



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

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Month of January is dedicated to the Holy name of Jesus

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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Sunday Cycle C

12th January 2025 – Psalter Week 1

Pope's Prayer Intention for January: For the right to an education – Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, may always be respected.

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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".

JANUARY	CHURCH	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEAST DAYS
SAT 11 th JAN	St G	11.30 am	Exposition & Confessions	
Vigil Mass	St G	12.30 pm	Bernard and Josephine Coughlin RIP	
Vigil Mass	OLQP	6.00 pm	Pro Populo	FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
SUN 12 th JAN	ST G	9.45 am	Ninetta Adorisio RIP	
	OLQP	10.00 am	Peter and Mary McElroy	
	St G	11.30 am	Gloria Hall RIP/ Holy Souls	
MON 13 th JAN	St G	10.00 am	Private Intention (MC)	Feria
	OLQP	9.15am	School Mass in Church	Feria
TUES 14 th JAN	St G	10.00am	Rob Leonard RIP (3rd Anniv)	
	St G	9.00am	School Mass in St George's school	
WED 15 th JAN	OLQP	10.00am	Dec'd Brothers of the Knights of St Columba	Feria
	St G	12 Noon	Jean Edwards RIP	
THUR 16 th JAN	St G	10.00 am	Robert John Riley RIP	Feria
FRI 17 th JAN	St G	10.00am	Christina Kelly's Ints	Feria
SAT 18 th JAN	St G	11.30 am	Exposition and Confessions	
Vigil Mass	St G	12.30 pm	Pro Populo	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Vigil Mass	OLQP	6.00 pm	Hilda Rawlinson RIP	
SUN 19 th JAN	ST G	9.45 am	Rosa Adorisio	
	OLQP	10.00 am	Kathryn Wright Ints/Bev Ashton Ints	
SUN 19 th JAN	St G	11.30 am	Keith Fisher RIP (Birthday Memoriam)	
	OLQP	12 noon	Polish Mass	

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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They can be contacted if you have any concerns on 0121 2306240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk

Link for Mass: www.churchservices.tv/worcester



Tea and Coffee at **Our Lady's** after 10.00am Mass
Tea and Coffee at **St George's** after 9.45 and 11.30am Sunday Masses

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Mondays at 7.00 pm – 7.40pm	Lectio Divina (Zoom Meeting) Meeting ID: 91915833192 Passcode: 6ukZCd
Wednesday, 15 th January at 7.30pm	Knights of St Columba, St George's Parish Hall
Sunday, 12 th January at 9.45am	Parish Family Mass at St George's

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick and Housebound of the two parishes. We include those in hospitals, nursing homes and their own homes

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

The Recently Baptised: Mmuogozie Samuel Osakwe

Welcome to the family of Christ.

The Recently Deceased: Peter Anthony Dance (Requiem - St G's 23.1.25 @12noon), Ronald Burton, Brian Tombs, Barbara Ludwig (Requiem- St G's 13.02.25 @10am), Fr Fred Sheldon.

May they rest in peace †

Clergy Anniversaries incl: Revs Patrick McSwiney, Patrick Joyce, Benedict O'Gorman, Gerard Peuleve, Cyril Bennett, Archibald 'Archie' Snell, Timothy Dinan, Cecil Keane, Bernard Robertson, Canon Matthias (Matt) Corrigan, Deacons Brian Dockerty and Thomas Mark Carter.

May they rest in peace †

Parish Anniversaries incl: Marie Micheline Hardwick, Michael Anthony McGovern, Eileen Quinlan, Michael Peter Lancaster, Caterina Compagnone, Anna Morag, Kathleen Tedstone, Ninetta Adorisio, Jean Winifred Edwards, Robert John Riley, Anna McCulla, John (Adrian David) Kettle, Moya O'Sullivan, Christine Atkinson, Anne Marie Phillips.

May they rest in peace †

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

First reading

'Prepare the way of the Lord'

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go on up to a high mountain, O Sion, herald of good news;

lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news;

lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, 'Behold your God!'

Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him;

behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms;

he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

The word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm

***Bless the Lord, O my soul !
My God, how great you are!***

Second reading

"He saved us by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit." **Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7**

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness, and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

The word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. He who is mightier than I is coming, said John.
He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. **Alleluia**

Gospel

'When Jesus had been baptised and was praying, the heavens were opened.' **Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**

At that time: As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, 'I baptise you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people were baptised by John the Baptist and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'

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

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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Everyone: 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.

