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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 25: 6-10;
Psalm 22;
Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20;
Matthew 22: 1-14

This Week 15th October - 22nd October (Psalter Week 4)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 15th October Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30 am Holy Mass 10.30 am Aileen O'Connell RIP (JO) 6.00 pm Holy Mass	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall. Piety & Traidcraft Stalls in the Parish Hall
Monday 16th October Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	12.30 pm - 2:30pm: Community Meal 7.00 pm: SVP Meeting
Tuesday 17th October Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Caroline Males - sick (CM)	11.30 am: Church Tour 12.30 pm: Church Tour 7.30pm: Bible Study Group
Wednesday 18th October Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	10.00 am - 9.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 19th October Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Eileen Kavanagh - Birthday (CM)	11.30 am: Church Tour 12.30 pm: Church Tour
Friday 20th October Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	12.30 pm: Church Tour
Saturday 21st October Feria in Ordinary Time	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am David Veale - sick	Confessions by appointment only
Sunday 22nd October Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Retiring Collection for World Mission Sunday	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MF) 10.30 am Thomas Manion RIP (SM) 6.00 pm Holy Mass	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall. Piety & Traidcraft Stalls unavailable

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for
ever and ever.

6.00 pm: His goodness shall follow me all the days of my life. I
will walk in God's kingdom 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, David Veale, Mary Wallace, Mark Wightman, Brigid Yates and Fr. Tom's sister, Maura.

FATHER VINCENT

Father Vincent is in India 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.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING, THE GEESE ARE GETTING FAT!

This year our Christmas Fayre will be on Saturday 9th December starting at 12 Noon. Please note your diary and keep the date free. As always we need your help to make sure it is a success. During the next 8 weeks I will be asking you each week to concentrate your giving towards a particular stall. This next week we would like you to help with our scarves stall. Ladies (and even gentlemen), can you check out your wardrobe and see what you could spare; they don't all have to be Liberty but think in terms of ones that your fellow-parishioners might be keen to buy. I use the term scarves loosely to include pashminas (just to make you think I know what I am talking about). While these can be "used" they need to be in good condition and "ready for sale". If you have new, unwanted gloves and hats suitable for resale do look these out as well. You will find a box at the back of church to put your donations in for the next week or so (including next Sunday 22nd October.)

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.

SUNDAY 22ND OCTOBER: WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. **Your support on World Mission Sunday will help brave missionaries in proclaiming the Gospel of peace in South Sudan and around the world.** Please join in this special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for the mission of the Church. You will be able to Gift Aid all donations by using the envelopes provided by Missio. Thank you.

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.

POLITE REQUEST

A high standard of cleanliness is maintained in the Parish Hall. If you are using the toilets, please leave them clean for the next parishioner or hirer. If you feel the toilets have been left in a condition unacceptable to the next user please could you contact the Parish Office on 01905 773258.

SACRED HEART LADIES GROUP

MEETING CANCELLED

Unfortunately Jill Salmon is unable to speak on Wednesday 18th October so this meeting has been cancelled. Please accept our apologies for this cancellation. Future meetings will be advertised in the newsletter in due course.

READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

There is a new rota available for the period from Sunday 19th November 2017 until Sunday 31st December 2017 that has been distributed via email. A few copies are available at the back of church for those who are not on the distribution list. If you are unable to take your turn on the rota, please arrange to swap with someone else. If there are any problems or if anyone would like to join the Readers' and Eucharistic Ministers' Rota, please contact the Parish Office. Many thanks.

ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD MASS OF THANKSGIVING

All Altar Servers are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving for their ministry at St. Chad's Cathedral on Saturday 17th February 2018 at 12 Noon. The Mass will be followed by a time of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament to allow those attending to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life and to allow some time for personal reflection and discernment. The day will conclude with light refreshments in the Grimshaw Room. If you would like to attend, please advise Kate Dalglish as soon as possible so that we can confirm numbers to the Diocesan Vocations Office by Monday 4th December.

