, Peter (Dick) Ballantine, Deborah Bradshaw, Teresa Poole, Betty Thomas, Sylvia McArthur, Jose French, Arthur Palmer, Agnes Monnelly, Gabrielle De Cothi, Hazel Braine, Richard Holmes, James Robinson, Clara Polsin, Carole White, John Lloyd.

AND THOSE WHO ARE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

John (Sean) Holland, 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 | 11 th | 3:00pm | St Richard | Baptism of the Lord | People of the Parishes |
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| Sat | 11 th | 5:30pm | St John Fisher | Baptism of the Lord | James Ireland RIP |
| Sun | 12 th | 8:00am | St George | Baptism of the Lord | Martyn Cannon |
| Sun | 12 th | 9:15am | St George | Baptism of the Lord | Madeleine Sophie Hill |
| Sun | 12 th | 11:00am | St Teresa | Baptism of the Lord | Doris Rosser |
| Mon | 13 th | 9:30am | St George | Weekday in Ordinary Time | Michael and Liza |
| Tues | 14 th | 9:30am | St George | Weekday in Ordinary Time | Joaquin & Maria Uribe RIP |
| Wed | 15 th | 9:30am | St George | Weekday in Ordinary Time | Andrew Walker RIP |
| Thurs | 16 th | 9:30am | St John Fisher | Weekday in Ordinary Time | Ken McCombie RIP |
| Thurs | 16 th | 12:30pm | St George | Weekday in Ordinary Time | Carol White RIP |
| Fri | 17 th | 10:00am | St Teresa | Memorial of Saint Anthony | Mr & Mrs John, Mr & Mrs Chary; Mr & Mrs John Ratnam RIP |
| Sat | 18 th | 9:30am | St George | Weekday in Ordinary Time | Margery Hart - Birthday |
| Sat | 18 th | 2:00pm | St George | Santo Nino Mass | People of the Parishes |
| Sat | 18 th | 5:30pm | St John Fisher | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | People of the Parishes |
| Sun | 19 th | 8:00am | St George | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | Veronica Growther |
| Sun | 19 th | 9:15am | St George | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | Deceased Members of the Walker and Baron Familes |
| Sun | 19 th | 11:00am | St Teresa | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | Stanistana Rycman RIP |

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Our message this week comes from Sr Margaret Mary, who many of you may remember from her years in our parishes. She writes:

Dear friends,

I am sorry I wasn't able to be in touch with you before Christmas. Unfortunately, due to a fall I spent a couple of weeks in hospital. Thankfully I am out and now living in St. Vincent's Nursing Home. Since 2006 a number of our Sisters have lived here. So I am well acquainted with it as I have often visited it to see our Sisters. We are so blessed as we have daily mass.

My address is:

Sister Margaret Mary Keiran

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Wiltshire Lane

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May I thank all of you who sent me beautiful Christmas Greetings.

Wishing you all many Blessings for this year of 2025.

God Bless Sister Margaret Mary.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAMRE: Our first Mamre community lunch of 2025 will take place on Sunday 19th January after 9:15 mass in the Catholic centre. There will be formation for adults and crafts & activities for children. The sign-up sheet is at the back of St George's or if you would like to confirm your attendance via WhatsApp just message 07514712920 to let us know how many plan to attend and if you have any dietary requirements.

SANTO NINO MASS: We will be having the traditional annual Santo Nino Mass on Saturday 18th January at 2pm at St George's. There will be a Mass, a traditional dance with the images of Santo Nino and then refreshments and a pot luck for everyone. All are welcome for this wonderful celebration.

DEMENTIA AWARENESS We're offering a number of opportunities regarding this. The first is a session this Sunday 12 January after the 9.15am Mass in the Taunton Catholic Centre, which will explore how we can better support those living with dementia. The next session will be on Sunday 9 February and will explore the spirituality of those living with dementia.

EXODUS 90: We will have an introductory meeting for this on the 17th January at 6pm in St George's Rectory; for Catholic adult men who are seeking to develop their relationship with God through prayer, asceticism & fraternity. Exodus 90 is a 90 day spiritual challenge starting on the 20th Jan & concluding on Easter Sunday. We will meet for an hour once a week to support each other. Visit https://exodus90.com/how-it-works/to understand all that's involved. Jacob will be giving a talk after masses on the 11/12th January. Contact Jacob.m.keogh@gmail.com or Fr Tom.

LANDINGS: welcoming 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're launching a new programme shortly, if you're interested please contact the Parish Office or Father Tom.

ADORATION ST TERESA: we are hoping to start adoration for one hour on a Monday or Wednesday from the 20th January. If you'd like to volunteer please see Fr Tom or Doug and Mary Lowe.

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 Catharine, Frome; St

Dominic, Mells

Standing Orders: 5/1/25

Offertory Collection: 5/1/25

St George: £463 St Teresa: £239.10

St John Fisher: £189.80

ST RICHARD'S MASS: will be this Saturday 11th

January 3pm

WELCOME: please keep Fr Noriel Salvador in your prayers as he prepares to arrive for his new mission as Assistant Priest for our parishes. We will be having a party to welcome him on Saturday 15 February at 7pm in the Catholic Centre.

ST TERESA: on Sunday the 26th January we will have soup and bread to warm you up. There's a list at back of church if you are able to bring soup or French bread.

BIBLE STUDY: the next course at St John Fisher will be looking at Matthew, The King and His Kingdom. This starts on Monday 27 January, 7-9pm. This friendly group is growing and welcomes new people. For info please contact the Parish Office.

YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE: Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue? Retrouvaille has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties. For confidential info about the next programme which will be presented on Zoom 27 Feb- 2 March 2025. Email: info@retrouvaille.org.uk

Call or text 0788 296983 www.retrouvaille.org.uk FRENCH GATHERING: we will meet on Thursday 16 January at 9pm in St George's Rectory for a spiritual conference and pudding.

IMPACT: our group for teenagers meets next Sunday 19th, 5.30-7pm in St George's Rectory. FAIRTRADE: on offer on 12th Jan at St George, 18th

Jan at St John Fisher, 19th Jan at St Teresa.

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, 23rd 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.