THE APOSTLES' CREED (used as an alternative)

Everyone: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under

Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Bidding Prayers

People: **Lord, hear our prayer**

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**

PARISH GIVING

OLQP - THE NEW DONA DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE IS NOW IN PLACE NEXT TO THE PIETY STALL AT OLQP

In addition to the normal opportunity to make a cash offering for the Sunday Collection, you can now donate by card or smartphone using the new Dona Digital Collection Plate (DCP) at the back of St. George's Church and OLQP, the Dona QR codes found on the front of the Newsletter or by using the following websites:

<https://donate.mydona.com/st-georges-catholic-church>
<https://donate.mydona.com/our-lady-queen-of-peace-worc>

You can use this method to pay for the 1st Collection, 2nd Collection, the Piety Shop, Publications, Candles (Minimum £1), Poor Box, Holy Souls and other ad hoc appeals – just use the menu and arrow key to find the fund you are wishing to donate to.

If it is possible to claim Gift Aid (not all funds are eligible) and you are a Taxpayer, the DCP Unit will make it possible to make a Gift Aid Declaration to register your details so that the Church can claim the basic rate tax back that you have paid on your donation – that's an additional 25%. Furthermore, the system attaches your Gift Aid details to the card you paid with and so the next time you use the same card to donate you will not have to complete the details again.

Sun 5/1/25	1 st Coll	2 nd Coll -	Digital Collection Plate	Standing Orders	Total
St.G	£647.75	£-	£490.00	£2,668.67	£3,806.42
OLQP	£269.37	£-	£ Zero	£754	£1,023.37

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR PAX CHRISTI

BOOKING NOW OPEN FOR THIS YEAR'S DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

You are most welcome to join us this Jubilee Year as we journey to Lourdes in May.

The pilgrimage runs from **Saturday 24 - Friday 30 May 2025** with the theme: "With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope".

If you would like to travel to Lourdes but in need of assistance we can help. Assisted pilgrims have the support of doctors, nurses, carers and hospitaliers throughout their time on pilgrimage. You will participate fully in the pilgrimage and experience the love of God through the care, love and friendship of volunteers.

Please contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office to discuss assistance requirements: 0121 230 6288 / admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk

As well as applications from assisted pilgrims we're also keen to hear from doctors, nurses and carers eager to volunteer their time and experience Lourdes.

If Our Lady is calling you, please answer and give to others. We look forward to hearing from you.

Find out more here:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage>

A JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA) THURSDAY EVENINGS AT 7PM IN THE PARISH HALL-

Next meeting **Thursday, 16th January**

Enquiry is a time of discovery!

JUBILEE YEAR 2025- PILGRIMS OF HOPE - COMPANION BOOKLETS now available priced £1.50

AWAKENING 2025: EVANGELISATION AND HEALING CONVENTION

The Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry (AFCM UK) invites you to **Awakening 2025**, a day of spiritual renewal, commitment and evangelization. Join us on **Saturday, 25th January** at the Bethel Convention Centre, West Bromwich, Birmingham. The event begins at 9.00am with Rosary, Praise and Worship and Holy Mass. There will be talks, a healing service and Adoration in the afternoon concluding at 4.00pm. There will also be special activities for children ages 5-12. A coach has been arranged and will be leaving from St George's at **7.30am**. Seats cost £10 per person. There is a list available at the back of church to which you can add your name or you can call 07792 470 604. To register for the event go to www.afcmuk.org/register.

"Now We Are Confirmed " sessions for the young people of the Parish recently Confirmed.

The young people of St. George's and Our Lady Queen of Peace who have recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation are warmly invited to the "Now We are Confirmed "sessions .

These are planned for the 3rd Saturday of the month, term time, starting on **Saturday 18th January with 12.30 Mass**, shared lunch and a different theme each month.

In February we will be having a tour of Worcester cathedral in the morning with the Dean followed by prayers in the crypt and returning for 12.30 Mass

In March after Mass we are hoping to do a parish Lenten fundraising lunch for parishioners after the 12.30 Mass.

If you would like to read, serve, help with the offertory or collections at Mass please do let us know.

The catechist team are looking forward to you joining us for these sessions.

For further information and to advise if planning to attend please contact:

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WORCESTER CIRCLE, NEWMAN ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, 22nd January 2025 at 7pm St. George's RC Church Hall, Worcester

Theme: Uses and Abuses in Religious Art and our Faith **Speaker:** Fleur Dorrell.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - The children are now preparing for the Sacrament. Their names are listed on the display in St George's church. Please pray for them and, if you can, take a slip from the left panel and record who you will pray for, then place it in the pocket on the right. Thank you.