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 NOVEMBER IS DEDICATED TO HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

QR Code for Offertory / Donations

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Cycle A

8th November 2026 – Hours: Psalter Week 4

Pope's Prayer Intention for November: For the proper use of wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

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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 7tt Nov	**St George**	**9 am**	**Domingos Assuncao Gama De Sousa RIP (4months)**	**Memorial of Our Lady (First Saturday)**
	St George	11 am -12pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & ***Confessions***	
Vigil Mass	**St George**	**12.30 pm**	**Maria Mrozowski RIP (Anniv. 6th November)**	**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Vigil Mass	**OLQP**	**6 pm**	**Thomas Johnson RIP**	
SUN 8th Nov	**St George**	**8.45 am**	**Repose of the soul of Kay Healy RIP (Anniversary 16/12/25)**	
	OLQP	**9 am**	**Pro Populo**	
	St Joseph	**10.30 am**	**Jacqueline Twinberrow**	
	St George	**11 am**	**Intentions of Maureen Sinclair**	
	OLQP	**12.15 pm**	**Polish Mass**	
	St Joseph	**5.30 pm**	**Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Ss Joseph, Anthony & Jude**	
MON 9th Nov	**St George**	**10 am**	**Varghese V.T. RIP & All Souls**	**Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**
	St George	**7.30 pm**	**Maureen Sinclair**	
TUE 10th Nov	**OLQP**	**9.10 am**	**John Grant RIP – School Mass**	**Memorial of St Leo the Great, Doctor of the Church**
	St George	**9.45 am**	**Tony Dady RIP (recently deceased)**	
	St George	7.30 pm	Growing in Holiness	
WED 11th Nov	**St George's School**	**9 am**	**Paula Duffy**	**Memorial of St Martin of Tours, Bishop**
	OLQP	9.15 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, ***Confessions*** & Rosary	
	OLQP	**10 am**	**Rudolf and Ružica RIP**	
	St George	**11 – 11.45 am**	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & ***Confessions***	
	St George	**12 noon**	**Fatima Rocha RIP (recently deceased)**	
THUR 12th Nov	**St Joseph Church**	**8.45 am**	**Holy Souls (School Mass- Reception and Yr6)**	**Memorial of St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr**
	St George	**10 am**	**Peter Eden RIP**	
	OLQP	**11.30 am**	**Funeral Service of Derek Welsby (RIP)**	
FRI 13th Nov	**St George**	**10 am**	**Margaret Lomax RIP**	**Feria in Ordinary Time**
	St Joseph	**11.30 am**	**Requiem Mass of Marilyn Stack RIP**	
	St Joseph	5.45 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & ***Confessions***	
	St Joseph	**6.15 pm**	**Charles Maryanne Rosie RIP** followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet	
	St George's Parish Centre	**7.00 pm**	An Illustrated talk on "St Francis of Assisi" by Mgr Pat	
SAT 14tt Nov	St George	11 am -12pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & ***Confessions***	
Vigil Mass	**St George**	**12.30 pm**	**Edward Defranco RIP (Anniversary)**	**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Vigil Mass	**OLQP**	**6 pm**	**Deceased of the Seymour Family**	
SUN 15th Nov	**St George**	**8.45 am**	**Varghese VT (RIP) and all departed souls of the Vadakkethalackal family**	
	OLQP	**9 am**	**Peter, Brenda & Neil Higgins RIP**	
	St Joseph	**10.30 am**	**Roman Miloszewski RIP**	
	St George	**11 am**	**Deceased of the Greene and Schoolcraft families**	
	OLQP	**12.15 pm**	**Polish Mass**	
	St Joseph	**5.30 pm**	**Iris Gowdy**	

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 ✞

The Recently Baptised: ***Welcome to the family of Christ.*** ✞

The Recently Deceased: Derek Welsby RIP – Funeral Thursday 12/11 - 11.30 at OLQP;
Marilyn Stack RIP - Requiem Mass Friday 13/11 at 11.30 am at St Joseph ***May they rest in peace*** ✞

Clergy Anniversaries incl: Revs Francis Dawson, Derek Edwards, Michael O'Keefe, Petroc Howell, Dcn John Burton
May they rest in peace ✞

Parish Anniversaries incl: Marie Holland, Rosanna Blakely, Peter Norman, Therezina De Barros Oliveira, Michael Meehan, Eugene O'Keefe, Margaret Bailes, Patricia Dutfield ***May they rest in peace*** ✞

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading **'Wisdom is found by those who seek her.'** **Wisdom 6:12-16**

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. He who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for he will find her sitting at his gates. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and he who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths and meets them in every thought.

The word of the Lord All: **Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm ***For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God***

Ps 63(62):2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8. ℟ 2b

Second reading **'Through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.'** **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by the word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The word of the Lord All: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation **Alleluia, alleluia.** Stay awake and be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. **Alleluia.**

Gospel reading **'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'** **Matthew 25:1-13**

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, "Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise answered, saying, "Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves." And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterwards the other virgins came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he answered, "Truly, I say to you, I do not know you." Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

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 25/11, 12/12
Catholic Worcester Youth Group	St George's Parish Centre on Friday 20th November from 7pm
University Students Meeting	TBC.
Sung Vespers	First Sunday of each month at 5pm at St George's Church – No Sung Vespers in Dec.

