



**MASS TIMES**  
Third Sunday  
& Ordinary Weekdays



ST GEORGE'S			ST TERESA'S		
Sat Vigil	17:30	Matthew Conlon RIP	Sat		
Sun	08:00	Brian & Barbara McNabb RIP	Sun Music	11:00 Group	Peter Eugene Willson RIP
Choir	09:30	Murial Harrison RIP		17:00	People of the Parish
Mon 23rd	09:30	St Francis de Sales Joyce Carter RIP			
Tues 24th	09:30	Conversion of St Paul Michael Hughes RIP			
Wed 25th	09:30	Saints Timothy & Titus Intention of Fr Alan Finley			
Thurs 26th	11:30 12:30	Rosary Sanguinetti & Garcia Families			
Friday 27th	09:30	Maggie Cantwell RIP	Fri	10:00	Intention of Pamela Randall
Sat 28th	09:15 09:30 10:00	St Thomas Aquinas Morning Prayer Martin Carter RIP Rosary			

**NEXT SUNDAY 29/01/17 — FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A - PSALTER WEEK 4**

ST GEORGE'S			ST TERESA'S		
Sat Vigil	17:30	Deceased Members of the Carey Family			
Sun	08:00	Pat Burke & Billy Collins RIP	Sun Music	11:00 Group	People of the Parish
Music	09:30	Lottie & Harold Jones RIP		17:00	Margaret (May) Probets RIP

**CONFESSIONS & ROSARY**—SUBJECT TO CHANGE SHOULD THERE BE NO MASS OR A REQUIEM TAKING PLACE

**ST GEORGE'S - THURSDAY:** 12.00-12:20 CONFESSIONS

EXPOSITION & SIMPLE BENEDICTION WITH PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS DURING CONFESSIONS

**SATURDAY:** 10:00-10:30 & 17:00-17:20 CONFESSIONS

**ROSARY** 11:45AM THURSDAYS & AFTER MASS ON SATURDAY MORNINGS

**ST TERESA'S** - CONFESSIONS BY REQUEST



**TAUNTON CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**ONE GOD, ONE FAMILY, ONE COMMUNITY**

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

22nd January 2017 - Newsletter 868 - Psalter Week 3 - Year A - Ordinary Weekdays

Sunday Readings: First Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3; Psalm 26; Second Reading: St Paul to the Corinthians 1:10-13.17 & Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23



**ENTRY**

*O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
In his presence are majesty and splendour,  
strength and honour in his holy place.*

**RESPONSE**

**The Lord is my light and my help.**

**ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom,  
and cured all kinds of sickness among the people. Alleluia!*

**COMMUNION**

*Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.*

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE FOLLOWING & THEIR FAMILIES:**

**SICK:**

Christopher Browne, Martin Connolly, Iain Polley, Carmel Allan, Sheila Sullivan, Sean Strickland, Bob Wilkinson, Mary Wallace, Julie Teague, Alf Ryan, Margaret Kilcullen, Jim Baker, Vic Smith, John St John Napier, Norman Surridge, Hazy Richardson, Peter & Joan Walker, Esther Page, Sr Michelle SSJA, Philip Fearon, Carole Marden, Michael Festing, Riza Carol Khan, Lochlan Quinlan, Sr Raymond SSJA, Riley Jenkins, Brenda Shackleton & all who are sick at this time.

**DEATHS**

Doris Purkis, Margaret Probets, Jen Lander, Marie Hyde, Phyll Stephen

**ANNIV:**

Francis Brain, Mary Gorton, Matthew Conlon, Penryn Roderick, Harold Binding, Winifred Crocker, Bernard Thomas, Mary Brooking, Susan Petri, Betty Griffin, Mary Rooker Thomas Collier, Dr Kathleen Lawler, Ellen Lawless, Patrick Mackie, Winifred Spearing, Terry Coleman, Phyllis Neal, Harriet Shellard, Joyce Carter & all whose anniversary occurs at this time

**DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK: Gloucester: Matson St Augustine of Canterbury/Tuffley English Martyrs**

**CONTACT US - Parish Team:**

**Parish Priest:** Canon Alan Finley;

**Assistant Priest:** Fr David Savoury

**Permanent Deacons:** Rev Trevor Jones & Rev Ed Channing

**Retired Priests:** Fr Peter Hawkins, Fr Michael Lewis, Fr Bernard Shackleton,  
Fr Peter Marden & Fr David Boundy

**Parish Safeguarding Representative:** Rev Trevor Jones

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### CANON ALAN FINLEY WRITES:

As I sit in my office now there is a lovely smell of hyacinths coming from a bowl that has been placed on the table here. In a way it is a reminder of good things that can sometimes seem to be displaced with bad. Many will look eagerly on as a new President of the United States is sworn in to Office on Friday. Some in fear, but surely, as Bishop Declan frequently preaches and says, we need to be "a people of hope." In praying the Mysteries of Our Lord's life in the decades of the Rosary there are Sorrowful Mysteries but there are those of Joy and Glory. Bad news often makes headlines but Jesus Christ came to redeem, to save, to love and show how to love, to worship, honour and be with His and our Father. The Gospel is the good news. Rather like the flowers in front of me, we have to die ourself to be born again in God's love and service of others. As St John the Baptist puts it: "He must increase but I must decrease." May we aim to increase in our openness to God's Holy Spirit this week, increasing in our good deeds, words and silence, and decreasing in our criticisms, judgements and misuse of words.

