



NEWSLETTER

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:

Veronica Smith

WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR

AT THIS TIME: Auberon Waugh, Helen Brachi, Mary McGhee, Joseph Screech, Josie Cook, Doris Purkis, Maria Lucas, Derek Hagger, Fr. John O'Connor, Kathleen Carpenter, Peter Miliffe, Jagonase Andredon, Eileen Lupton, Eileen Littlejohns, Fredericka Mewes, Patrick Coen, William Kerr, Joe Quinn, Herbert Bannister, Michael Brqdy, Norah Clerk, Vincent Coe, Rosaleen Edemenson, Albert Fitzpatrick, Jean Hartnell, Ellen Harvey, Kathleen Hunt, Christopher Jones, Anne O'Brien, Marie Scott, John Coonan, Reg Travers, Ann Boyle, Kathleen Bonich, Mark Gallagher, Joan Walker, Francis Brain, Mary Gorton, Keith Longley, Matthew Conlon, Penryn Roderick, Harold Binding, Joyce Carter, Ann Thompson.

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	18 th	2:00pm	St George	Santa Nino Mass	People of the Parishes
Sat	18 th	5:30pm	St John Fisher	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Michael Daley RIP
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 Families
Sun	19 th	11:00am	St Teresa	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Stanistana Rycman RIP
Mon	20 th	9:30am	St George	Weekday in Ordinary Time	June Venmore RIP
Tues	21 st	9:30am	St George	Memorial of St Agnes	Peter Lewis RIP
Wed	22 nd	9:30am	St George	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Don Mackey RIP
Thurs	23 rd	9:30am	St John Fisher	Weekday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parishes
Thurs	23 rd	12:30pm	St George	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Peter Russell
Fri	24 th	10:00am	St Teresa	Memorial of St Francis de Sales	Maria Tabone
Sat	25 th	9:30am	St George	Feast of the Conversion of St Paul	P.T. Joseph RIP
Sat	25 th	5:30pm	St John Fisher	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parishes
Sun	26 th	8:00am	St George	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Bernadette Fiddaman RIP
Sun	26 th	9:15am	St George	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Lottie and Harold Jones RIP
Sun	26 th	11:00am	St Teresa	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jo and Mike Honan RIP

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We are continuing to focus this year on how we best support those who are isolated or lonely for different reasons. Following the success of our session last Sunday looking at how we best support those living with dementia and their carers, we are running a session on Sunday 9 February looking at the spirituality of those living with dementia. This will take place in the parish centre after the 9.15am Mass at St George's. We'll use the beautiful 'It's still me Lord' resources produced by the Catholic Social Action Network which feature Fr Michael Gamble, the brother of one of our parishioners. I've been struck this week by the poignancy of conversations with a couple of people who have shared the isolation they've experienced through loss of hearing. I met this week with a specialist church sound engineer to look at the systems in our churches, to see if there was anything we could do to improve the sound quality in our parishes. The system at St Teresa's is particularly problematic with many people struggling to hear and the loop system not always working effectively. It turns out that the loop system we have installed is really for environments like banks and not designed for buildings of this size as it only has a short range of about a metre, so we are looking to upgrade this, as well as the speakers. At the Taunton Catholic Centre, we are looking at installing a loop system so that hearing aid users can more easily participate in parish events and activities.

FATHER TOM DUBOIS

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAMRE: Our first Mamre community lunch of 2025 will take place **this** 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 **this** 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 The next session will be on Sunday 9 February and will explore the spirituality of those living with dementia.

EXODUS 90: 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. 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/Mary Lowe.

ST TERESA CRIB OFFERINGS: we've sent £122 to CAFOD for their winter fuel for Ukraine appeal. Thank you.

NOTICES

Diocesan Prayer Link: St Peter, Gloucester

Standing Orders: 12/1/25

St George: £2037.35 St Teresa: £378

St John Fisher: £172.62

Offertory Collection: 12/1/25

St George: £ 1115.37 St Teresa: £226.70

St John Fisher: £288.32

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.

FRENCH GATHERING: we next meet on XXX 9pm in St George's Rectory for a spiritual conference and pudding.

IMPACT: our group for teenagers meets **this** Sunday 19th, 5.30-7pm in St George's Rectory.

FAIRTRADE: on offer 18th Jan at St John Fisher, 19th Jan at St Teresa.

ADVENT SOUPS: Thank you to everyone who attended the soups or gave donations. The sum of £200 was raised and will be split equally between Taunton Foodbank and Arc – the Taunton-based homeless charity.

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

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.