



NEWSLETTER

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:

Nicola Perry, Patrick Knight.

WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

June Pearson, Michael Tuohy, Jenny Donnelly, Susan Stones, Lucy Greenhill, Sylvia Hird, John Netley, Patrick Carolan, Veronica Lavery, Thomas Carthy, Canon MacDonald, Alfredo Morelli, Kathleen Neylon, Vincent O'Leary, John Clarke, Nora Dool, Luigi Pizii, Joyce Garwood, Eileen McChrystal, Gerry McStay, Jonathan MacNeil, Declan Shorthall, Barbara Thakray, Dick Murray, George Duffield, Ian Norris, Peter Corcoran, Raffaele Pizii, Monica Roberts, Dorothy James, Dorothy Thomas, Eileen Parr, Mary Nickolls, Mrs Cook, Basil Devitt, Bernard Ryall-Mack, John Sheerin, Brian Rowlinson, David Lyons.

AND THOSE WHO ARE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

James Gray, Michael O'Connell,

Philomena O'Connor, Paul Thorpe, Maureen Hughes, Margaret Smith, Anna Bingham, Mary Hutchings, Margaritha Gibson, Anne King, Graham King, Nora Corcoran, Hazel Grimoldby, Joy Bellekom, Sylvia Richardson, Jan Rimmer, Mavis Parsons, Marie Mackay, Trevor Nelson, Richard Fairfax, Roger Dore, Florencia Duga, Sandra Jones, Christopher Browne, Monica Spalding, Eveleen O'Farrell, Jane Tolfree, Angela Roberts, Ann Young, Carmel Allan, Sean Carroll, Martin Connolly, John Fleming, Bernadette Fiddaman, Joseph Hughes, Imogen Jenkins, Paul Jones, Riza Carol Khan, Monica Macauley, Esther Page, Lochlan Quinlan, Jane Randall, Sr Raymond SSJA, Michael Sigsworth, Vic Smith, Norman Surridge, Vera Terry, Mary Wallace.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat	18 th	5:30pm	St John Fisher	Thirty Third Sunday of the year	Deceased Members of the Morton and Rapozo Families
Sun	19 th	8:00am	St George's	Thirty Third Sunday of the year	Zelazik and Michon Deceased Family & Friends
Sun	19 th	9:15am	St George's	Thirty Third Sunday of the year	Margaret and James Kilcullen
Sun	19 th	11:00am	St Teresa's	Thirty Third Sunday of the year	Josie Berry
Mon	20 th	9:30am	St George's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Deceased Members of the Walker & Baron Families
Tues	21 st	9:30am	St George's	Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Theresa and Eric Earey RIP
Wed	22 nd	9:30am	St George's	Memorial of St Cecilia	Deceased Members of the Crossman and Boyce Families
Thurs	23 rd	9:30am	St John Fisher	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Nicola Perry RIP
Thurs	23 rd	12:30pm	St George's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Deceased Members of the Coleman and Warren Families
Fri	24 th	10:00am	St Teresa's	Memorial of St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions	Don Mackey RIP
Sat	25 th	9:30am	St George's	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Deacon Trevor Jones-33 years of Ordination
Sat	25 ^h	5:30pm	St John Fisher	Christ The King	People of the Parishes
Sun	26 th	8:00am	St George's	Christ The King	Minnie Crossman RIP
Sun	26 th	9:15am	St George's	Christ The King	Maria Mateus RIP
Sun	26 th	11:00am	St Teresa's	Christ The King	Veronica Ring

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St Richard of Chichester, 32 Church St, Wiveliscombe, Taunton TA4 2LT

Safeguarding is an essential part in the life and ministry of the Church. It is the responsibility of all of us to ensure our parishes and institutions are safe places, especially for those who are vulnerable. Abuse and harm have no place in our diocese. There is zero tolerance to abuse, harm and any behaviour that falls short of appropriate safeguarding practices as expressed in National Policies. Jesus welcomed children and blessed them. We are told that Jesus was indignant when anyone tried to keep the children away "let the little children come to me and do not stop them. It is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs." (Mark 10: 14). Jesus makes clear his view about those who seek to harm the vulnerable, "anyone who welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me. Anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith in me would be better drowned in the depths of the sea." (Matthew 18: 5-6) Jesus' stark words point to the horror and seriousness of abuse. Abuse is evil. It is destructive.

