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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 45: 1, 4-6;

Psalm 95;

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5

Matthew 22: 15-21

This Week 22nd October - 29th October (Psalter Week 1)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
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
Monday 23rd October Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	6.45 pm: Parish Hall Keyholders' Meeting.
Tuesday 24th October Feria in Ordinary Time.	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	7.30 pm: Bible Study Group
Wednesday 25th October Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	10.00 am - 9.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 26th October Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Holy Mass	
Friday 27th October Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	11.30 am: Requiem Mass
Saturday 28th October Feast of Ss. Simon and Jude, Apostles	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Sheila Manion - Birthday (EK)	Confessions by appointment only 10.00 am: Interment of Ashes
Sunday 29th October Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30 am Patrick and Nessa Cruise RIP (ER) 10.30 am Shelia Manion - Birthday (SM) 6.00 pm Holy Mass	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall. Piety & Traidcraft Stalls in the Parish Hall

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: Give the Lord glory and power.
6.00 pm: Sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord all the earth! Sing a new song to, sing a new song to the Lord: bless his name. (AK29)

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.

RECENT DEAD

Your prayers are asked for **Mary Daly** who died recently. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. The Requiem Mass will be at 11.30 am on Friday 27th October followed by a cremation at Astwood Cemetery at 1.00 pm. Please also remember her family members and friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday is your chance to support missionaries and the Church in proclaiming the Gospel of peace to those who suffer around the world. By supporting Missio, the Pope's official charity for overseas mission, you will be sharing the peace and love of Christ with all people by helping everyone in need, regardless of background or belief. Please give what you can, and if possible, please use the Gift Aid envelopes if you are a taxpayer. Thank you.

DING DONG MERRILY ON HIGH!

This seems very early to be thinking about Christmas but the time just flies by. 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. Thank you for all who have looked out scarves etc. If you haven't yet done so, it is not too late! Please continue to bring them in. We now ask that you think about the Toiletries stall. You know the score – perfumes and potions, after-shaves and those delightful bathing necessities. Can you please search your stock at home for items that might be surplus to your requirements. You will find a box at the back of church to put your donations in for the next week or so (including next Sunday 29th October.) Remember, without your help and generosity, the Christmas Fayre cannot take place.

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SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES

Gerry Ceclich
Cynthia Sharkey

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.

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 Dalgleish as soon as possible so that we can confirm numbers to the Diocesan Vocations Office by Monday 4th December.

£1 COINS

The old circular £1.00 coins are no longer legal tender. The Piety Stall will only accept the new multisided £1.00 coins from today onwards. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

WEDNESDAY ADORATION

Grateful thanks to all those who visit the Lady Chapel on Wednesday and enable the Sacred Heart Church to continue weekly Adoration. Please note on Wednesday 1st November, All Saints Day, Adoration will end at 7.00 pm as evening Mass will begin at 7.30 pm. Don't miss the opportunity to visit God in the Eucharist and spend time in his loving Presence. Everyone is welcome.

SACRED HEART PARISH HALL KEYHOLDERS

The next meeting of Hall Keyholders will be on Monday 23rd October at 6.45 pm in the Romero Room. After this date no further bookings will be accepted for November.

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.

CHRISTMAS

MASSES

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.

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.

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.

Main Collection:

£264.32

Gift Aid: £247.20

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 303

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

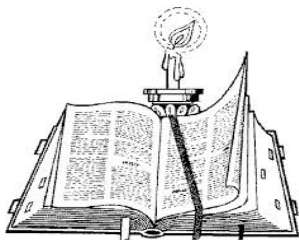
GIFT AID SCHEME

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.

TRADCRAFT SALE

There will be a Traidcraft Sale at Droitwich Methodist Church on Saturday 4th November from 10.00 am until 12 noon. Christmas gifts, cards, jewellery, toys plus grocery and household goods. Refreshments available. All welcome



Next Sunday's Mass Readings

Exodus 22: 20-26;

Psalm 17;

1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10

Matthew 22: 34-40

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.

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.

2017 ADVENT RETREAT AT BROWNSHILL MONASTERY, STROUD

The Bernadine Cistercian Sisters are running 2 Advent retreats based on the O Antiphons. Their retreats run from Friday 1st December until Sunday 3rd December and Wednesday 13th December until Friday 15th December. Places are limited but they do still have some spaces, particularly for the later date. Further information can be found at <http://www.bernardine.org/brownsbill-programme>. Please email brownsbillbookings@bernardine.org or contact 01453 883084 if you would like to attend.

CONCERT AT ST. MARY'S HARVINGTON

In celebration of **ST. CECILIA'S DAY**, on Sunday 19th November at 6.00 pm in St. Mary's Church the Harvington Bach Choir and Orchestra will perform: Handel's *Zadok The Priest* and *Organ Concerto Op. 4 No. 4* followed by Purcell's *Come Ye Sons Of Art* and *Hail! Bright Cecilia*. Refreshments will be served during the interval. Tickets are £10 and will be available after both Masses on Sunday or by telephoning 01299 851511.

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WHAT IS HAPPENING TO OUR COMMON HOME?

We begin our journey on caring for creation by looking afresh at what is wrong with our world. "Our goal is not just information, or satisfying curiosity, but rather to become painfully aware, to dare to turn what is happening to our world into our own personal suffering and so discover what each of us can do about it... the climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all; climate change is a global problem with grave implications...one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day".

