



The Catholic Parishes of St. Joseph, St. George and Our Lady Queen of Peace

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THE MONTH OF JULY IS DEDICATED TO THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday Cycle A

5th July 2026 – Psalter Week 2

*Pope's Prayer Intention for July: For respect for human life
Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages,
recognizing it as a gift from God.*



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“Our Vision is to be a Catholic Diocese which is faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ, full of missionary disciples who work together co-responsibly in vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and neighbour”.

Safeguarding:

Our Parishes operate in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance & the National and Archdioceses policies and procedures at all times. Our Parishes Safeguarding Representatives are

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| DATE | CHURCH | TIME | MASS INTENTIONS (or Event Description) | FEAST DAYS | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------|--|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| SAT 4 th July | St George | 9 am | Vincent, Finbar and a smooth house move | Memorial of Our Lady (First Saturday) | |
| | St George | 11 am -12pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions | | |
| Vigil Mass | St George | 12.30 pm | All Souls | Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
| Vigil Mass | OLQP | 6 pm | Leonard Faulkner | | |
| SUN 5 th July | St George | 8.45 am | For safe births for Lismy & Sebin | | |
| | OLQP | 9 am | Maria Keenan | | |
| | St Joseph | 10.30 am | Pauline Waite RIP | | |
| | St George | 11 am | L.M.Paul - For God's Mercy and to be filled with the Holy Spirit | | |
| | OLQP | 12.15 pm | Polish Mass | | |
| | St George | 5 pm | Vespers (1 st Sunday of the Month) | | |
| MON 6 th July | St George | 5.30 pm | K.U.Cherien RIP (Anniversary) | | Feria in Ordinary Time |
| | OLQP | 10 am | Anney & Stephen | | |
| TUE 7 th July | OLQP | 9.05 am | School Staff Mass | Feria in Ordinary Time | |
| | St George | 10 am | Annakutty RIP & Ordination of Fr Hugh Sinclair | | |
| | St George | 7.30 pm | Growing in Holiness | | |
| WED 8 th July | St George's School | 9.10 am | P.S.Varghese RIP - School Mass | Feria in Ordinary Time | |
| | OLQP | 9.20 am | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Confessions | | |
| | OLQP | 10 am | Edith Grundy RIP (recently deceased) | | |
| | St George | 12 noon | The repose of the souls of Anna McCulla & Mathilda Magnalieri | | |
| THU 9 th July | St. Joseph's School | 9 am | Ned Dolan RIP (Anniversary) - School Mass (All years) | Feria in Ordinary Time | |
| | St George | 10 am | David Butler RIP - 1st Anniversary | | |
| FRI 10 th July | St George | 10 am | Terry O'Shea RIP | Feria in Ordinary Time | |
| | St Joseph | 5.45 pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions | | |
| | St Joseph | 6.15 pm | Katie's Birthday- followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet | | |
| SAT 11 th July | St George | 11 am -12pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions | Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
| Vigil Mass | St George | 12.30 pm | Michael & Nancy Roache RIP | | |
| Vigil Mass | OLQP | 6 pm | Edith Grundy RIP (recently deceased) | | |
| SUN 12 th July | St George | 8.45 am | For safe birth for Susmitha Joseph | | |
| | OLQP | 9 am | Edith Grundy RIP (recently deceased) | | |
| | St Joseph | 10.30 am | For the ternal rest of Kazimierz & Jozefa Sokolowski RIP | | |
| | St George | 11 am | Pro Populo | | |
| OLQP | 12.15 pm | Polish Mass | Departed souls of family and friends | | |
| St Joseph | 5.30 pm | Polish Mass | | | |

Summer Camp for Children

Monday 20th to Friday 25th June 2026

Please fill the form and forward it to me as early as possible.

The Rosary is prayed from 9.30am before the 10am Weekday Masses at St. George's.

Tea & Coffee at St. George's and Our Lady's after the Sunday Morning Masses



PLEASE PRAY FOR: The Sick and Housebound of the three parishes. We include those in hospitals, nursing homes and their own homes.

Our Lady, Health of the sick, Pray for them ☩

Welcome to the family of Christ. ☩

The Recently Baptised:

The Recently Deceased: Mary Hitchen – Reception of body in to St.George’s 4pm 21/7, Requiem Mass 12 noon 22/7

Anthony Lavery – 15/7 - 2.30pm at OLQP, Edith Grundy - 23/7 TBC

May they rest in peace ☩

Clergy Anniversaries incl: Canon Francis Grady, Mgr Louis McRaye, Revs Leo Joppe, Vincent Armishaw, Joseph Pires, Michael Gaffney, Bernard Maddox, Brendan Donlon, Anthony Maguire, Seamus Hetherston, Dcn Abthony Bateman,

May they rest in peace ☩

Parish Anniversaries incl: William Meecham, Mary Godsmark, Pauline Smith, Mary Llewellyn, John Stretton, Antoinetta Woodward, John Blackman, Eliabeth Blake, Mary Hughes, Maria Trovoada, Anne Williams

May they rest in peace ☩

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading

‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble.’

