



The Catholic Parish of St John Wall

with St. Joseph's, St. George's and Our Lady Queen of Peace

The Parish of St John Wall with OLQP, St Joseph & St George are part of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham, Registered Charity No: 234216
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THE MONTH OF AUGUST IS DEDICATED TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Cycle A

9th August 2026 – Hours: Psalter Week 3

*Pope's Prayer Intention for August: For evangelization in the city
Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways
to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.*



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Archdiocese of Birmingham:

“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 8 th Aug	St George	11 am -12pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	
Vigil Mass	St George	12.30 pm	Mini Emmanuel RIP	
Vigil Mass	OLQP	6 pm	Dermot O'Keefe RIP	
SUN 9 th Aug	St George	8.45 am	Pro Populo	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	OLQP	9 am	The Young Family	
	St Joseph	10.30 am	Phyllis Dargie Birthday	
	St George	11 am	For success in exams	
	OLQP	12.15 pm	Polish Mass	
	St Joseph		No Sunday evening Masses until 13 th September	
MON 10 th Aug	St George	10 am	The intentions of Maria Quaglieri	Feast of St Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr
TUE 11 th Aug	St George	10 am	Prayer & blessings for L M Paul's Happy Birthday, GCSE studies and A level admission	Memorial of St Clare, Virgin
	St George	7.30 pm	Growing in Holiness	
WED 12 th Aug	OLQP	9.30 am	Rosary	Feria in Ordinary Time
	OLQP	10 am	John Puliampallil 3rd Anniversary (10/08)	
	St George	12 noon	Maria di Flumeri RIP (Birthday Memoriam)	
THUR 13 th Aug	St George	10 am	John Rimmer RIP	Feria in Ordinary Time
FRI 14 th Aug	St George	10 am	Margaret Kirk RIP	Memorial of St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest, Martyr
	St Joseph	5.45 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	
	St Joseph	6.15 pm	Liam Birthday - followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet	
SAT 15 th Aug	St George	11 am -12pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	
Vigil Mass	St George	12.30 pm	Rosemary Brownlow RIP (recently deceased)	
Vigil Mass	OLQP	6 pm	Mr & Mrs McGouran RIP	
SUN 16 th Aug	St George	8.45 am	Mr Maurice Normoyle (Jnr) RIP	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	OLQP	9 am	Pro Populo	
	St Joseph	10.30 am	Pamela Brannan Birthday	
	St George	11 am	Honour & Glory to King Jesus Christ	
	OLQP	12.15 pm	Polish Mass	
	St Joseph		No Sunday evening Masses until September	

The annual Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall, Shrine of the English Martyrs takes place on **Sunday 6th September 2026 with Holy Mass at 3pm**
The principal celebrant: **His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía**, Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain
The Most Reverend Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham.

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



The Parish Office is currently closed for holidays and will reopen on Monday 17th August

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 ☩

The Recently Baptised:

Welcome to the family of Christ. ☩

The Recently Deceased: Jessica Wright – Requiem Mass on Monday 17th August at 11 am (St George)

May they rest in peace ☩

Clergy Anniversaries incl: Revs Denis Manion, Thomas Dennison, Michael McGrath

May they rest in peace ☩

Parish Anniversaries incl: Paolina Kettle, Brian O'Connor, Charles Mitchell, Ilona Kovacs, Margaret Pryce, Joyce Bradley *May they rest in peace* ☩

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading

‘Stand on the mount before the Lord.’

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

In those days: Elijah reached Horeb, the mount of God. There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the Lord came to him. And he said, ‘Go out and stand on the mount before the Lord.’ And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm

Show us, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation.

Ps 85(84):9ab, 10. 11-12. 13-14. R8

Second reading

‘I wish that I were accursed for the sake of my brothers and sisters.’

Romans 9:1-15

Brothers and Sisters: I am speaking the truth in Christ. I am not lying. My conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit — that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers and sisters, my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed for ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. I long for you, O Lord,
my soul longs for his word. **Alleluia.**

Gospel reading

‘Command me to come to you on the water.’

Matthew 14:22-33

After the crowd had eaten and were satisfied: Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, ‘It is a ghost!’ and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, ‘Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.’ And Peter answered him, ‘Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.’ He said, ‘Come.’ So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, ‘Lord, save me.’ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, ‘O you of little faith, why did you doubt?’ And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, ‘Truly you are the Son of God.’

