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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 55: 6 - 9

Psalms 144;

Philippians 1: 20-24, 27

Matthew 20: 1-16

This Week 24th September - 1st October (Psalter Week 1)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 24th September Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Retiring Collection for Fr. Hudson's Society	8.30 am Peggy & Denis Regan RIP (BB) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm Ints. of Nicholas & Daniel Doran (PD)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall. Piety & Traidcraft Stalls in the Parish Hall
Monday 25th September Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	6.45 pm: Parish Hall Keyholders Meeting
Tuesday 26th September Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	7.00 pm: Choir Practice 7.30 pm: Bible Study Group
Wednesday 27th September Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul, Priest	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	10.00 am - 9.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 28th September Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	10.45 am: Church Tour 6.30 pm: Church Tour
Friday 29th September Feast of Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	
Saturday 30th September Memorial of St. Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Holy Mass	Confessions by appointment only
Sunday 1st October Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30 am Ints. of Fr. Tony Hunt (MR) 10.30 am Mary Tovey RIP (P & CI) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall. Piety & Traidcraft Stalls in the Parish Hall

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: The Lord is close to all who call him.
6.00 pm: The promises of the Lord are true and loving are all his deeds. I will give you glory O God my king and praise your name forever, and praise your name forever.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Ralph & Milly Arnold, Mary Arulandhu, John Blackman, Monica Campbell, Christopher and Mary Campbell-Johnston, Barbara Conway, Bernadette Violet Duffy, Alan Francis, Natasha Hake, Louise Hill, Marie Hopkins, Julia Howles, Alan Hurst, Michael James, Mike Jennings, Eileen Kilminster, Billy Lydon, Kevin McCorry, Jackie McLean, Rose O'Grady, Rob O'Sullivan, Liz Prakash, Barbara Quigley, James Regan, Michael Sheridan, Bob Shuck, Jacky Smith, Anne & Philip Smith, Pat Smith, Sarah Trueman, Bob Turner, Ann Turton, Jim Tustain, Mary Wallace, Mark Wightman, Brigid Yates and Fr. Tom's sister, Maura.

FATHER HUDSON'S CARE

Today there will be a retiring collection for Father Hudson's Care. Father Hudson's mission is to provide Catholic social care in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, reaching out to support vulnerable people young and old. Please give generously to this worthy cause. The Father Hudson's Review of the Year booklet is available at the back of church. This details some of the work undertaken throughout the Diocese by Father Hudson's Care.

FATHER VINCENT

Father Vincent will be in India from Tuesday 26th September until Monday 6th November. Please check the newsletter for details of Masses and Services. In Father Vincent's absence, please contact Father Brian or Kate Dalgleish. To arrange a Mass Intention, please contact Kate Dalgleish. There will be Holy Communion Services on some days during this period. A rota of Eucharistic Ministers to lead these is at the back of church. Thank you to those who have volunteered.

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Christmas Fair is coming soon! This year our parish Christmas Fair will be held on **Saturday 9th December in the Parish Hall. Please put this date in your diary and support this event.** This is one of the biggest events to raise money for our parish and an opportunity to catch up with friends and meet new people. We need to start thinking about prizes for the raffle so we are looking for an attractive 1st prize for the raffle tickets. **Can anyone help us by donating a prize?** If you can, please contact Fr. Vincent SCJ or the Parish Office. If you would like to donate a prize for the raffle there is a clipboard at the back of church.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY: FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER

This Harvest Fast Day, we are standing with Edelmira, a farmer in El Salvador, as she works to sustain her family with good crops and harvests. With your help, CAFOD is giving her fruit trees, training and strong seeds. Please pick up a Fast Day envelope on Sunday 1st October, fast on Friday 6th October, give what you can and bring the envelope to Mass on Sunday 8th October.

FLOWER GROUP APPEAL

We need new volunteers to join this group of enthusiastic flower arrangers. It is a privilege to arrange flowers for Mass in our beautiful church twice or three times a year and then to be involved with decorating the church for Christmas and Easter celebrations. We need more people to join the group and a new leader. Christine McElroy has kindly led our group for the past twelve months but is unable to continue due to other commitments. We need someone who has organisational skills as well as an interest in flower arranging. If you feel that you can help in any way please contact Father Vincent. You do not need to be an expert – enthusiastic beginners are also welcome!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Come and hear Marie's story: *From 5 abortions to healing with Christ*, a testimony you will never forget. The 40 Days for Life Kick-off event is on Sunday 24th September at 3.00 pm in the Upper Cloister Room, Birmingham Oratory, 141 Hagley Road, B16 8UE. All are welcome. For further information please see the poster and flyers at the back of church or contact Isabel on 07773 501721.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Copies of the draft minutes of the latest PC meeting are available at the back of church for parishioners to read. Anyone who would like to be sent a copy by email please contact Jenny Leonard on 01905 775596.

