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

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Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Sunday Cycle A
22nd November 2026 – Hours: Psalter Week 2

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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DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (or Event Description)	FEAST DAYS
SAT 21st Nov	St George	11 am -12pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & ***Confessions***	
Vigil Mass	**St George**	**12.30 pm**	**Thanksgiving**	**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**
Vigil Mass	**OLQP**	**6 pm**	**John Gerard Walsh RIP (Birthday remembrance)**	
SUN 22nd Nov	**St George**	**8.45 am**	**In thanksgiving for Patrick and Daniel Healy**	
	OLQP	**9 am**	**Deceased members of the Higgins & Adderley Family RIP**	
	St Joseph	**10.30 am**	**John & Chinnamma RIP**	
	St George	**11 am**	**L M Paul - Birthday & God's Mercy**	
	OLQP	**12.15 pm**	**Polish Mass**	
	Astwood Cemetery	3.00 pm	Blessing of Graves at Astwood Cemetery	
	St Joseph	**5.30 pm**	**Luke McGinley RIP - Months Memory**	
MON 23rd Nov	**St George**	**10 am**	**Katherine**	**Feria in Ordinary Time**
	St George	**7 pm**	**Abandoned Souls**	
TUE 24th Nov	**OLQP**	**9.15 am**	**P J Leonard - School Mass**	**Memorial of St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs**
	St George	**10 am**	**Erico Quaglieri RIP**	
	St George	**6.30 pm**	**Holy Mass for Conferral of Confirmation** Principal Celebrant Bishop David Evans	
WED 25th Nov	**St George's School**	**9.05 am**	**Holy Souls**	**Feria in Ordinary Time**
	OLQP	9.15 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, ***Confessions*** & Rosary	
	OLQP	**10 am**	**Joseph Fairman RIP (3rd Anniv)**	
	St George	**11 – 11.45 am**	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & ***Confessions***	
	St George	**12 noon**	**All souls from our family**	
THUR 26th Nov	**St Joseph Church**	**8.45 am**	**K.C.Cheriathu RIP (School Mass- Years 2 and 4)**	**Feria in Ordinary Time**
	St George	**10 am**	**Albert & Lena Coulter RIP & Richard & Frances Fletcher RIP**	
FRI 27th Nov	**St George**	**12 noon**	**Domingos Assuncao Gama De Sousa RIP (5 Months)** followed by Autumn/Advent Soups in the Hall	**Feria in Ordinary Time**
	St Joseph	5.45 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & ***Confessions***	
	St Joseph	**6.15 pm**	**Joy, Jeyamma & Janice** followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet	
SAT 28th Nov	St George	11 am -12pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & ***Confessions***	
Vigil Mass	**St George**	**12.30 pm**	**Thanksgiving for Children & Grandchildren**	**First Sunday of Advent**
Vigil Mass	**OLQP**	**6 pm**	**Kevin Phelan RIP**	
SUN 29th Nov	**St George**	**8.45 am**	**Kathleen Boyle RIP**	
	OLQP	**9 am**	**Clare Subaou**	
	St Joseph	**10.30 am**	**Cal Gowdy Birthday**	
	St George	**11 am**	**Fautimo da Costa RIP**	
	OLQP	**12.15 pm**	**Polish Mass**	
	St Joseph	**5.30 pm**	**Pro Populo**	

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: Timothy Hand RIP – Funeral 10am Friday 4/12 St. George's ***May they rest in peace*** ✞
Clergy Anniversaries incl: Canon Augustine Emery, Revs David Higham, Michael Connolly, Edward Neary, Dcn Pat Linthwaite
May they rest in peace ✞
Parish Anniversaries incl: Kathleen Ogle, Anne McInerney, Elise Corti, John Redmond, Margaret Fahy, Anne Gilhooly, Joseph Fairman, Joanna Kirk, John Miskimmin, Eamon McInerney, Mafalda Manganiello ***May they rest in peace*** ✞

Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

First reading **'As for you, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.'** **Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17**

Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats.

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

Responsorial Psalm ***The* LORD *is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want***
Ps 23(22):1-2a. 2b-3. 5. 6. ℟1

Second reading **'Christ delivers the kingdom to God the Father, that God may be all in all.'** **1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28**

Brothers and Sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

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

Gospel Acclamation **Alleluia, alleluia.** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! **Alleluia.**

Gospel reading **'He will sit on his glorious throne and he will separate people one from another.'** **Matthew 25:31-46**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." Then the righteous will answer him, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?" And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me."

'Then he will say to those on his left, "Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?" Then he will answer them, saying, "Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

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 - 25/11, 12/12, 12/1, 9/2, 23/3, 27/4, 18/5, 8/6, 27/7, 17/8, 28/9, 5/10, 9/11, 8/12
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 8 Nov	Standing Orders	Offertory Collection	Second Collection -	Dona Digital Collection Plate 1st + 2nd	Total	W/E Mass Attendance
St.John Wall Sun 15/11	£ 1,336	£ 886	£ -	£ 274 + £ -	£ 2496	St G 761 OLQP 189 St J 146
2nd Collection this weekend 21+22/11: Catholic Youth Service Next 2nd Coll. 28+29/11: Church Refurbishment						

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

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:

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:
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.

AUTUMN/ADVENT 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.

PIETY STALLS at CHRISTMAS – Remember to try our Piety Stalls for your Christmas Cards and Advent Calendars

GROWING IN HOLINESS

Not this week due to the CONFIRMATIONS taking place in church
NEXT - 7.30 pm Tuesday 1st December at St. George's Church

LITTLE SAINTS - OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE RC CHURCH

Children's Liturgy as part of the 9am Sunday Mass – 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

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal: Thank you again to our organisers, supporters and volunteers – 191 shoeboxes were packed and shipped. An additional £330 was raised towards the costs of sending the boxes overseas. Fantastic

PARISH YOUTH GROUP FOR AGES 10-14: The next Parish Youth Group meets on **Friday 4th December & 18th December 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: This course will continue with three more 6 sessions in the New Year. Sessions will be held at St George's Parish Centre on the following Saturdays from 10.15am to 12.15pm: - 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 Dogma of Mary - Thursday, 26th 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.

SERVICE of NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS – StG SUNDAY 6TH DEC. AT 2PM:
For more information contact Lawrence: ltsharkey@btinternet.com

BLESSING OF GRAVES:
Astwood Cemetery (meet in the car park) – Sunday 22nd Nov at 3.00pm

VOLUNTEERS: I am appealing to you to volunteer to help us with various works in the parish, especially helping in St George's as Collectors at 12.30 am & 11 am Masses as well as to help us with our Car Park on Saturday's when Knight of St Columba members are not available.

READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: may I also appeal more people to volunteer to join in these ministries. If you would like volunteer, please contact me directly on canonjohn.batthula@rcaob.org.uk. I plan to have an evening of training in February 2027, and I look forward to hearing from you. It's a very special blessing to be a lector or Extraordinary Minister. God bless you.

RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLLMENT MEETING: on Thursday 10th December in St George's Centre at 7pm. All parents and guardians who wish their children to make their First holy Communion in May 2027 attend this meeting. At that meeting, myself and Cecilia our parish pastoral assistant will explain the sacramental preparation program and will have an opportunity to meet our dedicated catechists. Look forward to seeing you all.

ADVENT starts next Sunday – Pick up your Archdiocese "Advent Walk with Me" – booklets (£2 voluntary donation) from the back of Church