

NEWSLETTER FOR



THE PARISH OF

## **St Teresa of the Child Jesus Norris Green**

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*In the Pastoral Area of St Raphael and St Paul  
with Blessed Sacrament 474 2682*

*Holy Name and Our Lady & St Philomena 476 0289*

*Parish Priest: Fr Carl Mugan Deacon: Donagh McKillop*

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021  
27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

### **Live Streaming System**

All services are live streamed via Church Services TV. You can view services via the links on our websites, Facebook at [www.churchservices.tv/teresanorrisgreen](http://www.churchservices.tv/teresanorrisgreen)

**Your prayers are asked for those who have died recently, especially,**  
John Hayes, Gerard (Gerry) Edwards, Margaret Fowler, Gerard Westhoff,  
Theresa Graham, Mary Sweetman, Kay Bell, Ann Whitworth

**and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time**

Ellen Harrison, Theresa Burns, Ann Pybis,

**Please pray too for all those who are lonely or housebound and for those  
who are sick, at home or in hospital, especially**

*Pat Hale, Mark Alfred Isherwood, Terry Vellely, Toni Daly, Billy Fox, Eddie Unsworth,  
Patricia Broadfoot, Michelle Roehrig, Bernie Boyd, Pauline & John Morgan, Nellie Daley,  
Vassilis Alamaniotis, Mrs Duke, Louie Jones, Eve & Mike Morris,  
Rita Wynne, John McIntyre, Margaret Coyle, Betty Stone, Daria McCusker*

## ALL MASSES ARE OPEN FOR PEOPLE TO ATTEND

**SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> October**  
Baptisms by appointment only  
6.00pm Mass

**SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> October**  
10.00am Mass  
Baptisms by appointment only  
6.00pm Mass

**MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> October**  
1.30pm: Requiem:

**TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> October**  
9.00am: Mass

**WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> October**  
9.00am: Mass

**THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> October**  
9.00am: Mass

**FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> October**  
NO MASS

**SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup> October**  
Baptisms by appointment only  
5-5.30pm: Confession  
6.00pm Mass:

**SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> October**  
10.00am Mass:  
Baptisms by appointment only  
6.00pm Mass:

All Masses are livestreamed via  
[www.churchservices.tv/teresanorrisgreen](http://www.churchservices.tv/teresanorrisgreen)

### Confessions

Confessions will resume each Saturday **between 5pm-5.30pm only.**

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**Baptisms** – A very warm welcome to the following children Brodie Lee Warmsley, Harry George Winstanley, Mila Rose Cavanagh Hanson, George John McAleavey who were Baptised into our faith family last weekend.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS -

Do you know anyone who would like to become a Catholic, or perhaps someone who was Baptised but has never been Confirmed or received First Holy Communion?

If so, why not encourage them to "come and see?" We are about to begin our meetings for enquirers, starting on Tuesday 21st September.

We will begin with a friendly, informal chat and hope to welcome our enquirers onto a journey in faith.

Please contact the office on 07907342469 or Veronica on 07515286564

## **SVP UPDATE**

Hello parishioners, your St Teresa's SVP group is still in place and will become more visible as we all go forward together.

We have continued to support as many families as possible, behind the scenes in our local area throughout the last 18 months.

We have received support from the SVP head office, as they have seen the encouragement and commitment from St Teresa's parishioners over the years. Thank you all for that support.

As always, if you know of any individual or family who our SVP group could help, then don't hesitate to contact us by calling/texting (in confidence) on our SVP local number 07763 429896

### **St Francis of Assisi**



The Season of Creation culminates in the feast of St Francis of Assisi on 4 October. St Francis is the patron of all God's creatures and the environment.

One of the issues that demands our urgent attention is how we treat animals. The current pandemic is a wake-up call. God did not give us animals to do with as we like. He entrusted them to us – we are their custodians. Many animals suffer appalling cruelty because of our demand for food and sport. Christians have a duty of care to God's creatures. We can't keep turning a blind eye!

### **October Month of the Holy Rosary**

*The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7th. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.*



Rosary Facts. Did you know .....

- The custom of praying with strings of beads dates back to the 12th century (including Christians, Buddhists, Sikhs, and Muslims)
- Christian monks ran beads or knotted string through their fingers as they chanted their required 150 psalms.
- St. Dominic (1170-1221) is given credit for propagating the Rosary as part of his community's (Dominicans) spiritual life.
- In the 16th century, Pope Pius V recommended that Catholics pray on their beds 150 Hail Marys in decades separated by an Our Father while reflecting on the life of Christ
- The Rosary had remained unchanged for the past 400 years until the Luminous Mysteries were added only recently by Pope John Paul I

**Till Death Do Us Part**

*Upon being quizzed by the Pharisees as to his belief on divorce, Jesus responds, "What God has joined together, let no human being separate." Tough and hotly debated words for those who simply cannot make their marriage work!*

*At the time Jesus spoke these words divorce was permitted and backed by Moses in scripture. It was a man's prerogative to dismiss his wife for very little reason. In a world where marriage was taken lightly because divorce was managed easily, women had become a disposable possession. Jesus clearly abhorred this attitude.*

*The Pharisees, who loved to test Jesus, must have been wondering how he would get round the law of divorce written in scripture. But Jesus does not have a problem with a law that Moses made clearly as a concession to the 'hardness in men's' hearts.' Jesus' view is that scripture is not a book of statutes but a book of insights into God's love and compassion for us. When we start using scripture to support our own hard heartedness we are clearly in the wrong. Then Jesus uses the scriptures to turn the Pharisees notion of divorce upside down. The Old Testament describes how God has created man and woman to be joined as one. This union was not intended by God to be a human convenience only to be discarded at man's whim.*

*That marriage is forever doesn't give us a problem when we are in the first flush of romance, but what are we to do when things go irretrievably wrong? "What God has joined together, let no human being separate." Did God really intend us to live forever in violent, abusive or loveless relationships? Something we know for sure is that Jesus would only ever have quoted scripture to promote love and compassion. Something else we know for sure is that we should never enter the sacrament of marriage with the attitude that divorce is the easy get out clause should things turn sour.*

