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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
Wisdom 6: 12-16;
Psalm 62;
1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18
Matthew 25: 1-13

This Week 12th November - 19th November (Psalter Week 4)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 12th November Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	8.30 am People of the Parish 10.30 am Holy Mass 6.00 pm John Weaver RIP (MW)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea and Piety Stall in the Hall Traidcraft Stall unavailable 12 Noon: Baptism
Monday 13th November Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	
Tuesday 14th November Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Deceased members of the Leason family (MB)	6.00 pm: Lights of Love Service 7.30 pm: No Bible Study Group
Wednesday 15th November Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	10.00 am - 9.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.30 pm: Finance Committee Meeting
Thursday 16th November Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Deceased members of the Van der Heijden family	10.30 am: Confessions for Confirmation Candidates at St.Joseph's School
Friday 17th November Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	
Saturday 18th November Feria in Ordinary Time	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Deceased members of the Clapham family (MB)	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions 11.00 am: Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing
Sunday 19th November Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30 am Kevin McCorry (MM) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm Julia Howles (CN)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea & Traidcraft Stall in the Hall Piety Stall unavailable 12 Noon: Baptism

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my
God.

6.00 pm: I will call on the Lord I will glorify his name; I will give
him thanks I will serve him all my days. I will call on
the Lord who is worthy of all praise. I glorify my God,
my Lord.

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, Rosemary Preece, 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.

BAPTISM

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

HELP US PREPARE FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE!

As we plan for our traditional Parish Christmas Fayre we are asking you to
do what you can to donate items for the various stalls. It will take place on
Saturday 9th December starting at 12 Noon and each week we are asking
you for your support for a particular stall. For this next two weeks we ask
you to concentrate on what you can donate for our Tombola stall. This is
always one of our most successful stalls. What can you give? The prizes we
seek are new items, perhaps things you have been given in the past but for
which you have no use. They must be new, and properly packaged; gifts of
all sorts for all ages and bottles (alcoholic and non-alcoholic). You will find a
box at the back of church to put your donations in (including today and
Sunday 19th November). Larger items can always be left outside the
Romero Room in the hall.

**Remember, without your help and generosity, the Christmas Fayre cannot
take place.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The idea was raised at the last Parish Council meeting that it may be
possible to have a simple but complete 14 Stations of the Cross in the
Sacred Heart Church grounds during Lent. The response was encouraging.
The project would provide an alternative to the Stations in Church that
would be more public and accessible to passers-by. It could include simple
wooden crosses with a basic description and picture on each and a leaflet
of explanation for those who might know nothing of the subject.
Inexpensive and a temporary experiment. This project would require a
small group of parishioners to lead it. Please think about it and those who
might wish to help in any way please contact Judith Cussen on 01905
771346 or email jmcussen@yahoo.co.uk.

NEWSLETTER

The deadline for receipt of items for the parish newsletter is Wednesday at 12 noon. Please note that there is no guarantee that items received after this can be accommodated in the newsletter for that Sunday. Over the Christmas period the deadlines will be: Wednesday 20th December at 12 noon for Christmas Eve and Wednesday 27th December at 12 noon for New Year's Eve. Many thanks for your co-operation.

STATEMENT ON ABORTION

Friday 27th October was the 50th anniversary of the Royal Assent of the Abortion Act. At the Spring Plenary meeting of the Bishops' Conference this year, the bishops agreed a Statement on Abortion. Copies of this are at the back of church if you would like to read it. If anyone would like their own copy, please contact the Parish Office.

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.

MISSION - RED BOXES

It's the second and last collection for 2017. I would be grateful if you could kindly bring your boxes to Church until Sunday 19th November. 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 financial support.

SACRED HEART LADIES GROUP

WEDNESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 7.30 PM IN THE PARISH HALL

Our November meeting is going to be something really special and it also involves FOOD!! It will all be prepared and ready for you so just come along and enjoy it. We hope to start eating at 7.30 pm; please don't have a meal before you arrive. This will serve as your evening meal AND there is also a delicious dessert to follow!! So with no cooking and no money required all we need are our brain cells as there will be a few games/quiz to keep us on our toes. Finally, Pantomime season is just around the corner. This year's production at the Norbury Theatre is *Babes in the Wood*. The date is Thursday 18th January at 7.30 pm. The cost is £10 per person. As tickets will need to be booked asap, names and payment will be taken at our Fun Evening next Wednesday please.