*God Bless. Fr Alan*

*Please be aware that there will be carriageway resurfacing work taking place along Billetfield, Hurdle Way, Mary Street & Upper High Street from Monday 30th January for 12 evenings, including the weekend. Please allow more time when travelling to any evening Mass at St George's Church or a Parish Centre event during this period.*

### FR ALAN'S FINLEY'S FAREWELL ON SUNDAY 29TH JANUARY

**Talking with parishioners** I know how sorry we all are that Father Alan is leaving us at the end of the month. His wonderfully pastoral presence has been something very much appreciated by the people of St George's and St Teresa's. Still, we shall not part in sorrow: to that end, on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January, there will be a farewell reception for Father Alan in the Catholic Centre, beginning at midday. We hope that many people will be able to attend and give our dear Parish Priest a good send-off. *Fr. David*

### CALLING ALL SINGERS & INSTRUMENTALISTS—FR ALAN'S LEAVING MASS

**If you** would like to come & join in with the music for the Fr Alan's leaving Mass at 9.30am on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January at St Georges Church, there will be practice on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm – 9pm. If you play an instrument please advise Anne-Marie Twort or the Parish Office so that we can have the correct music ready for you. Do come along you will be very welcome

### MISCELLANEOUS

**Bookshop:** please support your church & pay us a visit. Opening times: Sunday, 8.30am-11.30am

**Open Door:** Always greatly appreciated sleeping bags, blankets, warm clothing. Donations of these & tinned & non-perishable food always welcome. A box is available at both churches.

**The nearly new paperback bookstall** - We are always glad to receive good quality books to sell, please bring them in at any time. The next stall will be held *Sunday 5th February 2017.*

### COLLECTIONS:

**St George's:** Collection: £921; **St Teresa's:** Collection: £314

**There will be a** retiring collection at all Masses next weekend for the Friends of St George's - Old School Redevelopment; please make any cheques payable to The Friends of St George's.

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**St George's 2017 Gift Aid Envelopes** are now available from the back of the church. If you cannot find your envelopes, wish to use envelopes or have any queries, please contact Paul Tighe: email: ptighe@btinternet.com or tel: 01823 271 049 or contact the Parish Office.

### THE OLD SCHOOL RE-DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS

**Old School redevelopment progress and new house** - our development project includes a new house alongside the Old School to give the best income to the parish for the long term. Enough donations have now been received to build the house and many thanks are due to everyone who has helped. The two house conversions of the Old School will be finished in the spring and the new house in the summer. We think we should not begin letting until all the building work is done but anyone interested in becoming a tenant is welcome to write to the Parish at any time. The donations have ensured a sufficient contingency in the parish funds for any other parish needs but, of course, further donations are always welcome!

### ST TERESA'S CHURCH NOTICES

**There is a letter of thanks**, on the noticeboard, from the Taunton Association for the Homeless for the Jesse Tree Christmas gifts donated by the parish.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL

**A New Year Resolution?** Could you think of joining the St Vincent de Paul Society? Come to a taster meeting with our small, active, happy group of members held in the Rectory for one hour every other Tuesday, and discover the work of the SVP in our community and abroad. For more information contact the Parish Office by email or telephone 01823 272700.

### TAUNTON STREET PASTORS

**More Street Pastors are required** – If you can offer two hours or more a month there are opportunities to share God's love in various locations across the town. A new training course is starting in January on Wednesdays, 7-9:30pm, at the North Street Church (opposite Debenhams). FFI tel 07773 038 622 or email Taunton@streetpastors.org.uk

### DIOCESAN DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**A Celebration of Marriage Mass** is taking place in Clifton Cathedral on Saturday 11th February at 12noon as part of National Marriage Week. This celebration is for the whole diocesan community and especially our married couples. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this coming year & are attending the Mass, please ring 0117 902 5595.

**Celebrating Lent & Easter**— You are all invited to a day to reflect on the richness of the Lent & Easter Seasons. This day will be on Saturday, 18 February 2017, 10am –3.30pm at St Brendan's, Brislington, Bristol; lunch will be provided for those registered. FFI/to register tel: 0117 902 5595 or email: richard.williams@cliftondiocese.com *by 15 February 2017.*