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**Welcome to this House
of God:
Talk to God before Mass
Listen to God during
Mass
Talk to others after Mass**

Today's Mass Readings

Isaiah 2: 1-5;

Psalms 121;

Romans 13: 11-14

Matthew 24: 37 - 44

This Week 27th November – 4th December (Psalter Week 3)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 27th November First Sunday of Advent Year A	8.30 am Moira & Fred Dollin (FB) 10.30 am John Manion (SM) 6.00 pm Toby Burke RIP (MB)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea, Piety and Traidcraft Stalls in the Hall 12 Noon: Baptism
Monday 28th November Advent Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	10.00 am: Advent Service at St. Joseph's School 12.30 pm - 2.30 pm: Community Meal 6.45 pm: Keyholders Meeting
Tuesday 29th November Advent Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Special Intention (DM)	7.30 pm: The Big Picture 2.00 pm Liturgy Meeting
Wednesday 30th November Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	10.00 am - 9.00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.30 pm: Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 1st December Memorial of St. Edmund Campion, Priest, Martyr	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Jim McCool Rip (SM)	9.00 am: Confession at St. Joseph's School 6.30 pm: Confirmation Practice
Friday 2nd December Advent Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	
Saturday 3rd December Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, Priest	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Holy Mass	9.15 am: Confession for the Parish Confirmation children 10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions 12 Noon - 3.00 pm : Christmas Fair
Sunday 4th December Second Sunday of Advent Year A Retiring Collection for the Poor Parishes	8.30 am Deceased members of the Larkin & McNeil families (K & EL) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm Holy Mass	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea, Traidcraft Stall in the Hall. Piety Stall unavailable.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house".

6.00 pm: I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us follow the path to the house of the Lord. I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us follow the path to the mountain of God.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Ralph & Milly Arnold, Mary Arulandhu, Christopher and Mary Campbell-Johnston, Barbara Conway, Tia Cunningham, Bernadette Violet Duffy, Alan Francis, Natasha Hake, Paul Harding, Louise Hill, Marie Hopkins, Julia Howles, Alan Hurst, Michael James, Mike Jennings, Billy Lydon, Eileen Kilminster, Mae McGregor, Jackie McLean, Rob O'Sullivan, Liz Prakash, John Price, Barbara Quigley, James Regan, Bob Shuck, Jacky Smith, Anne & Philip Smith, Pat Smith, Ann Turton, Jim Tustain, Mary Wallace, Mark Wightman, Brigid Yates and Fr. Tom's sisters (Bridgie & Maura).

RECENT DEAD

Your prayers are asked for **Maureen Powles** who died recently. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. The funeral service will be on Monday 28th November at 11.30 am at Worcester Crematorium. Please also remember her family members and friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

BAPTISM

We welcome into our parish family and into the Universal Church **Emily O'Hora**, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism today. Please keep her and her parents in your kind thoughts and prayers.

NOVEMBER : MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

In November we remember and pray especially for those who have died. At the back of church there are "In Remembrance" sheets. If you would like to remember in this special way loved ones who have died, write down their names, place the sheet in one of the envelopes provided and put it in the Holy Souls Box (**do not put any money in the envelope**). The Holy Souls Box will be placed near the altar at each Mass in November. It is a good time to offer the sacrifice of Mass for a loved one in November and also someone you know who is in need or close to you. There are Mass Intention Request envelopes available in the Narthex if you wish to have Mass offered for deceased relatives and friends.

SVP: THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Giving tree will be in the side chapel from 27th November. For parishioners who are new to our parish the idea is to take an angel from the tree, purchase a present suitable for a child whose details are given on the angel and return it wrapped in suitable paper with the angel attached. There are additional angels in the box by the tree. The last date for bringing the presents to church is Sunday December 11th. The presents will be distributed mainly to Father Hudson homes and some to families supported by St Vincent de Paul Society locally. **Thank you for supporting this annual appeal.**

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR - SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER AT 12 NOON

Raffle tickets are still on sale. This is by far the biggest earner of the event, so please take and sell as many as you can to make the event a financial success. If you are able to contribute raffle prizes or are willing to volunteer to be a stallholder or help set up/clear away, please contact Mike or Joan Sherrard on 01905 779350 or email msherrard151mjs@yahoo.com. Paper plates are available after Mass today. Please take one and fill it with a contribution (homemade or bought) to the Cake Stall at the Christmas Fare. Small cakes for refreshments will also be most welcome. Many thanks.

FLOWER GROUP APPEAL

The Sacred Heart Flower group would like to welcome new members. Do you want to arrange lovely flowers to be displayed in our beautiful church? The parish has a small budget to pay for the flowers so it costs you nothing and you get the opportunity to arrange several times a year and to join in with group sessions at Christmas and Easter. You can be a beginner or experienced flower arranger: we can accommodate all levels of enthusiasm. We sometimes work on our own or with a friend from the group. We will be producing the rota for next year in the next few weeks so if you are interested in joining our group please contact the parish office, Father Vincent or Kate Dalglish on 01905 773258. We look forward to hearing from you.

