



NEWSLETTER

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:
Dominic Lynch, Dagmar Beck, Tony Davies, Raymond Ford, Marie Grant, Sister Genevieve Clanchy, Dagmar Beck.

WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:
Anne Sanders, Kathleen Tottle, Johanna Whitford, Michael Kearney, John Rissen, Sarah Whittaker, Dorothy Sweeney, Stephen Pooley, Cyril Williams, Philippa Smith, Elinor Dollins, Dora Scott, Molly Keay, Sir Christopher Lawler, Patrick O'Loughlin, Adolf Labanc, Phoebe Pannell, Anthony Walkers, James Innis, Henry Woodcock.

AND THOSE WHO ARE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:
Eileen Srickland, Brian Toomey, Elizabeth Smart, Brian Smart, Julia Tucker, Catherine Twomey, Sister Theresa Smythe, Madeleine Page, Alma Hamilton, Jill Tansley, Anna Hradil, Penny Watson, Michael O'Connell, Paul Thorpe, Maureen Hughes, Anna Bingham, Mary Hutchings, Margartha Gibson, Anne King, Graham King, Mavis Parsons, Marie Mackay, Richard Fairfax, Roger Dore, Sandra Jones, Christopher Browne, Eveleen O'Farrell, Jane Tolfree, Sean Carroll, Martin Connolly, Joseph Hughes, Imogen Jenkins, Paul Jones, Riza Carol Khan, Marilyn McCale, Marguerite Walker.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat	16th	5.30pm	St John Fisher	Seventh Sunday of Easter	Molly O'Brien, RIP
Sun	17th	8.00am	St George	Seventh Sunday of Easter	Deceased members of the Walker & Baron Families
Sun	17th	9:15am	St George	Marian Family Mass	Marie Mateus, RIP
Sun	17th	11.00am	St Teresa	Seventh Sunday of Easter	Cyril Bagley, RIP
Mon	18th	9.30am	St George	Weekday of Easter	Michael O'Loughlan, RIP and family
Wed	20th			NO MASS TODAY	
Thurs	21st	9.30am	St John Fisher	Weekday of Easter	Catherine Twomey
Thurs	21st	12.30pm	St George	Weekday of Easter	The Walker and Baron Families
Fri	22nd	10.00am	St Teresa	Weekday of Easter	Margaret O'Cain Marsh, RIP and Jim O'Cain
Sat	23rd	9.30am	St George	Weekday of Easter	Romaine James and Family
Sat	23rd	5.30pm	St John Fisher	Weekday of Easter	Jan and Keith Hawkins
Sun	24th	8.00am	St George	Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday	Maureen and Peter Kevin
Sun	24th	9.15am	St George	Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday	The Kilcullen and Jones Families
Sun	24th	11.00am	St Teresa	Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday	June Mines, RIP

National Day of Prayer & Fasting for Life – Thursday 21st May
Please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Your prayers are urgently needed at this time.

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In this week's reading from the gospel Jesus is praying to the Father just before His crucifixion. He knows that His suffering is going to lead to God's glory and so speaks with confidence and obedience. Testifying that all he has done has come from the Father, Jesus now prays especially for His disciples who must remain in the world after their master has returned to His father in heaven. The close relationship between Jesus and His Father is highlighted in this extract from the gospel. It is built on love, trust and complete faithfulness - even in the face of terrible suffering.

We see clearly how the gospel this Sunday is related to our reading from the first letter of St. Peter. Believers are encouraged to rejoice when they share in Christ's sufferings. We are reminded not to be ashamed should we suffer for our faith; but, rather, we should glorify God in our trials. Jesus himself gives us great example in John's gospel in focusing on His destined completion of God's will, rather than on fear of its approaching and costly betrayal, suffering and death.

Suffering for God has meaning and purpose. Eternal life comes through knowing God and remaining faithful to him, as Jesus' prayer teaches us. Suffering as a Christian should bring us closer to Christ. Today's readings challenge us today to remain faithful even when our belief is tested. Glory is to be found not in comfort or success, but in trusting God and living courageously for our Master and our Father in Heaven – especially in difficult times.

Rev Father David Savoury VF

NOTICES

Diocesan Prayer Link: Holy Family, Swindon, St Joseph, Wroughton.

