

# ST DOMINIC'S, DURSLEY & ST JOSEPH'S, NYMPSFIELD

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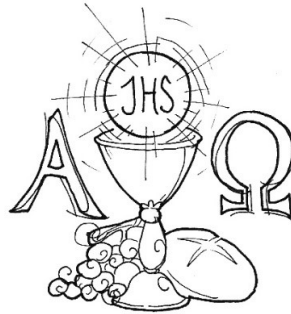
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## 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024 – ORDINARY SUNDAY 25 (YEAR B)



### Sunday 25 in Ordinary Time

Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Sep		5.30pm	Sunday Mass (Reginald	Nympsfield
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sep			Powell RIP)	
		10.30am	Sunday Mass (Pro Populo)	Dursley
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sep.	St. Pius of Pietrelcina	<b>Fr. P's Day Off</b>		
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> Sep	OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM, Feast in England	9.30am	Mass (Rebecca S. Thomas' intentions)	Dursley
<b>Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Sep</b>	<b>Feria of Week XXV</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Mass ( ) Clergy at Safeguarding Training</b>	<b>Dursley</b>
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Saints Cosmas & Damian	10.00am	Full School Mass (D J Bucci's Intentions)	Nympsfield
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Sep	St Vincent de Paul	6.00pm	Adoration & Confessions	Dursley
		7.00pm	Mass (The SVP)	Dursley
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Sep	St Wenceslaus of Bohemia	Noon	<b>Mass &amp; Holy Baptism ( )</b>	Dursley
		3.00- 4.00pm	Confessions	Dursley

### Sunday 26 in Ordinary Time – Harvest Festival – We send greetings to St Bartholomew's, Nympsfield, who keep Harvest a week later than us.

Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Sep		5.30pm	Sunday Mass ( )	Nympsfield
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Sep		10.30am	Sunday Mass (Pro Populo)	Dursley

### THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER: FOR THE CRY OF THE EARTH

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

**A REMINDER TO PARENTS WANTING TO SEND CHILDREN TO ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL, NYMPSFIELD, IN SEPTEMBER 2025, THAT THEY NEED TO APPLY BEFORE THE 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY NEXT YEAR.**



## **MASS PROPERS FOR SUNDAY XXV (Year B)**

**Entrance Antiphon** I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**First Reading – Wisdom 2:12, &17-20** *A prophecy foreshadowing the Saviour's Passion.*

**Responsorial Psalm** The Lord upholds my life.

**Second Reading – James 2:14-18** *St James tells us that peacemakers sow seeds that bear fruit in holiness.*

**Alleluia Verse** I am the Light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows Me will have the light of life.

**Gospel Reading – Mark 8:27-35** *The Redeemer speaks of His coming passion and the proper nature of Christian leadership.*

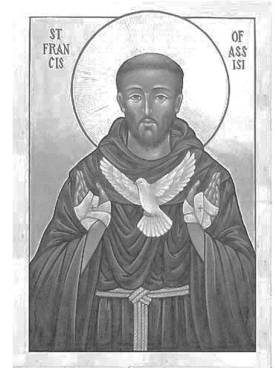
**Communion Antiphon** You have laid down your precepts to carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping Your statutes.

### **FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

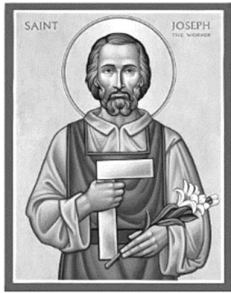
<b>The Recently Dead:</b>	Fathers George Malecki & Michael Derek d'Mello
<b>Diocesan Prayer Link:</b>	Calne and Melksham. Thornbury, Wotton, & Knowle West, who are mourning their Parish Priests
<b>Churches Together:</b>	Farms and market gardens gathering the harvest. The Revd. Jimmy Cullingford, the new Minister at Dursley and Cam, Stonehouse and Wotton chapels
<b>Parish Prayer Rota:</b>	Our forthcoming new parish groups.

### **FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS**

- **Ordinary Sunday XXVI 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> September – Harvest Festival in both churches**
- ***Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October, St Francis of Assisi, co patron saint of Italy with St Catharine of Siena. 7.00pm Bilingual Mass [English and Italian] to celebrate the Italian contribution to life in Dursley***
- **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October Quiz Night**
- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October Churches Together AGM at 4.00pm at St Bartholomew's Anglican church, Cam.
- Weekend of 20<sup>th</sup> October Ordinary Sunday 29B – Experimental Mass times.  
A) No Saturday Evening Vigil in Nympsfield  
B) Sunday Morning 9.00am in Nympsfield & 11.00am in Dursley
- **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November Pre-Christmas Fayre in the hall**
- Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December, Feast of the Holy Family, we propose replacing the Café Dominic with Mulled Cider/Apple Juice and mince pies, to bring the family of the parish together.



