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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

Daniel 7: 13-14;

Psalms 92;

Apocalypse 1: 5-8;

John 18: 33-37

| This Week 25th November - 2nd December (Psalter Week 2) | Holy Mass & Services | Other Events |
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| Sunday 25th November Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year B Retiring Collection for the Catholic Youth Service | 8.30 am Deceased Members of the Rawlings Family (S & SR) 10.30 am Michael Donovan (BD) 6.00 pm People of the Parish | After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Piety Stall & Traidcraft Stall available 12 Noon: Baptism |
| Monday 26th November Feria in Ordinary Time | 9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Angela & Les Milton | 6.30 pm: Confirmation Mass Rehearsal 6.45 pm: Parish Hall Keyholders Meeting |
| Tuesday 27th November Feria in Ordinary Time | 9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Alan Remedios (KA) | 7.00 pm: Choir Practice |
| Wednesday 28th November Feria in Ordinary Time | 9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am The Deceased Clarke & Mason Families | 10.00 am - 6.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00 pm: Confirmation Mass |
| Thursday 29th November Feria in Ordinary Time | 9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Peter & Mary Clapham RIP (MB) | 10.15 am: Church Tour |
| Friday 30th November Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle | 9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am The Clarke & Mason Family | |
| Saturday 1st December Feast of St. Edmund Campion, Priest, Martyr | 10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Thanksgiving for 7 years of Adoration (C & PI) | 10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions 12 Noon - 3.00 pm: Christmas Fayre |
| Sunday 2nd December First Sunday of Advent Year B | 8.30 am Betty Parry (SM) 10.30 am Brendan Kearns RIP (MG) 6.00 pm Holy Mass | After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall |

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REPRESENTATIVES**

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Cynthia Sharkey

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.00 pm:

The Lord is King, with majesty enrobed.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Please pray for all our parishioners, and/or their friends and relatives, who are unwell:

Ralph & Milly Arnold, Mary Arulandhu, Barbara Conway, Patrick Cussen, Eddie & Eileen Dalton, Delores Delaney, Bernadette Duffy, Alan Francis, Beryl Hill, Alan Hurst, John Jennings, Kevin McCorry, Rosemarie Preece, Barbara Quigley, Michael Sheridan, Jacky Smith, David Veale, Breda Wightman, Mark Wightman, Richard Wightman & Brigid Yates

Due to the new data regulations (GDPR), the Archdiocese have requested that we do not list names unless we have the consent of the individual. If you would like your name to be included in this list please contact Fr. George SCJ or Kate Dalgleish. Please note that the newsletter is also placed on the parish website. Thank you for your understanding.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Your prayers are asked for **Jim Tustain** who died recently. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. The Memorial Service will be on Thursday 6th December at 11.00 am. Please also remember his family members and friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

BAPTISM

We welcome into our parish family and into the Universal Church a child who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism today. Please keep this child and its parents in your kind thoughts and prayers.

OUR ADVENT FAYRE TAKES PLACE NEXT SATURDAY!

It is now only a few days till we celebrate our **Advent Fayre**, starting at 12 Noon on Saturday 1st December. We hope **EVERYONE**, young and old is planning to attend this highlight social occasion for our Parish because we are organising it for you. With just a few days to go this will be your last chance to help out. We really appreciate all the donations that have come in for the stalls so far. Organising our Advent Fayre is a big deal and its success is in all our hands. Please keep looking out items that can be sold or which make good prizes and toss them in the box at the back of church or take bigger items through to the hall and leave them by the door into the Romero Room. Now is the moment for all you bakers to start making cakes, large and small, together with biscuits and other delectable items to sell on out cake stall. **Paper plates are available after Mass today.** Please take one (or more) and fill it with a contribution. All offerings, home-made or bought will be very gratefully received. They can be left in the hall after Mass on Saturday morning or brought immediately before the Fayre opens.

ADORATION: WEDNESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

Due to the Confirmation Mass on Wednesday 28th November, Adoration will finish at 6.00 pm on this date. The usual timings will resume on Wednesday 5th December.