LIGHTS OF LOVE SERVICE

Once again this year within Churches Together we are hosting a special ecumenical service, Lights of Love, dedicated to those who have died and gone to rest with the Lord. Everyone in our parish who has lost a loved one is welcome to dedicate a light of love on Tuesday 14th November at 6.00 pm. Refreshments will be available afterwards in our parish hall. This service is free to attend and open to everyone.

FOODBANK

A new wish list for October is on the noticeboard. There is a collection box in the entrance to church if you would like to donate any items. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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.

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP

We are beginning our serialization of Pope Francis' letter on Climate change, *Laudate Si*. This will be at the back of the Newsletter every week and will be in plain decent English, please read it.

CTS STAND

There is a new money box for the CTS Card and Book stall. If you purchase an item from this stall, please place payment in the correct slot in the money box in the wall to the left of the stand.

Main Collection:

£325.64

Gift Aid: £256.00

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 387

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**The retiring collection
for CAFOD raised:**

£555.51

**Thank you for your
generosity.**

GIFT AID SCHEME

If you are a taxpayer and do not currently gift aid your weekly offering please consider doing this.

Contact the Parish Office or Gerry Ceclich (01299 851188) for details.

GIVING MACHINE

We have recently received a payment of £15.77 from the Giving Machine.

Thank you for supporting the parish by using this for your online purchases. For further details of how to use the Giving Machine please see the poster at the back of church.

**Next Sunday's Mass
Readings**

Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6;

Psalms 95;

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5

Matthew 22: 15-21

REFUGEE KNITTING

Thank you so much for the wonderful variety of beautiful items which will be forwarded to the Refugee Camps within the next week or so. The next collection date is November 4th, so please keep knitting! There are some wool and patterns at the entrance to the church to help defray costs and donations of the same would be greatly appreciated.

ADDITIONAL HELP FOR THE REFUGEES

As the weather is getting colder the organisers have asked can we extend the underwear collection to include socks, hats, gloves and scarves. These will be collected on November 4th. Many thanks for your continual support. Your kindness makes such a difference to the adults and children in the camps.

REDDITCH CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY GROUP

Anyone is welcome to attend all or part of the group meeting at the Parish Centre of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Saturday 21st October. The meeting starts with refreshments at 11.15 am. For further information please visit www.ourladyofmountcarmel.co.uk/carmelite-spirituality-group2.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION - WORCESTER CIRCLE

The next meeting is on Thursday 19th October at 7.30 pm at St. George's Parish Hall, Worcester. Paul Brohan, a parishioner, will discuss Pope Francis's Encyclical Letter *Laudate Si* which provides a good insight into things the Pope says and does. All are welcome; the charge for non-members is £3.00

WELCOMING BACK

On Saturday 28th October from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm at the Maryvale Institute, parish groups from across the Archdiocese of Birmingham are invited to **Welcoming Back**. The day will be filled with practical tips and welcoming people back to the Catholic Faith. Included in the day there will be a workshop on how to run a **Come Home for Christmas Campaign** in your parish. To book places please contact Natalie Orefice via email at parishevang@maryvale.ac.uk or phone 07718 910585.

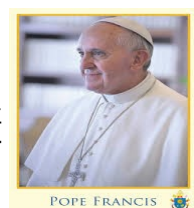
RIDL

The next Retreat in Daily Life support group will be on Tuesday 17th October at 7.30 pm. This will be led by Mary & Jeff Causier and will focus on Matthew 10: 35-45. All are welcome; if you would like to attend or need more information please contact Debbie Prigg on 01905 771288 or dprigg@btinternet.com.

LAUDATE SI

AFTER LOOKING, SUGGESTED ACTION BY US ALL

First, I review the different problems, then look at research available and moral foundations for the way forward...respecting our unique place as human beings and our relationship to our surroundings... give proposals for dialogue and action, motivation and teaching, plus guidelines from our Christian spiritual experience. General principles: the conviction that everything in the world is connected...The need for forthright and honest debate...Of the throwaway culture and the proposal of a new lifestyle. (12-16)



POPE FRANCIS