**STROUD DISTRICT FOODBANK COLLECTION** Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September, Dursley Methodist church will be open 10.00am till 12.00Noon as a collection point. The following items are particularly sought – (*long-life or tinned!*) *milk, fruit juice, ham & corned beef, pasta sauces, tomatoes, vegetables, tinned pies, tinned meat meals, rice pudding, yellow custard, tinned fruit, instant coffee, chocolate and sweets, jam, marmite, peanut butter, crisps and nuts, toilet rolls, laundry liquid.*

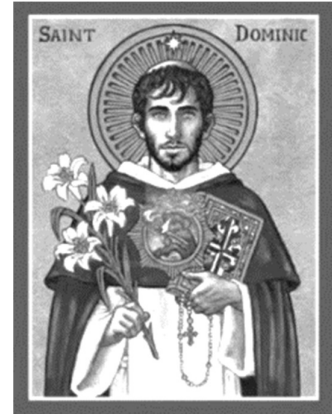


**QUIZ NIGHT** Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October in St Dominic's Hall, Dursley, 7.30pm Both Parishes Quiz Night. Teams of up to six 6, £10 for an adult to enter, £5 for a child. There will be a "Pickie Tea" by way of refreshments. Proceeds to the Dursley Parish Hall Refurbishment Fund. Tickets are available from this weekend

## **PARISH GROUPS [FOR BOTH PARISHES]**

1. **MEETING FOR UCM MEMBERS AND FRIENDS** Our forthcoming new groups have been inspired and helped by the UCM. As our existing parish group, they meet first. This is not at present a re-foundation of the UCM, but a simple meeting of existing members and those considering membership. It is a little prayer and fellowship over refreshments. Table talk may get on to how the UCM's experience can help the new ventures. **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm Short Prayer Service and Refreshments in the hall.**

2. **INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE OSMA GROUP** St Dominic was a canon of Osma Cathedral in Spain, before starting his preaching against the Albigensian Heresy in Southwest France. It is believed he was a Premonstratensian Canon at Osma. It is with this name that our new Ladies' Group begins its existence. Of course, those attending will be able to change this name for whatever they decide. **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm in the hall. Short Prayer Service. Refreshments and Discussion**



3. **INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE TOULOUSE GROUP** St Dominic crossed the Pyrenees and began his preaching in southwestern France, believing that the preacher should live the message he proclaimed. Others agreed and joined him. He started the formal work of his Order of Preachers in Toulouse. Our men's group may change this name if they wish, but we have to get started somewhere and Toulouse is famous for sausages too! **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October [St Edward the Confessor] at 6.00pm Short Prayer Service Refreshments and Discussion**

Father believes that the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church, grows at a cellular level, like the human body. We need these "cells" to facilitate growth and development. It is his hope that these two groups will enable people to grow in their community/Christian life and in their knowledge and practice of the Faith. This may well mean regular meetings. Parishioners should think about when and where this should happen. It could involve social events together as well as religious ones, trips to the cinema or theatre as well as exhibitions. We could invite speakers. We could also do some limited book study for adult catechesis. As we grow in faith and confidence as groups and individual members, we might feel able to do things for the overall parish. The possibilities are endless – involvement in church and presbytery, the hall [on completion of our renovation project], garden; financial acumen to help with balancing the accounts, fund raising and expenses; eucharistic ministers, readers, altar servers, church linen, cleaning the church and brass, flowers, singing in the choir, playing a musical instrument. This is but the tip of the iceberg for a flourishing parish or pair of parishes.



## **200 CLUB AUGUST DRAW WINNERS**

1. Teresa Johnson
2. Susan Terry
3. Patrick Mitchell

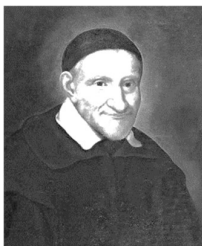


**FR. PHILIP WRITES** Good King Wenceslas never did look out on the feast of Stephen. First and foremost because he wasn't a king but the Sovereign Duke of Bohemia. In those days, these Czech and Moravian lands spoke both Czech and German side by side. The famous German writer Franz Kafka came from Prague. The ethnic cleansing at the end of World War II, although done in the hope that they could prevent further bloodshed in the name of language, expelled the Sudeten German speakers from Czechoslovakia and from Prague. There are as many German/Austrian boys called Wencel as there are Bohemian and Slovak Vaclavs. His relics are enshrined in Prague Cathedral in a splendid silver reliquary. The cathedral also houses the shrine of St John Nepomuc. The Christmas Carol remembers the saint's generosity and



Christian concern for the needy. He is, however, remembered more for his martyrdom than pages having their feet warmed by the ground where the saint trod. His brother and his stepmother engineered his murder because they hated his faith.

This week will also see us remembering Saints Cosmas and Damian. These too were martyrs. They were doctors, whose Christianity stopped them from charging patients for their services. Their fellow doctors killed them in hatred of the faith. They are known as "Unmercenary Healers". They are believed to have been Arabic brothers. Their memorial allows us to remember all doctors and medical practitioners in the NHS. Nurses have their own patron saints but there is no harm to praying for them alongside the doctors. Naturally, if you know any Damians or Cosmases, do remember them in your prayers.



Most of us have heard of the SVP, technically the SSVP, the Society of St Vincent de Paul, founded by Blessed Frederic Ozanam in Paris in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Collections and donations of furniture and clothes support the work of the Society's men and women up and down the land. St Vincent himself lived 2 centuries earlier. He founded the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians or Lazarists) and the Daughters of Charity of St Vincent de Paul. He was concerned about the plight of the poor, especially the rural poor, often deprived of religious instruction as well as the necessary things for life. He was also a pioneer of seminary education to raise the standards of the clergy being ordained for God's service. In founding the Daughters of Charity, Vincent worked with St Louise de Marillac. Fr Philip has visited his humble birthplace in Gascony and his relics in Paris, as well as the related shrine of Blessed Frederic Ozanam. Please pray for the SSVP, its members, its work and the recipients of their charity.

**PRE -CHRISTMAS FAYRE Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November in St Dominic's Parish Hall.** This will be a larger event than last year. There will be more stalls and lunch will be available. Please begin to think about what you can donate, how you can help (before, during and after!!!). Please notice that the tree in this picture is not yet decorated. The Christmas Season in church starts on the evening of Christmas Eve and runs to the Sunday after Epiphany, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the season