Everyone in our diocese is called to ensure that all diocesan institutions, parishes, clergy, employees and volunteers take appropriate steps to maintain a safe environment and put into practice Christ's ministry towards children, young people, and vulnerable adults. Our diocese is committed to accompany and support all victims/survivors of abuse. We seek to learn from them and their representatives about best safeguarding practice. I would ask you to support Safeguarding Sunday on 19th November 2023. Safeguarding Sunday is an opportunity to raise awareness of safeguarding, reflect on our own safeguarding journey and celebrate all the good work being done by the diocesan safeguarding office and parish representatives.

BISHOP DECLAN LANG

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT: as we prepare to enter the Advent season, we offer a number of opportunities for prayer and preparation for Christ's birth. On Saturday 2 December we'll be having an Advent retreat day beginning with 9.30am Mass and finishing at 4pm. On Sunday 3 December we'll have an Advent service at 4pm. We're offering Advent small groups to pray together & share the Sunday readings. If you're interested in joining contact the parish office.

FIRST COMMUNION our first communion programme will begin with an introductory meeting on Saturday 9 December at 4pm in the Taunton Catholic Centre for both children and parents. This is open to any children who are in year 3 at school or above. Please register for the First Communion programme on our parish website.

THE CHRISTMAS STORY IN RENAISSANCE ART: Sunday 26th November 16:00 at the Parish Centre. Mary Chisholm will give a talk relating the Christmas story through a selection of Italian & Northern European Renaissance paintings from 1305 -1520. The beauty & rich Christian symbolism along with representations of artists & patrons adds to appreciating this period of art & thought.

CONFESSIONS Advent is often a time that people want to come to confession to prepare their hearts for Christmas. As you may remember, we asked recently for any suggestions on how to make confessions more easily accessible to people. One of the suggestions was to offer confessions on Sunday mornings before Mass. We will therefore be doing this during the Advent season at St George's, with confessions from 7.35am to 7.55am, beginning on 3 December. We also have our normal confession times of Thursdays 12-12.25pm at St George's, Fridays from 9.30 to 9.55am at St Teresa's, Saturdays from 10 to 10.30am at St George's and 5 to 5.25pm at St Teresa's. We'll also have a penitential service with a number of priests coming from around the deanery on Wednesday 13 December at 7pm at St George's.

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's: Daily 6:30am-7:30am; Tue-Fri 5-6pm; Wed 6:30am-9:30am; Thurs 12 -12:25pm; Fri 5:00am - midnight; Saturdays 10am-11 am (Children's Holy hour); St John Fisher: Wed 3pm-7pm; Thurs 10-12pm

NOTICES

Diocesan Prayer Link: St Thomas of Canterbury, Fairford, with Cricklade.

Standing Orders: 12/11/23

St George's: £1104.94 St Teresa's: £185.57

Offertory Collection: 12/11/23

St George's: £2319.57 St Teresa's: £255.50

AFRICAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY: the first ever African catholic community end of year party is planned for the 10th of December, 2023.

BOXING DAY LUNCH: If you're on your own Boxing Day, you're invited to come to lunch in the Catholic Centre, Please contact the Parish office with your details.

ST TERESA'S: this Sunday St Teresa's are offering Sausage in a bun after Mass. All welcome.

LIVING IN THE SPIRIT: a 7 week program for those who wish to enrich & deepen their relationship to Christ through mature discipleship. We'll be running this in St George's Rectory at 7pm on Friday evenings beginning on 17th November. No need to register just come along.

ST JOHN FISHER: will be hosting a social evening after Mass on November 25th, including a quiz with cheese and wine. Everyone is welcome!! The parish will also be having wine and mince pies after Mass on Saturday 9th December-all invited.

OUR BOOKSHOPS: as well as Christmas merchandise, Diocesan directories (£6) and liturgical diaries (£6.50) are now available for purchase from the bookshops in all our parishes.

IMPACT: our group for teenagers will meet on Sunday 26 November from 5.30 to 7pm in St George's Rectory.

PRAYER GROUPS

Charismatic Prayer Group: Wed 7:15pm-8:30pm in St George's Centre

Mother's Prayer Group: Every other Thurs 8-10pm St George's Centre

Ignatian Prayer group: Thurs 1-2:15pm-Next meeting 7th December