****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). As One Parish with Three churches, please make any* ***new*** *Standing Orders to:*
Account Name **R.C. Archdiocese of Birmingham Parish of St George Worcester**
Acc **07099460** *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 1 Nov	Standing Orders	Offertory Collection	Second Collection -	Dona Digital Collection Plate 1st + 2nd	Total	W/E Mass Attendance
St.John Wall						St G 743
Sun 25/10	£ 916	£ 927	£ 480	£440 + £312 Refurb		OLQP 169
Sun 1/11	£ 3090	£ 1003	£ 681	£713 + £381 Johnson	£ 8943	St J 143
Next 2nd Coll. 21+22/11: Catholic Youth Service						

CHRISTMAS FAYRE: On Sunday 13th December after 8.45 am & 11 am Masses at St George's – Specific requests from the organisers:
Help to set up and decorate hall on Saturday 12th from 9.30am / Volunteers needed to man stalls on the day for an hour or so / Loan of one or two Slow Cookers for keeping mulled wine warm / Bottles for Tombola /Chocolate for Tombola / Cakes and other home-made produce: must be labelled for any allergies / Christmas gifts and decorations./ Christmas plants and/or wreaths / Donations of books – good condition please / Bagged sweets./ Loan of Christmas lights to decorate outside and inside areas

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS: Still available from the back of the church. £5 a book (5 tickets in each book) Please return money and ticket stubs asap

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD –*NEW ITEMS ONLY PLEASE*

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.

Come and join in the "Packing Party" this Friday 13th Nov from 10am to 1pm at St George's Parish Centre – tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided

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

Catholic Worcester 300+ Club Parish Lottery:

Congratulations to our monthly Parish Lottery Draw winners (1/11/26):

1st £200-Anon 2nd £100-Louise Bury 3rd £48-Anon

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 set up a standing order.
Remember to keep up your monthly payments to be in the next draw.

PARISH REGULAR GIVING APPEAL
GIFT AID/STANDING ORDERS/NEW & EXISTING PARISHIONERS
As I informed you two weeks ago, James Hayes, one of our Parish Finance Council members will appeal on the following weekends:
Saturday 14th November: 12.30 pm (St G) & 6 pm (OLQP)
Sunday 15th November: 8.45 and 11 am (St G)
Sunday 22nd November: 9 am (OLQP) & 10.30 am & 5.30 pm (St J)

Note: NEW OFFICE Opening Days:
The Office is now open 9am-3pm from Tuesday to Friday – that is the Office will now be closed on Mondays instead of Wednesdays

HOLY SOULS' ENVELOPES
Holy Souls envelopes are available from the back of our three churches. Please write the names of the deceased members your family & friends and place into the special envelope along with your offering.

SVP Remembrance Mass at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, at 7pm on Wednesday 18th November. (There is a sheet in our churches for parishioners to write the names of the deceased)

GROWING IN HOLINESS
7.30 pm Tuesday 10th November at St. George's Church
November: Reflections on 'from life to Eternity'.
Theme: "The Mystery of Death: Grieving with Faith and Dying in Hope"
***** All are welcome *****

LITTLE SAINTS - OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE RC CHURCH
Children's Liturgy as part of the 9am Sunday Mass – 8,22&29/11,6,13,20/12
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
Pease attend the next baptismal course, on the following date:
Saturday - 14th November.

800TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST FRANCIS' DEATH: Mgr Pat will be giving an Illustrated talk on "St Francis of Assisi" on Friday 13th 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 FOR AGES 10-14: The next Parish Youth Group meets on **Friday 20th November from 7pm to 8.15 pm. Young, people who are in Year 6, 7, 8 and 9 are invited.** Please spread the information to other young people.

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 2027- 13th February 2027 and 13th March 2027.

A JOURNEY IN FAITH – RCIA
"Enquiry is a time of discovery"
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: "The One Apostolic Catholic Church" on Thursday, 12th November

NEXT MONTHLY MASS AND LUNCH FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS/DISABILITY: On Thursday 3rd December
Mass at 12 Noon followed by lunch for people with special needs/disability in St George's Centre.

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:
Bishop David Evans will be with us to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at 6.30 on Tuesday 24th November 2026 at St. George's Church.

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE ON SUNDAY 6TH DEC. AT 2PM: There is a meeting for those involved/interested in the service or providing refreshments after in the st George's Centre on Sunday 8th November after 8.45 am Mass. For more information contact Lawrence: ltsharkey@btinternet.com

BLESSING OF GRAVES:
Memorial Garden - Sunday 15th Nov after 11 am Mass
St John's – Sunday 15th Nov at 3pm (meet at the entrance)
Astwood Cemetery (meet in carpark) – Sunday 22nd Nov at 3.00pm

AUTUMN SOUPS at St. George's: **Delicious homemade soups** will be served in the Parish Centre after 12.00 Noon Mass on Fridays 27/11, 4+11/12. This is to raise money for the Angel Tree Charity which provides Christmas presents for the children of prisoners in Long Lartin Prison. If you would like to make a soup for one of the days, please contact Gordina Battle on 07831 540523.