MISSION - RED BOXES

It's the last collection for 2016, so I would be grateful if you could kindly bring in your boxes to Church at your convenience until the end of November. If you are not able to bring your box to church please contact Maria on 07525 087415 or at goretticruz@msn.com; she will be delighted to collect it from your home. The number of "box holders" has been declining for the last couple of years. There is now an urgent need for more parishioners to help this wonderful cause. Please contact Maria or Father Vincent if you would like to become a "Red Box Holder". For all our parishioners that contribute so sincerely on a regular basis I, on behalf of Missio's Association for the Propagation of the Faith (APF), would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your prayers, generosity and continuing support which brings faith and hope to where they are most needed.

CHRISTMAS ITEMS ON THE TRADCRAFT STALL

The Traidcraft stall is open after Mass this morning. As a change from routine, the stall will be open on consecutive Sundays: Sunday 4th December and Sunday 11th December. We have a terrific range of Christmas cards this year: colourful, reasonable prices, nearly all Christian. There are also Advent Calendars, with or without chocolate, many food and gift items you may not have seen before and catalogues for you to browse. Remember that there are no postal charges when ordering from the stall.

KENELM YOUTH TRUST

There are two free places available for the Youth Ministry Conference with Archbishop Bernard Longley and David Wells at Alton Castle on 25th March 2017. This conference is aimed at youth ministers, deacons, priests and young adults. In addition there is also one free place available for the Adrenaline NCS Leadership Programme for 6th Formers at Soli this December. If any of our young adults are interested in going to either, please speak to Father Vincent. There is a card with more details of the Adrenaline programme on the noticeboard at the back of church.

SYRIAN REFUGEES UNDERWEAR APPEAL

Thank you to all who contributed to this appeal, your response as usual was magnificent and so heart warming. If anyone missed the appeal items can also be sent along with the monthly knitting collection, as the need is so desperate.

ADVENT JOURNEY

The "Walk with Me" booklet and calendar for the Advent journey are now available at the back of the church. This booklet is to help focus on our relationship with God and with people during Advent. Please consider taking a copy home to help prepare for Christmas. These are free but donations would be gratefully received and given to the Missions in India.

Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CARDS TO PRISONERS

The Justice and Peace Group will be asking for your help next Sunday, 4th December, in sending Christmas Cards to Long Lartin Prison near Evesham.

Main Collection:

£299.93

Gift Aid: £233.50

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 319

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

Last week's retiring collection for

Catholic Youth

Services raised:

£130.05

Gift Aid: £100.00

**Thank you for your
generosity.**

HARVEST FAST DAY

CAFOD have written to thank all parishioners at the Sacred Heart Church for your support for Harvest Fast Day.

Please see the noticeboard if you would like to read this letter.



Next Sunday's Mass Readings

Isaiah 11: 1-10;

Psalms 71;

Romans 15: 4-9

Matthew 3: 1 - 12

NEW PARISH WEBSITE

The new parish website is now up, alive – and kicking! You can find it at www.sacredheartdroitwich.org.uk. You will recognise some features from the old website and many new ones. For example newsletters/bulletins are now on the website, events are listed – so please feed in to us anything you are planning. You will recognise many of the photographs and the history of the church. These have been supplemented with some new photographs. Details on Parish Groups have been updated and added to. The aim has been to make the site more informative for parishioners as well as giving more useful information to those wishing to visit the church or join the parish. If you can think of any improvements, additions or updates, please feed them in to the Webmaster, Fr Vincent or the Parish Secretary (follow “Links”). The intention is to try and keep the site alive and fresh, so your input on updates is needed. We now also have a Facebook and Twitter presence for those wishing to follow their own group interactions.

FOODBANK - NEW WISH LIST

A new wish list is on the noticeboard. Please note the deadline of Friday 2nd December for any items that are Christmas specific. There is a collection box in the entrance to church if you would like to donate any items. Thank you for your generosity.

CHARITY KNITTING

Many thanks for the beautiful items donated this month, they will be so gratefully received by the children and adults in the camps particularly with the onset of winter. Wool, knitting needles, patterns and some buttons are available in the porch to defray costs. Donations of the same can be deposited there. The next collection will be on Friday 2nd December. If anyone would like to help, please knit anything you feel will help the refugees stave off the cold. Again thank you so much for the care and thought which has gone into the exquisite items knitted.

CAROL SINGING WITH CHURCHES TOGETHER

Churches Together have arranged two Carol Singing events and would love to have lots of singers come along. We are not a choir, just people who like to sing and bring a bit of Christmas joy to others. So, if you can, come along and sing in St Andrew's precinct (near Peacock's) on Saturday 10th December from 10.30 am until 11.30 am. On Thursday 15th December at 7.00pm, we are again singing at the Railway Inn, near the town Marina, where we get a very warm welcome. Come along, and bring a friend!

THE ART OF DYING WELL

The Art of Dying Well is a new website that offers a helping hand to those grappling with issues around death and dying. Based in the Catholic tradition but open to all, it features real-life stories about dealing with the journey through death to eternal life. It is launching in November - the traditional month of remembering and praying for the dead. The website can be found at www.artofdyingwell.org and prayer cards are available at the back of church.