ADOREMUS LIVERPOOL 2018: NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE AND CONGRESS

Adoremus is an initiative of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The aim is to create a special opportunity to reflect on the centrality of the Eucharist and particularly to explore the place of Eucharistic Adoration. This important event will take place in Liverpool from Friday 7th until Sunday 9th September 2018 with the main part of the Congress on Saturday 8th September 2018. Each Diocese has a limited number of places reserved by the Diocesan Co-ordinator. **The Diocesan Co-ordinator needs to know the number of delegates attending from our parish by Saturday 30th September 2017.** For further information, please speak to Fr. Vincent SCJ or contact the Parish Office in his absence. Please let us know as soon as possible if you are interested in being a part of this Congress.

CONFESSIONS

There will be no Confessions on Saturdays whilst Fr. Vincent is in India. Confessions will be by appointment only with Fr. Brian Boyle. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to arrange an appointment.

EDITH MARY 'PEGGY' & CATHERINE ELIZABETH SMITH RIP

We have received a very generous legacy from the estate of the late Edith Mary 'Peggy' & Catherine Elizabeth Smith. Please keep their departed souls and their family and friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

13TH BIRMINGHAM DIOCESAN JUSTICE & PEACE ASSEMBLY

The 13th Birmingham Diocesan Justice and Peace Assembly takes place on Saturday 14th October from 10.30 am until 4.15 pm at St. Peter's Catholic School, Whitefields Road, Solihull, B91 3NZ. The cost is £8.00 (low income and students £5.00). Please bring your own lunch. For further details on how to book please see the poster on the noticeboard or contact Janet Vaughan at bham.jandp@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Please note that our Mass times for 2017 will be

Christmas Eve:

5.00 pm (Children's Mass)

8.00 pm (Midnight Mass), with carols from 7.30 pm

Christmas Day:

one Mass only at 9.30 am.

CHOIR PRACTICE

The next choir practice is on Tuesday

26th September at 7.00 pm. New

members are always welcome if you would like to join us.

TEA/COFFEE ROTA & BIDDING PRAYER ROTA

If anyone would like to join either of the above rotas, please speak to Chris Powell or contact the Parish Office. Any help would be much appreciated. Thank you.

SACRED HEART PARISH HALL KEYHOLDERS

The next meeting of Hall Keyholders will be on Monday 25th September at 6.45 pm in the Romero Room. Please note that after this date no further bookings will be accepted for October.

NEW EDITION: BIBLE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Main Collection:

£267.55

Gift Aid: £272.90

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 300

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**The retiring collection
for Home Mission
Sunday raised:**

£142.72

Gift Aid: £99.50

**Thank you for your
generosity.**

SHOPPING AND CLEANING SERVICES

A reliable lady is seeking employment by assisting anyone who needs support with shopping or cleaning. Please contact Stella on 07916 335685 if you are interested.



Next Sunday's Mass Readings

Ezekial 18: 25 - 28

Psalms 24;

Philippians 2: 1-11

Matthew 21: 28-32

This bible is in the very popular YOUCAT format. It is abridged for easier understanding and has commentaries and tips about how to put Scripture into practice. It is a perfect present for a young person. It also includes a touching personal preface by Pope Francis. This bible is available from the Piety Stall for £20.00. Catholic diaries, calendars and Christmas cards are now also available at the Piety stall.

ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK

Brother Patrick will be doing a sponsored walk on Saturday 30th September to raise money and support the Sacred Heart Father's Missionary work in India. If you have not sponsored him yet please support him. His sponsorship form is available at the back of Church. Many thanks.

CTS BOOK STAND

Several newly published books are now on sale. Titles include *Finding God in Anxiety and Depression* and *Finding God when a Loved One Loses Faith*. CTS books are now available as e-books. The website is www.ctsbooks.org/ebooks.

QUIZ NIGHT: FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2017

7.30 PM IN THE SACRED HEART PARISH HALL

Droitwich Spa French and German Twinning Groups cordially invite you to bring a team of six to a professionally led quiz with ploughman's supper included in the cost of £8 per person. Booking is essential for catering purposes; further details can be obtained from Mike Nott on 07756 876269.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND: NATIONAL GATHERING

The Friends of the Holy Land National Gathering is on Saturday 30th September from 10.30 am until 4.00 pm at the Parish Centre, St. Francis of Assisi, Kenilworth, CV8 1HL. All welcome to attend. For more information, see the poster on the noticeboard.

PARISH SVP: WAITROSE COMMUNITY FUND

The Parish SVP is to benefit from the Waitrose Community Fund during the month of September. Please collect whatever green tokens you are entitled to and put them in the SVP box and ask all your friends to do likewise! That way the SVP will share £1,000. Thank you.

KENELM YOUTH TRUST

Please see the posters and flyers at the back of church for forthcoming Kenelm Youth Trust events. These include Fuse: Music, Fireworks and a BBQ on Sunday 5th November and a Charity Ball on Saturday 14th October. There is also information on the Pope John Paul II Award for young people.

Welcome to everyone at Mass today, especially if you are new to our church or haven't been to Mass for some time. If you are of another Christian denomination or non-Christian you are warmly invited to approach the priest or minister and ask or signify your wish for a blessing.