

# **NEWSLETTER** THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: Veronica Brain

WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Annie Westway Winifred Crocker, Bernard Thomas, Mary Brooking, Susan Petri, Betty Griffin, Mary Rooker, George Toland, John Bellekom, Thomas Collier, Dr. Kathleen Lawler, Ellen Lawless, Patrick Mackie, Winifred Spearing, Terry Coleman, Phyllis Neal, Edward Kendall, Bridget Dillon, Charlie Hurd, Harriet Shellard, Brian Morris, Christina Stonehouse, Mary Parker, Stan Tooze, Sheelagh Garton, Joyce Heywood, Allana Clarkson.

#### 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.

Sat	25 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm	St John Fisher	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Private Intention
Sun	26 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	St George	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Bernadette Fiddaman RIP
Sun	26 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	St George	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Lottie and Harold Jones RIP
Sun	26 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	St Teresa	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jo and Mike Honan RIP
Mon	27 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St George	Weekday in Ordinary Time	For the Repose of the Soul of Carole White RIP
Tues	28 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St George	Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas	Lorna Kellett RIP
Wed	29 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St George	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Judy and Bill Carey
Thurs	30 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St John Fisher	Weekday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parishes
Thurs	30 <sup>th</sup>	12:30pm	St George	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Margery Hart-Birthday Celebration
Fri	31 <sup>s†</sup>	10:00am	St Teresa	Memorial of St John Bosco	Celine and Simon Stutt
Sat	1st	9:30am	St George	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Donal Hannon
Sat	1 st	5:30pm	St John Fisher	Feast of the Presentation	Mary and Harry Brandreth
Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:00am	St George	Feast of the Presentation	Mgr Patrick Lynch RIP
Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:15am	St George	Feast of the Presentation	Robert Sutton RIP
Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup>	11:00am	St Teresa	Feast of the Presentation	Joao Silverio RIP

# MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

CONTACT US

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# FATHER TOM DUBOIS

# **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FIAT 90** - This is for all Catholic women seeking to grow closer to Christ. In this programme we embark on a 90 day retreat, embracing the virtues of Mary, inspired by her "fiat", her "Yes" to God. It is a spiritual journey with daily prayers, scripture reading, fasting and intentional lifestyle sacrifices to deepen spiritual growth. FIAT 40 is a similar programme but of shorter duration that is also being organised alongside FIAT 90. If interested in either please contact Venus <u>madonnvenus@yahoo.com</u> or Esther at <u>estherdas26@gmail.com</u>

**MAMRE:** Our next Mamre community lunch will take place Sunday February 16th after the 9:15am mass, in the Catholic centre. There will be formation for adults and crafts & activities for children. Confirm your attendance via WhatsApp on 07514712920 or add your name to the list at the back of church.

Please let us know of any dietary requirements in advance. **DEMENTIA AWARENESS**: the next session will be on Sunday 9 February after the 9.15am Mass-exploring the spirituality of those living with dementia.

ADORATION AT ST TERESA: will start next week. Mondays from 10am for an hour and Wednesday from 7pm for one hour. Please use the side door.

**FRENCH GATHERING:** will next meet on the 6<sup>th</sup> March at 9pm in St George's Rectory for a spiritual conference and pudding. **PARKING:** just a reminder to all users of the school and church carparks to please park considerately, and make sure entrances aren't blocked so access isn't restricted. Thank you.

**RECONCILIATION SERVICE:** Bishop Bosco will be coming to our parishes to lead this service at St George's on Thursday 3 April at 7pm, with a number of priests available to hear confessions. **LENT RETREAT DAY:** to reflect upon & experience Reconciliation as the Sacrament of Hope. 5<sup>th</sup> April at St Bernadette's Catholic Secondary School, Bristol. Speakers are Fr. Brendan Callaghan SJ and Margaret & Barry Mizen. Conversation & reflection finishing with a Service of Reconciliation & the opportunity for individual confession with Bishop Bosco & Diocesan priests. Refreshments are offered from 9.30am but please bring a packed lunch, Our day will end by 3.30pm

For more information and to sign up using the following link: https://embracingthemercyofgod.eventbrite.co.uk

MARRIAGE HELP: for confidential information about the next programme hosted on Zoom from 27 February-2 March 2025 Email:info@retrouvaille.org.uk/

Call or text 0788 7296983 www.retrouvaille.org.uk

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 Teresa: Mon 10am & Wed 7pm; St John Fisher: Wed 3pm-6pm; Thurs10-12pm

# <u>NOTICES</u>

**Diocesan Prayer Link:** St Augustine of Canterbury, Matson; English Martyrs, Tuffley, Gloucester.

**Standing Orders: 19/1/25** St George: £2037.35 St Teresa: £378 St John Fisher: £172.62 **Offertory Collection: 19/1/25** St George: £532.82 St Teresa: £376.95 St John Fisher: £150.12

**WELCOME**: Fr Noriel Salvador soon arrives for his new mission as Assistant Priest for our parishes. We are having a party to welcome him on Sat 15 February at 7pm in the Catholic Centre. Please keep him in your prayers.

**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. **IMPACT**: our group for teenagers meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 5:30pm-7pm in St George's Rectory.

STAY AWAKE 2025: 5th April at All Saints School in Weymouth DT4 9BJ. For more information and to book for this exciting, all day Catholic Conference which caters for all ages (Mass, speakers, workshops and children's streams), please visit: https://www.stayawakejc.com/2025

### AFRICAN CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP:

The African Catholic community will be having their monthly fellowship on Sunday 2nd February 2025 after the 9:15 mass at the parish centre. We welcome people new and old to join us for a time of praising God in lively choruses, praying together and sharing the word of God with each other. Please bring friends and family.

**PALMS:** we would be grateful to receive any palms from last year that could be burnt to provide the ashes for Ash Wednesday. **THE PARISH OFFICE:** will be closed Monday 27th

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, 6<sup>th</sup> Feb, 20<sup>th</sup> Feb, St George's Centre Pray the Rosary: Tues 6:15pm St George's Church; 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at 10:30am St John Fisher Church.