

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

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## 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024 – ORDINARY SUNDAY 27 (YEAR B) ROSARY SUNDAY



### Sunday 27 in Ordinary Time

Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct		5.30pm	Sunday Mass (Michael Whittard	Nympsfield
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct		10.30am	RIP)	Dursley
			Sunday Mass (Pro Populo)	
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	Our Lady of the	Noon	Rosary	Dursley
	Rosary	12.30pm	Mass - Day of Prayer & Fasting for Peace	Dursley
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Feria of Week XXVII	11.30am	Funeral Requiem of Giuseppina Petrocelli	Dursley
		<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>UCM Members in the hall</b>	Dursley
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	ST JOHN HENRY	9.00am	Mass ( )	Dursley
	NEWMAN, Feast	<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>Osma Group in the hall</b>	Dursley
Thu 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	St Denis & Companions	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass with the school ( )</b>	Nympsfield
		<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Funeral Requiem for Fr. G Malecki SDS</b>	<b>Thornbury</b>
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Pope St John XXIII	6.00pm	Adoration, Rosary & Confessions	Dursley
		7.00pm	Mass ( )	Dursley
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	St Wilfrid of Ripon	Noon	Mass ( )	Dursley
		3.00-	Confessions	Dursley
		4.00pm		

### Sunday 28 in Ordinary Time

Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct		5.30pm	Sunday Mass (Pro Populo)	Nympsfield
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct		10.30am	Sunday Mass (Geraldine RIP)	Dursley
		<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Dursley Churches Together AGM</b>	<b>St Bart's, Cam</b>
		<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Toulouse Group in the hall</b>	Dursley

## SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY



### MASS PROPERS FOR SUNDAY XXVII (Year B)

**Entrance Antiphon** Within Your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist Your will. For You have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; You are the Lord of all.

**First Reading – Genesis 2:18-24** *God does not want human beings to be lonely and tells, in the story of the creation of man and woman, that He intends us to know true union of mind, heart and body.*

**Responsorial Psalm** May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

**Second Reading – Hebrews 2:9-11** *Sanctifier and sanctified are of one stock.*

**Alleluia Verse** Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.

**Gospel Reading – Mark 10:2-16** *Whilst some pharisees were trying to trick Him, Christ teaches about the unity and indissolubility of marriage as God intends it.*

**Communion Antiphon** The Lord is good to those who hope in Him. To the soul that seeks Him.

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**The Recently Dead:** Those killed in the Middle East and in the American Hurricane  
**Diocesan Prayer Link:** Chard, with Crewkerne and Ilminster  
**Churches Together:** For an end to wokeness amongst Christians  
**Parish Prayer Rota:** Our forthcoming new parish groups.

### THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR OCTOBER: FOR A SHARED MISSION

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

### 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 refreshments 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



### FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- 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.
  - 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.

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

- 1. MEETING FOR UCM MEMBERS AND FRIENDS** 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**

**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. This is the last week that tickets are available!!!

## **PRIESTS' FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS [FRS. GIORGIO (GEORGE) MALEC(S)KI SDS & MICHAEL DEREK D'MELLO]**

- Father George's body will be received into Holy Cross Church, Wotton-Under-Edge on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm followed by Mass. After Mass, Fr George's body will be taken to Christ the King Church, Thornbury. A funeral Mass will be celebrated in Christ the King Church, Thornbury on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 11.00am, followed by burial in Thornbury Cemetery, which will be attended by family only. Light refreshments will be served in the hall following the funeral Mass.
- Father Michael's body will be received into Christ the King Church, Knowle on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 6.00pm followed by Mass at 6.30pm. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October in the Cathedral Church of Ss Peter and Paul. Followed by a burial in Bridgwater Cemetery.
- Fr Ray Matus' arrangements at the Manchester Oratory are not yet known. He was ordained for Clifton and prepared Fr. Philip for reception into the Church.



**NOT GOOD TO BE ALONE** The Book of Genesis was composed around two and a half millenia ago. It is a deeply religious book, recording for us important truths about our faith in the form of stories, formulated long before they were written down. In its two stories about how all things came to be, Genesis asserts that nothing exists by accident, but by the deliberate will of God. The two accounts do not aim to be answers to the question HOW but to the question WHY (Those answers come to us from Scientific Research). Genesis tells us about God and man, not atoms and big bangs and evolution.

Human beings exist by the deliberate plan of God. You don't need to be a genius to see why this passage from the second story of creation is chosen today to fit in with our gospel on marriage. It teaches the basic complementarity of the sexes and their equality, bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh.

We miss at our peril the theological, anthropological and sociological assertion that God makes before making woman. "It is not good for man to be alone". That is incredibly important for family, marriage, friendship, international relations between states and economic cooperation. If human beings are not made to be social, why do we have such pain in parting, from moving house, from bereavement or even from casual liaisons that are more physical than spiritual or intellectual.

Human connectedness, society, Church, the communion of saints. These things are vital to our wellbeing. Even those whom God calls to live alone (and there aren't many of them) remain deeply connected to others in the communion of saints and the family of the Universal Church. One of the most important contributions we make to the towns, villages and cities where we Christians live is COMMUNITY. We remain there as glue long after shops have closed, and bus routes been diverted, isolated chapels and churches far away from what people like to call civilisation. We assert over and over again, what God, says, "It is not good for man to be alone". We try not to allow people to suffer in the loneliness and isolation of addiction, pain, pride, hostility and need. We do this because God made us all deep down to be in communion with one another and with Him.



We don't claim to be good at living by the values we profess. It is sadly true that not all Christians are in full communion with the Catholic Church. We have cultural diversity but not unity of faith and order. Nevertheless, it is still true that we would be better together. The nations and countries



of this world would be better off working together than firing words and missiles at each other. Healing and wholeness inside and between people need others to help. Recovery, recuperation, restoration are not solitary activities. Too many human beings on this planet think they know better than God and that it is better for them to be alone, exploiting and dominating, warring and destroying. God made us male and female in His own image and He does not want us to be alone.

### **URGENT APPEAL FOR DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE**

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, President of the Bishops' Conference, has affirmed Pope Francis' and the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem's call for a day of prayer for peace to be held on Monday, 7 October, in response to an escalation of the conflict in the Holy Land. "In response to the developing situation, Pope Francis has called for day of fasting and prayer.



This is to take place on Monday, 7 October 2024, the first anniversary of the Hamas attacks in Israel," wrote the Cardinal to the priests of his diocese. "I ask everyone to participate in a day of prayer and fasting for peace in the world. Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, has also invited us to mark 7 October, as a day of prayer, penance and fasting for peace in the Holy Land. He speaks of the 'need to pray, to bring our pain and our desire for peace to God. We need to convert, to do penance, and to implore forgiveness.