



The Catholic Parish of St John Wall

incorporating the churches of
Our Lady Queen of Peace, St. Joseph & St. George

These churches are part of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham, Registered Charity No: 234216
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THE MONTH OF OCTOBER IS DEDICATED TO THE HOLY ROSARY

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Cycle A

11th October 2026 – Hours: Psalter Week 4

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Pope's Prayer Intention for October: For Mental Health Ministry
Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church,
helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illness

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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:
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DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (or Event Description)	FEAST DAYS
SAT 10 th Oct	St George	11 am -12pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	
Vigil Mass	St George	12.30 pm	Fr Jose Vadakkethalackal RIP (Anniversary)	
Vigil Mass	OLQP	6 pm	David Blakey RIP	
SUN 11 th Oct	St George	8.45 am	Annamma Varkey	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	OLQP	9 am	Tom Hawksley RIP	
	St Joseph	10.30 am	Pro Populo	
	St George	11 am	Thanksgiving from Alpha & Alexa Suny	
	OLQP	12.15 pm	Polish Mass	
	St Joseph	5.30 pm	Arthur Gillman RIP (Anniversary)	
MON 12 th Oct	St George	10 am	Sheila Moss RIP (Birthday Memoriam)	Feria in Ordinary Time
	St George	11 am	Requiem Mass of Carole Lock (RIP)	
	St George	7.30 pm	Sylvia Wright	
TUE 13 th Oct	St George	9.25 am	M.Thatcher RIP (Birthday Memoriam)	Feria in Ordinary Time
	St George	6.00 pm	Visit of St Gerard's Relics – Private prayer & Confessions	
	St George	7.00 pm	Concelebrated Mass – Main celebrant - Father Royston	
WED 14 th Oct	OLQP	9.15 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions & Rosary	Feria in Ordinary Time
	OLQP	10 am	Michael Barrett RIP (recently deceased)	
	St George	11 – 11.45 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	
	St George	12 noon	Emanuele Adorisio RIP	
THUR 15 th Oct	St Joseph's Church	8.45 am	Rupert Jones RIP & Family School Mas - Year 2 and Year 4	Memorial of St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church
	St George	10 am	Noel Duffy RIP	
FRI 16 th Oct	St George	10 am	Maureen Sinclair followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 12 Noon	Feria in Ordinary Time
	St George	11.30 am	Funeral Service for Rina Hrizenko RIP	
	St Joseph	5.45 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	
	St Joseph	6.15 pm	Intentions of Canon John followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet	
SAT 17 th Oct	St George	11 am -12pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	
Vigil Mass	St George	12.30 pm	Daphne Greenwood RIP (recently deceased)	
Vigil Mass	OLQP	6 pm	Mrs Pat Mattocks	
SUN 18 th Oct	St George	8.45 am	James Cleary RIP (recently deceased)	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	OLQP	9 am	Jerome	
	St Joseph	10.30 am	Mario & Carrie Sidoli	
	St George	11 am	Happy repose of the soul of Kay Healy	
	OLQP	12.15 pm	Polish Mass	
	St Joseph	5.30 pm	Pro Populo	

Visit of the Relics of St Gerard Majella to St John Wall Parish

At St George's Church on Tuesday 13th October 2026.

From 6pm – Personal prayer and Confessions

7.00 pm – Holy Mass followed by individual/family blessings with relics.



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 our parish. 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: Carole Lock RIP – 12/10 Requiem Mass 11am St. George's,
Rina Hrizenko RIP – 16/10 – Funeral Service 11.30 St. George's,
Margaret Tuffnell – 22/10 Funeral 11.30 St. George's

May they rest in peace ☩

Clergy Anniversaries incl: Bishop Michael Glancey, Canon William Withers, Mgr Paul Watson, Revs Terence Whatmore, Seamus Gilroy,
Dcn Louis Kelly

May they rest in peace ☩

Parish Anniversaries incl: Joan Simonson, Cecilia Taylor-Hinas, Lino Guida, Kenneth Cross, Julie Lewis, Sheila Milner, Maureen Dance,
William Quinn, Andrew Cawley

May they rest in peace ☩

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading

'The Lord will make a feast, and he will wipe away tears from all faces.'

Isaiah 25:6-10a

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.

He will swallow up death for ever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, 'Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.

This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.'

For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain.

The word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending

Ps 23(22):1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6. R1

Second reading

'I can do all things through him who strengthens me.'

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Brothers and Sisters: I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which he has called us. **Alleluia.**

Gospel reading

'Invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.'

