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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
*Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20,
30-31;*
Psalms 127;
1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6
Matthew 25: 14-30

This Week 19th November - 26th November (Psalter Week 1)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 19th November Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30 am Kevin McCorry (MM) 10.30 am George Mason (MM) 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
Monday 20th November Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Private Intention (BB)	12.30 pm - 2.30 pm: Community Meal 7.00 pm: SVP Meeting
Tuesday 21st November Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am James Bragg RIP (SD)	6.30 pm: Confirmation Mass Rehearsal 7.30 pm: Bible Study Group
Wednesday 22nd November Memorial of St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	10.00 am - 9.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 23rd November Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	
Friday 24th November Memorial of St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	
Saturday 25th November Feast of St. Catherine of Alexandria	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Thanksgiving - 6 years of Wednesday Adoration	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 26th November Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Retiring Collection for Catholic Youth Services	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MF) 10.30 am Michael Donovan (BD) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea and Piety Stall in the Hall Traidcraft Stall unavailable

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

6.00 pm: Hymn no. 58 (O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in His ways)

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, Breda Wightman, Mark Wightman, Richard Wightman, Brigid Yates and Fr. Tom's sister, Maura.

BAPTISM

We welcome into our parish family and into the Universal Church **Bobby Parker** who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism today. Please keep him and his parents in your kind thoughts and prayers.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICES

SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

The Kenelm Youth Trust (KYT) is committed to providing life changing opportunities for young people, helping each person to reflect upon their life of faith and how they respond to the call of Jesus Christ in their lives. These include inspiring retreats, BCYS supporting parish youth work and the Lay Chaplaincy Co-ordinator supporting Lay Chaplains working in our schools. The KYT was established by the Archdiocese of Birmingham to equip, resource, support and offer training for the wide variety of youth work that is undertaken across the Archdiocese. Newsletters are available at the back of church if you would like to take one. Please support young people through the work of our Diocesan Youth Service in our second collection next Sunday and pray for us. Thank you.

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. If you have not already contributed, it is not too late to dig out items for the various stalls, Scarves and gloves, pashminas, toiletries, toys and tombola items. For the next two weeks we are particularly looking for items for our **Bric-a-Brac and Books stalls**. This is not to save you a trip to the tip! Items must be in good saleable condition, clean and tidy. Please do what you can to make our fayre a success. For the next two weeks you will find a box at the back of church to put your donations in. Larger items (ideally brought in a box) can always be left outside the Romero Room in the hall. **Remember, without your help and generosity, the Christmas Fayre cannot take place. Make sure the date is in your diary – this is a great social event for the parish, so we want you there to support it on the day!**

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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 29th November at 7:30 pm in the Elgar Room. If any parishioner has an item for discussion at this meeting please let Fr. Vincent know or contact Jenny Leonard on 01905 775596 before Monday 27th November.

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.

CHURCH CLEANING

We urgently need male and female volunteers to join our cleaning groups as numbers are dropping. Polish, dusters and vacuum cleaners are provided. We are now reduced 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.

THANK YOU

CAFOD have written to thank the Parish for your generous donations to their annual Harvest Fast Day collection. Please see the letter on the noticeboard.

GRAND PARISH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

From now until Saturday 9th December raffle tickets will be on sale at the back of church. This is our main money-spinner for the Christmas Fayre so please be as generous as possible in buying tickets yourself and selling them to your friends, relatives and neighbours. There are some lovely prizes to be won! The draw will take place at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 9th December in the Parish Hall.

CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME/LAUDATE SI

As you read the papal letter excerpt every week, you may have comments to make, questions to ask? There is space available on the noticeboard for this. It would be good to have reactions, even some criticism and debate...over to you. Justice & Peace Group.

BIDDING PRAYER AND TEA/COFFEE ROTA 2018

The 2018 Bidding Prayer Rota and Tea/Coffee making Rota will be available at the back of church this Sunday. Please collect a copy if you are on either of these rotas.

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.

TRADCRAFT

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Our Traidcraft stall has an excellent selection of Christmas Cards available to order. Samples are on display in the hall after all Sunday Masses.

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 today in recognition of the Queen's 70th Wedding Anniversary on Monday 20th November.

Main Collection:

£326.48

Gift Aid: £410.00

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 328

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**Additional gift aid
donation for the
Johnson Association:
£35.00**

**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.

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

*Ezekial 34: 11-12,
15-17;*

Psalms 22;

*1 Corinthians 15:
20-26, 28*

Matthew 25: 31-46

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.

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.**

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 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.

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 and 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.

LAUDATE SI

ALL HUMAN LIFE IS CONNECTED TO ALL CREATION

Because all creatures are connected, each must be cherished with love and respect, for all of us as living creatures are dependent on one another. Human beings too are creatures of this world, enjoying a right to life and happiness, and endowed with unique dignity. So we cannot fail to consider the effects on people's lives of environmental deterioration, current models of development and the throwaway culture. For instance, many cities suffer from unruly growth; unhealthy to live in, polluted by toxic emissions, chaotic, wasteful of energy and water, lacking in green places, deprived of physical contact with nature. Frequently we find beautiful "safe" areas of cities, but no beauty in the more hidden areas "where the disposable of society live". (42-45)



POPE FRANCIS