Zechariah 9:9-10

Thus says the Lord:

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Sion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation is he,

humble and mounted on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall speak peace to the nations;

his rule shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

The word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm

I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

Ps 145(144):1-2. 8-9. 10-11. 13c-14. R cf.1

Second reading

‘If by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.’

Romans 8:9, 11-13

Brothers and Sisters: You are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

The word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Cf Matthew 11:25

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,

you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.

Alleluia.

Gospel reading

‘I am gentle and lowly in heart.’

Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus declared, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

The Gospel of the Lord

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE ORDER OF MASS

Priest In the name of the Father....
People **Amen**

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit.**

Penitential Act

People: **I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God**

Gloria

Priest: Glory to God in the highest,
People: **and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.**
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

After the first and second readings

Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God**

The Gospel Acclamation is:
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Before the Gospel reading

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: **And with your spirit.**
Priest A reading from the holy Gospel according to.....
People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the Gospel reading

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

Profession of Faith

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People: **I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Bidding Prayers

People: **Lord, hear our prayer**



People: **Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Priest Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his Holy Church.**

Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: **And with your spirit.**
Priest: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right and just.**

Holy, Holy, Holy

Everyone: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Memorial Acclamation

Priest: The mystery of faith.
People: ONE OF THESE:
A **We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.**
B **When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**
C **Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.**

Doxology and Great Amen

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

People **Amen**
Priest At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say: **Our Father, who art in heaven,....**
Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
People: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

Rite of Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People **And with your spirit.**
Deacon or Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of Peace
To each other: Peace be with you

Breaking of Bread / Lamb of God

People: **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (2)**
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him.....
People: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Concluding Rites

Blessing - Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit**
Dismissal - Deacon or Priest: Go forth the Mass is ended
People: **Thanks be to God**
Alleluia, Alleluia

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| Lectio Divina (Zoom meeting) | Mondays from 7.00pm to 7.40pm - Meeting ID: 91915833192 - Passcode: 6ukZCd |
| Knights of St. Columba | 7.30pm for 8pm Start - Wed 22/7, 19/8, 23/9, 14/10, 25/11, 12/12 |
| Catholic Worcester Youth Group | St George's Parish Centre from September |
| University Students Meeting | TBC. |
| Sung Vespers | First Sunday of each month at 5pm at St George's Church - Next Sung Vespers 7 th June |

****EMAIL ADDRESS FOR ST GEORGE'S PARISH CENTRE BOOKINGS****

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PARISH GIVING –

Ideally, please arrange a regular **Monthly** payment by **Standing Order** through your bank (easily done using mobile phone, telephone or internet banking) to:

Account Name **R.C. Archdiocese of Birmingham Parish of St George Worcester**

Acc **07099460** Sort Code **55-81-36**

Account Name **R.C. Parish of Our Lady Queen of Peace Worcester RCA of Birmingham**

Acc **06477135** Sort Code **55-81-57**

Account Name **RCAB Parish of St Joseph, Warndon, Worcester**

Acc **07010745** Sort Code **55-81-36**

And if you are a tax payer, sign a Gift Aid Declaration so we can claim the tax back!

Or use the DONA Machines at the back of church or the DONA QR Codes on the front of this Newsletter. - Not all payments via the DONA machine are Gift Aidable; the category will have -GA by it if it is possible to claim Gift Aid.

| Sun 28 June | Standing Orders | Offertory Collection | Second Collection - Peter's Pence | Dona Digital Collection Plate 1st + 2nd | Total | W/E Mass Attendance |
|--|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--------|---------------------|
| St. G | £ 345 | £ 467 | £ 210 | £ 685 + £ 80 | £ 1787 | 526 |
| OLQP | £ 153 | £ 179 | £ 84 | £37 + £ 43 | £ 496 | 190 |
| St. J | £ 163 | £ 129 | £ 72 | - | £ 364 | 120 |
| 2nd Collection this Sunday: 4+5/7 Church repair/renovation | | | | | | |
| Next Weekend: Apostleship of the Sea | | | | | | |

GROWING IN HOLINESS

7.30pm Tuesday 7th July at St. George's Church

"The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit: A Journey in Adoration"

Theme: The Gift of Piety (Reverence)

All are welcome

LITTLE SAINTS - OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE RC CHURCH

Children's Liturgy as part of the 9am Sunday Mass - If you are interested in supporting the leader and can help support once a month, please contact Gemma on 07584 308 173.

Children's Liturgy at St. George's -

Every Sunday in Term Time at 8.45am Mass

BAPTISM Courses in 2026 – 10 am St. George's Parish Centre

Please attend the next baptismal course, on one of the following dates:

Saturdays - 12th September; 14th November. We will be able to discuss

the importance of this Sacrament as well as fill out the necessary application form and arrange/confirm the date.

All Day SATURDAY CAR PARK at St. George's Car Park (WR1 1UT) - £3

Please use our Car Park when in town on Saturdays to help raise funds

PARISH YOUTH GROUP: I am still looking for more volunteers to help with Youth Ministry. If you would like to get involved, please get in touch with me.