CHURCH CLEANING

I am sorry to have to ask again but we urgently need male and female volunteers to join our cleaning groups as numbers are dropping. Polish, dusters and vacuum cleaners are provided. We did have five groups, then reduced to four and now we have to reduce again to three groups due to lack of volunteers. We need six people in each group and each group cleans only six times a year. Cleaning is done after morning Mass on either Thursday or Friday, depending on the group and it takes approximately an hour if everyone turns up. If you can help us please ring Pat Webb on 01905 455702. Thank you.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Bible Study Group on Tuesday 14th November is cancelled due to the Lights of Love service at the Sacred Heart Church. The group will resume on Tuesday 21st November at 7.30 pm.

TRADCRAFT CHRISTMAS CARDS

Our Traidcraft stall has an excellent selection of Christmas Cards available to order. Samples are on display in the hall after Mass. This also applies to 6 o'clock Mass when they will be on display in the lobby of the hall. Penny Gilfeather has generously offered to be in attendance and will note your orders. Turnaround of orders is relatively swift but it is fair to suppose that the sooner your order is placed, the surer this will be.

QUEEN'S 70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Bridget Bullock would like to offer a free cup of tea and a slice of cake after the 8.30 am and 10.30 am Masses on Sunday 19th November in recognition of the Queen's 70th Wedding Anniversary on Monday 20th November.

Main Collection:

£321.54

Gift Aid: £237.39

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 345

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**The retiring collection
for the Johnson
Association raised:**

£163.79

Gift Aid: £108.00

**Thank you for your
generosity.**

NEWMAN

ASSOCIATION:

WORCESTER CIRCLE

The next meeting is on
Thursday 16th
November at 7.30 pm at
St. George's Parish Hall,
Worcester. Father
Patrick Kilgarriff will
discuss five of Gerald
Manley Hopkins' sonnets
All are welcome; the
charge for non-members
is £3.00.

FOODBANK

A new wish list for
Christmas 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.

Next Sunday's Mass Readings

*Proverbs 31: 10-13,
19-20, 30-31;*

Psalms 127;

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6

Matthew 25: 14-30

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. Leaflets are available from the Narthex.

AID TO THE REFUGEES

Thank you so very much for the wonderful variety of hats, gloves, scarves and socks donated recently to help the refugees cope with the cold weather. Also thank you once again for your continual support with regards to the underwear collection. There is a vast quantity of wool available at the church entrance for anyone who wishes to knit items, and donations of the same would help defray costs. The next collection date is Saturday 2nd December. Again a massive thank you to everyone who has contributed to the appeals, your kindness is overwhelming.

SVP: THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Giving tree will be in the side chapel from Sunday 26th 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 17th December. 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.**

REDDITCH CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY MEETING

SATURDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER - 11.45 AM UNTIL 2.45 PM

You are invited to come and hear an illustrated talk from Rev. John Marsh about his personal experiences staying in monasteries along the Camino de Santiago de Compostella. The talk is scheduled for 12 noon and will be held upstairs in the parish centre of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Redditch. We regret there is no lift. Further information about RCSG is available on the parish website at www.ourladyofmountcarmel.co.uk.

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LOSS OF PLANTS AND ANIMALS

Each year sees the disappearance of many plant and animal species which have been lost for ever, for us and our children, the great majority of losses resulting from human activity. Many are valuable in maintaining the natural systems which maintain our world; birds, insects, worms, and huge numbers of micro-organisms. Efforts are being made by scientists and engineers dedicated to finding solutions to man-made problems. Certain places need greater protection because of their immense importance. But a sober look at our world shows that the degree of human intervention, often in the service of business interests and consumerism, is actually making our earth less rich and beautiful, ever more limited and grey.