Standing Orders: 10/05/2026
St George: £2153.42 St Teresa: £369.92
St John Fisher: £176.08

Offertory Collection: 10/05/2026
St George: £1037.46, St Teresa: £348.35
St John Fisher: £246.82

Ladies Fellowship Group: We are starting a Ladies Fellowship Group on Tuesday 19th May at 8pm in the Catholic Centre. We will be meeting fortnightly and whether you are new to the faith, new to our parish or have been here for years, you are very welcome. We hope to have a mix of prayer, Bible study, talks and social events. The first meeting will be an opportunity to get to know one another and to share ideas for the group. We look forward to seeing you then. If you want to know more you can message Lynn on 07812796878 or Clare on 07849152923.

St Teresa: We are hoping to do our first BBQ on 31st of May weather dependent. Save the date. If anyone would like to help work on the green container on Saturday 23rd May from 10am, please contact Sheila on 07776 496764. Your help would be gratefully appreciated. There is a list at the back of the Church for you to sign up to the barbecue. Please state what you will be contributing. With thanks.

Parish Ramblers: Our first 5 mile Parish Ramblers walk was a great success in the beautiful spring countryside around Corfe. We are now looking forward to the next walk on Saturday 30th May, around Bicknoller in the Quantocks. For full details contact Peter Wakefield on 07739 607766.

Pentecost Benediction Service: Sunday, 24th May 3pm in the Catholic Centre. All welcome, anyone living with frailty or dementia, carers, relatives and any interested parishioners. Refreshments afterwards.

Gift Aid Envelopes: Anyone who yet has to collect their Gift Aid Envelopes, they are now in the Parish office.

Book Club: The Book Club will next meet on 3rd June at 2.00pm in the Presbytery. We are reading "In Our Time" by James M Barrens. It is the story of how, after the Second Vatican Council, Catholics and Jews built a new relationship.

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:
St George: Tue-Sun-6:30am-7:30am;
Wed 6:30am-9.25am; Thurs 12 -12:25pm; Fri 6:00am – 6:00pm Sat 10am-11am.
St John Fisher: Wed 4pm-6pm; Thurs 10-12pm

BENEDICTION: 6:30pm on Wednesdays at St George's Church
PARISH YOUTH MASS: 6.30pm on Wednesday at St George's Church
PARISH COMMUNITIES & FELLOWSHIPS:

LEGION OF MARY: meet Thursday 6:30-pm in the Catholic Centre. All welcome

AFRICAN CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP: meet the first Sunday of every month from 10:30am in the Parish Centre.

PINOY CLUB: meet the third Sunday of every month from 10:30am in the Parish Centre.

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Second Collection: There will be a second collection today in aid of World Communications.

Big Breakfast for St. George - Sunday 17th May
Thank you for your fantastic support - we've now raised enough for the new St. George icon. We now make a final push to fund a devotional candle stand and future church organ. Join us after the 8:00am & 9:15am Masses for bacon baps, tea, coffee, and fellowship. Please bring cash if you can. You can also donate online by scanning the QR code on the leaflet.

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SUNDAY 17TH MAY
After the 8:00am & 9:15am Masses
The Catholic Centre, St. George's Church – Taunton

Thank You!
Thanks to your incredible support, we have now raised enough to commission a beautiful new icon of St. George for our church. Your generosity has made this possible.

Now we need one final push...
YOUR SUPPORT WILL HELP FUND:

- A devotional candle stand
A space for prayer, reflection and intercession.
- The future church organ
Enhancing our worship and music for generations to come.

Every donation, big or small, will help bring these plans to life. Thank you for helping us build a lasting legacy of faith and beauty.

BACON BAPS • SAUSAGE BAPS
TEA & COFFEE
Come once more for fellowship, food, and faith.

CAN'T ATTEND?
Scan to donate or search 'St George Icon' on GoFundMe

All donations to the Friends of St. George's RC Church – Taunton (Registered Charity No. 1107992) will support the devotional candle stand and the church organ appeal.

PRAYER GROUPS:
Charismatic Prayer Group: every Wednesday 10am-11.30am St. George's Centre
Led Holy Hour: St George's on the last Wednesday of the month 7:30-8:30pm
Mother's Prayer: Every other Thurs 8-10pm Parish Centre.
Prepare for Sunday praying the Mass readings together: 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 1pm in the Parish Centre.
Pray the Rosary: Tues 6:15pm St George's Church, for world peace.
1st Tuesday of the month at 10:30am St John Fisher Church.
HEALING PRAYER MINISTRIES:
1st weekend each month after all Masses except 8am & after Mass on 3rd Sat at St. George.
At other times by appointment:
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