



St George's & St Theresa's
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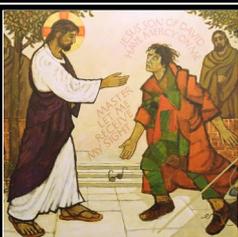
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New keys for St Theresa's

We have installed new external locks at St Theresa's. Keyholders that we are aware of will be contacted. If you need a key and we have not contacted you, please contact Fr Tony or Juliette via the parish office.



The Bartimaeus Project

is a formation programme on our Catholic Faith. The title "The Bartimaeus Project" comes from Bartimaeus' request to Jesus "Lord let me see". He is, of course, asking for physical sight, but in the Gospel that is also a metaphor for understanding. The first series of sessions will be in March, beginning on Tuesday 1st March at 7:30pm. The first session is entitled:

**'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening'
 God's Revelation.**

Further sessions in the month will deepen our understanding of Revelation—how God speaks to us—and the Bible. Each session will be led by a speaker in their parish hall or church, and streamed to other participating parishes, where there will be a chance to discuss the talk afterwards. People will also be able to participate from home via zoom. More information can be found at: bartimaeus-project.org

6th February 2022: 5th Sunday of the Year
Sunday: Year C Weekdays: Year 2, Week 5

Fr. Tony Writes:

The Offertory Procession

This weekend we are restoring another element of the liturgy: the offertory procession. The practice of bring gifts to the altar predates Christianity, as it can be found in the Jewish tradition. Jesus himself makes reference to it in the Sermon on the Mount, encouraging us to be reconciled to our brothers and sisters before bringing our gifts to the altar.



In the early Church the offertory was not always money. Often it would be produce. This is probably the origin of the (now symbolic) washing of the hands by the priest as part of the Preparation of the Gifts.

We are not restoring the 'passing round of the basket', so please continue to put your offering in as you enter the church, but we will be bringing the basket to the altar in the offertory procession. This is symbolic of all the gifts we bring, including the money given by standing order, and indeed the very gift of ourselves.

The prayers over the gifts also remind us that the things we give are in origin themselves gifts to us from God, which will be given back to us as something of infinitely greater value!

*Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
 for through your goodness
 we have received the bread we offer you:
 fruit of the earth and work of human hands,
 it will become for us the bread of life.*

**Volunteers Needed to Clean St Theresa's
 & St George's Churches**

Thank you to those of you that have already signed up to help with church cleaning. We could do with a few more volunteers to add to the rotas please. The more people we have on the rota, the less often you will be required.



Once we have enough volunteers, we will create a fortnightly rota which will be sent via email (*please make sure the office has an up-to-date email address for you*). You will be partnered up with another volunteer, so will not be expected to clean the church alone. A list of cleaning duties can be provided, if this would be helpful, and we will make sure that there are sufficient cleaning products available to use. Thank you.

Please pray for

All who are sick in the parish, especially Pietro Addis and Jean Ryan. Also those who have died recently, especially Nathalie Soffe and Aimee Roberts, those who have been recently bereaved, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Celebrating Marriage



The 5:30pm Mass this coming Saturday, 12th Feb, will be a celebration of Marriage. We invite any married couples in our parishes who have celebrated a 'significant' anniversary in the past year, or who will do so in the coming year, to let the parish office know, so that we can give thanks and pray for you at that Mass. There will be refreshments after the Mass, including something fizzy....

Weekly Timetable

Saturday 5th Feb <i>St Agatha</i>	4:45 - 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	Tim Martin RIP
Sunday 6th Feb 5th Sunday of the year	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	George Shannon RIP All Parishioners
Tuesday 8th Feb <i>St Josephine Bakhita</i>	10am Mass, St George's followed by tea & chat	Leonardo Iacono
Wednesday 9th Feb	6:30pm Adoration 7:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	Norma Wigton RIP
Thursday 10th Feb <i>St Scholastica</i>	10am Mass, St George's	Gibbons Family
Friday 11th Feb <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	10am Mass, St Theresa's	Fr James Kirwin RIP and Deceased Parishioners
Saturday 12th Feb	4:45 - 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	For families
Sunday 13th Feb 6th Sunday of the year	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	Eileen Sheenan RIP All Parishioners

Lourdes 2022



Each year, the diocese takes more than **700 pilgrims to Lourdes** to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes. Our group includes 130 pilgrims who are sick, disabled, frail or elderly and need our help to make the journey. Our pilgrimage is 'Love In Action', we journey to Lourdes to serve each other and to renew our commitment to walk with Jesus Christ with the help of Our Lady and St Bernadette.

Applications are now open for this year's Pilgrimage (29th July to 4th August 2022). You can find out more and book at: www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes

Next weekend's second collection is for the Diocesan Lourdes Fund. The fund helps to finance pilgrims who would otherwise be unable to go. It can be gift-aided in the normal way, or through the special envelopes which can be found at the back of the church.

Tea & Chat

Recommences this Tuesday 8th February at St George's, after mass, and will continue every second and fourth Tuesday of the month thereafter.



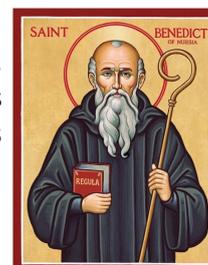
WORTH ABBEY EVENTS

The Wisdom of St Benedict

15th-17th Feb Led by Fr Martin McGee OSB. Fr Martin will explore the riches of St Benedict's Rule, a guide to living out the Christian life in all its fullness. The following topics will be covered:

- *Stability* – Becoming rooted in Christ;
- *Humility* – Learning how to become oneself;
- *Lectio Divina* – Finding nourishment in God's Word;
- *Christian leadership* – Serving Christ in others.

Opportunities for meeting with a monk are also available.



Time Out

21st-25th February (Mon-Fri) & 4th-6th March (Fri-Sun).

Individual retreats with the opportunity to meet with a member of the Monastic Community. Start the new year by getting away and having time to process, to reflect and to pray. This is a week set aside from the normal retreat programme to offer time for a bit of sanctuary so you can do whatever you need to do with plenty of being time in between. There will be no set programme other than the usual monastic services and the regular mealtimes.

For more details on either of these see: worth.co.uk/retreats

To book Tel: 01342 710318 Email: retreats@worth.org.uk