DEANERY ALTAR SERVERS DAY: On Saturday 11th July at Sacred Heart Parish, Droitwich from 10 am to 3pm. Two Minibuses will leave from St George's at 9.20 am, so please be here in time. The forms for the Day trip are in the Sacristy, please speak with Jomin or Barry for more information. I would like to encourage all our altar servers to participate. We will be back at St George's by 3pm and I would like parents to be ready to pick up your children in time.

Catholic Children's Camp Duration: 5 Days **Dates:** 20th to 24th July 2026 | **Times:** 9.45 am – 3.30 pm **Location:** St George's Parish Church & Centre **Eligibility** |Year 3 to Year 7

Applications now available from the back of all churches.

Limited places. It's for all three Churches

DURING SUMMER AT ST JOSEPH'S: Please note that starting from Sunday 19th July to Sunday 6th September (inclusive) there won't be 5.30 pm Mass on Sunday's. We will resume on Sunday 13th September.

DEACON JITHIN THOMAS TITTO (Punnamoottil) will be ordained at 2pm on Monday 6th July at St Chad's Cathedral. Deacon Jithin did his ministry for a month here at St George's. If anyone wishes to attend his ordination, please contact me on my email. He will be coming to St George's to celebrate a thanksgiving Mass on Saturday 25th July at 12.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

HOLY MASS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: on Friday, 4th September at 12 Noon followed by refreshments in St George's Centre. I would appreciate if you could inform me or the office of your attendance.

Catholic Worcester 300 + Club:

Finalised Prize Structure based on the actual number of entries received is :

1st £200 2nd £100 & 3rd £48

Bonus draws in December and June £400

The first draw is set to be made this Sunday (5th July) in the Parish Centre after the 11am Mass.

Thank you again for supporting this new fund-raising initiative.

*****G C Asomugha and Z Galusova please contact Simon in the office on***
01905 963 712**

Sunday, 19th July, Car Park is not available to the parishioners except those who are less able to walk and those who are with Disabled Badge. Those who have volunteered to organise the stalls and those who are bringing the equipment's and food may park near to the garages/ first half of the car park.

SUMMER FAIR & FOOD FESTIVAL SUNDAY 19th JULY: Please may I request you to start bringing in the following to make our Fair enjoyable one as well as raising funds for the renovation of our churches:

The next week: Bottles for bottle tombola for adults and children's items

The following two weeks: unused gifts, chocolate boxes,

The final week before the summer Fayre: Produce and plants (nearer the date) Can I appeal to our congregation from various nations, to support by having a food stall of their national food to raise funds for our parish.

We will need some volunteers to organise the day, please speak with Cecilia if you wish to get involved.

Cycling pilgrimage to Lourdes in aid of St David's Medical Centre, Zimbabwe

Frank Tota would like to thank everyone for generously contributing to his fabulous fundraising effort. **He raised a total of £9,652!** More details on the notice boards.

A SHORT COURSE TO BECOME A PARISH CATECHIST: The course consists of 6 sessions, each session will be 2 hours, and all sessions will be held at St George's Parish Centre. The course commences on Saturday 26th September from 10.15 am to 12.15 pm. More dates to follow. I would appreciate if you are interested, contact me on my email: canonjohn.battula@rcaob.org.uk

Coach seats available to the annual March for Life UK in London on Sat 5th Sept. Join Archbishop Bernard and thousands of others at this family-friendly event, where we recognise the value of life from conception and raise awareness of how abortion is a tragedy in itself and one that harms the family to its very core. Coach leaves St George's at 7.30am, dept London at 5pm. Adults: £25, under 18: £10, under 5: free. Booking needed for all seats – contact Isabel to book or sponsor a seat: 07773 501721 or izzys@gmail.com Event details at marchforlife.co.uk

Upcoming events:

Summer Fayre & Food Festival

BBQ and many other traditional foods from around the World, tombola etc

Sunday 19th July after 8.45 and 11 am Masses

International Mass & Shared Lunch

St George's on Sunday 13th September

Our Lady Queen of Peace on Sunday 20th September

St Joseph's on Sunday 27th September

Nigerian Day celebrations on Sunday 11th October at OLQP Church



Medjugorje Pilgrimage from 21st to 25th September 2026

£480 + single room supplement and luggage extra

Please hurry and reserve your place using the Booking Forms at the back of the Church or use the QR code.

"John Tours organisation of the recent pilgrimage to Lourdes was excellent"

CAFOD Venezuela Earthquake Appeal - Our thoughts and prayers are with all the people of Venezuela after two devastating earthquakes near Caracas. Many of our neighbours have been killed or injured, and buildings, including churches, seminaries and Caracas Cathedral, have been damaged.

Despite this, our trusted Church partners in Venezuela are already helping the survivors of this crisis with **emergency water, food and shelter.**

Your donation today will reach families affected by the earthquakes:

Donate today via the DONA machines or directly (with Gift Aid) at

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