Matthew 22:1-14

At that time: Jesus again spoke to the chief priests and the elders of the people, in parables, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, "Tell those who are invited, 'See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' " But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find." And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

'But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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

Please take the Newsletter home with you or put it first page to the front, back on the table at the back of church. Thank you

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 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! (PLUS 25%) Or use the DONA Machines at the back of church or the DONA QR Code 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 4 Oct	Standing Orders	Offertory Collection	Second Collection - CAFOD	Dona Digital Collection Plate 1st + 2nd	Total	W/E Mass Attendance
St. G	£ 2223	£ 669	£ 493	£ 390 + £ 228	£ 5,812	731
OLQP	£ 902	£ 201		£ 57 + £ -		247
St. J	£ 542	£ 107		-		168
Second Collection next weekend 17+18/10: World Mission Sunday Envelopes are available this weekend to Gift Aid your cash or cheque donation – fill out your details! Please DO NOT use the envelopes if not completing the GIFT AID declaration!						1146

GROWING IN HOLINESS

No Growing in Holiness this week but instead an opportunity to visit the Relics of St Gerard Majella with Personal Prayer and Confessions from 6pm and Holy Mass at 7pm

***** All are welcome *****

LITTLE SAINTS – OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE RC CHURCH

Children's Liturgy as part of the 9am Sunday Mass - 4/10, 25/10
If you are interested in supporting Gemma just once a month, please contact her on 07584 308 173.

Children's Liturgy at St. George's –

During Term Time on Sundays at 8.45am Mass

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

Please attend the next baptismal course, on the following date:

Saturday - 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

800TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST FRANCIS' DEATH:

Mgr Pat will be giving an Illustrated talk on "St Francis of Assisi" on Friday 13rd November at 7pm in St George's Centre. I would like to encourage everyone from St Joseph's, OLQP and St George's communities to come along.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP: Youth Group helpers will meet on Wednesday, 14th

September at 7pm in St George's Centre. If you are interested to join the team, please come along to the meeting. The plan is to launch on **Friday 6th November from 7pm to 8.15 pm, and thereafter to meet every other Friday. Young people who are in Year 6, 7, 8 and 9 are invited.**

Catholic Worcester 300+ Club Parish Lottery:

Congratulations to our monthly Parish Lottery Draw winners (4/10/26):

1st £200-Anon 2nd £100-Anon 3rd £48-Peter Sheeran

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.

Remember to keep up your monthly payments to be in the next draw.

Nigerian Day Celebrations – OLQP- THIS SUNDAY 11th October

SVP Bereavement Café at St. George's – There will be a meeting in the side room in St George's Centre after the 8.45am Mass on Sunday 11th October for anyone interested in helping/supporting this new initiative. Please come along if interested to learn more.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE: On Sunday 13th December after 8.45 am & 11 am Masses at St George's. Can I appeal to you to start bringing boxes of Chocolates, biscuits, unused gifts, and raffle prizes. I will also need some of you to volunteer to look after the stalls, setting up and clearing it after the fayre. I will need some of you to support having food stalls. Next weekend you will find a sheet at the back of the church to write your name/number so that the organisers can in touch with you.

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 on the following Saturdays **from 10.15 am to 12.15 pm:** 7th November - 9th January - 13th February and 13th March.

A JOURNEY IN FAITH – RCIA

"Enquiry is a time of discovery"

Are you thinking about becoming a Catholic? Or perhaps you simply want to discover more about the Catholic faith and what it means to follow Jesus **You are warmly invited to join us for "A Journey in Faith"**, a series of informal and welcoming sessions where you can ask questions, explore the Catholic faith and discover where your own journey might lead.

When: Thursday evenings at 7.00pm Where: St George's Centre

Next session on: "Holy Spirit" on Thursday 15th October

MONTHLY MASS AND LUNCH FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS:

Every First Thursday of the month.

Mass at 12 Noon followed by lunch in St George's Centre.

(5th November & 3rd December)

Mini Mission Advent Reflections

On three consecutive evenings at 7pm in St George's Church

Tuesday 15th Dec – Father Michael Glover (St Mary's Seminary, Oscott)

Theme: Hope — "Waiting for the Light"

Wednesday 16th Dec– Canon Rob Taylerson (St Mary's Seminary, Oscott)

Theme: Peace — "Making Room for the Prince of Peace"

Thursday 17th Dec – To be confirmed

Theme: Joy — "Good News of Great Joy"

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Yellow Enrolment forms are available from the back of the church or on our website. The Sessions are on Saturdays in St George's Parish Centre. 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.**

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD –NEW ITEMS ONLY PLEASE

**A SHOEBOX FILLED WITH LOVE AND CARE,
A LITTLE GIFT, A SIMPLE PRAYER,
FOR NEEDY CHILDREN JOY THEN SHINES BRIGHT
THEIR FIRST EVER CHRISTMAS GIFT....** ❤️

Please see the following website for suitable items:

www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child

There is a box is at the back of all three churches for donations. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS: Available from the back of the church. £5 a book (5 tickets in each book) Please take some with you and promote it within your family and friends. All funds towards the maintenance of our churches. (Please return money and ticket stubs to the office, give it to the one of the clergy or leave it in the sacristy)

FUNDRAISING MEETING: Our next fundraising meeting is on Wednesday 4th November at 7pm in St George's Centre. All members and if anyone else who would like to get involved, please come along to the meeting. We need more people to volunteer to get involved to make parish communities inclusive.

2ND NOVEMBER - ALL SOULS DAY

The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed:

The Mass times as follows:

St George's: 10 am – 12 Noon – 7.00pm

OLQP: 11 am – 6pm

St Joseph's: 8.45 am