The Gospel of the Lord

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

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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

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 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 4 th Oct

****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 pay Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax, then please ring Simon in the Parish Office and make an oral Gift Aid Declaration so we can claim the tax back that you paid on your donations! 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 2 Aug	Standing Orders	Offertory Collection	Second Collection -	Dona Digital Collection Plate 1st + 2nd	Total	W/E Mass Attendance
St. G	£ tbc	£ tbc	£ -	£ tbc + £ tbc	£ tbc	-
OLQP	£ tbc	£ tbc	£ -	£ tbc + £ tbc	£ tbc	-
St. J	£ tbc	£ tbc	£ -	-	£ tbc	-
2nd Collection this W/E 8+9/8: Church Refurb/Repair						

GROWING IN HOLINESS

7.30pm Tuesday 11th August at St. George's Church
"Walking in God's Commandments: A path to Holiness"
Theme: Love your neighbour as yourself
All are welcome

LITTLE SAINTS – OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE RC CHURCH

9 & 26 August - Children's Liturgy as part of the 9am Sunday Mass - If you are interested in supporting Gemma and can help support her once a month, please contact her on 07584 308 173.

Children's Liturgy at St. George's -

Will start again at 8.45am Mass on Sunday 6th September

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

Pease 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: Couple of parishioners have volunteered to support the initiative to restart "Parish Youth Group" from September. It will be nice if a couple more volunteer to join the team so that we truly meet up on a very regular basis. If you are interested to join the team, please get in touch with me at canonjohn.batthula@rcaob.org.uk Thank you.

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.

HOLY MASS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: on Friday, 4th September at 12 Noon followed by refreshments in St George's Centre. During Mass, anointing will take place. I would appreciate if you could inform me or the office of your attendance. **Sacraments** for Special Needs children and adults, please speak with me, accordingly I can organise to celebrate the sacraments.

Catholic Worcester 300+ Club:

There will be a delay in notifying the winners of last weekend's draw due to office holidays

And if you want to join in this new way to support the Parish while at the same time having a chance to win a monthly prize then complete an application form and contact the office for more details.

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.batthula@rcaob.org.uk

Coach seats available to the annual March for Life UK in London on Sat 5th Sept. 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:

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"

A JOURNEY IN FAITH – RCIA

"Enquiry is a time of discovery"

If you are thinking of becoming a Catholic or simply want to know more about the Catholic Faith, you are welcome to join me, starting from September, on Thursday evening's at 7pm in our Parish Centre for 'A Journey in Faith' sessions.

Our first initial meeting will take place on Tuesday 8th September in St George's Centre at 7pm.

Advance Notice: Mini Mission

Advent Reflections on three consecutive evenings

at 7pm in St George's Church

Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th December 2026

MEETINGS IN THE CENTRE FOR MEMBERS ONLY

FUNDRAISING (new members welcome): On Wed 2nd September at 7pm.

DEANERY PASTORAL COUNCIL: On Thursday 3rd September at 7pm

PASTORAL ADVISORY COUNCIL: On Wednesday 9th September at 7pm

FINANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL: On Tuesday 15th September at 7pm.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Yellow Enrolment forms are available from the back of the church or on our website. **A first meeting with**

parents/guardians is on Thursday 10th September and then the 1st Session is on Saturday 19th September in St George's Parish Centre. The commitment Mass is on Sunday 20th September during 9 am Mass for OLQP; 10.30 am for St Joseph's and 11 am for St George's. These sessions are for all children attending OLQP, St Joseph's & St George's Schools as well as children attending non-Catholic schools. **Confirmations will be on Tuesday 24th November 2026, at St. George's Church at 6.30pm.**

FOR SALE - To celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Our Lady Queen of Peace, our parishioner, Caz McPhail, is offering a range of commemorative mementos available to order with 100% of profits going to the church – order forms at the back of OLQP.

OFFERTORY COUNTING TEAMS: As per the Archdiocese regulations, we need to have more teams to count and bank our weekend collections. Can I appeal to more people to volunteer to team up. Ideally, we need at least 5 teams, consisting of two people in each team. The more teams we have the fewer times you would be counting. There is a list at the back of the church, please write your name and email or contact the parish office and leave your details. **The counting will be done on Tuesday morning's before or after Mass at St. George's.**

INTERNATIONAL MASS & SHARED LUNCH: Last year we had a very successful event, and no doubt to my mind it created an amazing community spirit. So we will do it again this year, starting at St George's Church on Sunday 13th September. During 11 am Mass, we will have different nationalities singing some of the hymns in their languages as well as the word of God and bidding prayers. For food, there is a list at the back of the church, please add your name and the food you would like to bring. If anyone wants to read the 1st or 2nd reading or the bidding prayers, please contact me?