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. There will be a Service of Remembrance after the 11.00 am Mass on Saturday 24th November.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP 4 TO 7 YEAR OLDS

This group is a very successful and inspirational part of our parish life. In order to maintain the standards of the group it is important that parents of children participating understand that the only adults that should be with the children are the volunteers who have gone through the appropriate safeguarding process. Parents who are not part of the volunteer team can remain with the congregation while the children have their Liturgy separately. This is mainly a safeguarding issue but also it diminishes one of the basic objectives of the group which is help the children develop a sense of independence. Any parent who would like to be considered as a volunteer is welcome to join but must go through the safeguarding process first. Please contact Fr George, Shelagh Young or one of the safeguarding representatives if you want to join the volunteer's team or require any further information.

READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

There is a new rota available for the period from Sunday 18th November that has been distributed via email. A few copies are available from the Sacristy for those who are not on the distribution list. Please contact Fr. George SCJ if there are any problems. If you are unable to take your turn on the rota, please arrange to swap with someone else. Many thanks.

SACRED HEART PARISH HALL KEYHOLDERS

The next meeting of Hall Keyholders will be on Monday 26th November at 6.45 pm in the Romero Room. After this date no further bookings will be accepted for December.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN NOT AT A CATHOLIC SCHOOL

If your child is in Year 3 or above and you would like her/him to be prepared in the parish for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in June 2019, please make yourself known to Fr. George SCJ, Maria Jenkins or email sacredheartdroitwich@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible. There will be an initial meeting for parents on Tuesday 22nd January at 6.30 pm in the Parish Hall. The Commitment Mass will be held at 10.30 am on Sunday 3rd February. Preparation classes will start on the following Saturday morning every week from 9.30 am to 11.00 am in the church hall.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 14th November are available on the noticeboard at the back of church. Anyone who would like to be sent a copy by email please contact Jenny Leonard on 01905 775596.



To all our young people who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, may the Holy Spirit dwell in your hearts forever.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM NEWSLETTER

There are two copies of the latest newsletter from the Archdiocese at the back of church.

FOODBANK

A new wish list including items for Christmas is on the noticeboard. Items can be placed in the box at the entrance to church. Thank you for your generosity.

CHOIR PRACTICE

The next choir practice is on Tuesday 27th November at 7.00 pm. New members are always welcome if you would like to join us.

Main Collection:

£331.01

Gift Aid: £266.80

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 306

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

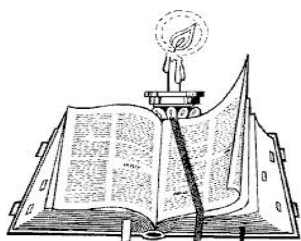
**Additional donations
for the SVP: £51.60**

**Thank you for your
generosity.**

**ST. VINCENT DE
PAUL SOCIETY**

Thank you for your generous support of our annual appeal. Without you help we would not be able to help as many people and families as we do in the Droitwich area.

Please keep our clients and our work in your prayers.



Next Sunday's Mass

Readings

Jeremiah 33: 14-16;

Psalms 24;

1 Thessalonians 3: 12

- 4:2;

Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

SVP: THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Giving tree will be in the side chapel from Sunday 25th 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 16th 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.**

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR PRISONERS

The Justice and Peace Group will again be asking you to join them in sending Christmas Cards to Prisoners at Long Lartin maximum security prison near Evesham. For the next two Sundays cards will be available in the benches and at back of Church. Further details will be announced next week. Thank you for your help.

PARISH MILLENNIUM PROJECT : ASHRAY

John and Gina Pilley will be going to visit the Ashray project early in February 2019 and have been asked to take three old laptop computers for use in the school. Does anyone have such a thing that they are willing to donate? We have the means of cleaning the hard drive so that data will not be accessible once we take the computers to India. We would also like to take some children's stories on CD. If you have any suitable CDs that you can donate we would love to have them so that the CDs can be played to the children in school to help improve their English. Thank you for all the wonderful support for this worthwhile project. To contact John and Gina telephone 07914 920298 or email ashraydroitwich@gmail.com.

REFUGEE KNITTING & UNDERWEAR COLLECTIONS

Refugee Knitting: Thank you all so very much for the variety and vast quantity of items donated, many so thoughtfully packaged. Thank you also to the person/s who left the vast quantity of buttons, they will help the knitters to defray their costs. Needles, patterns and wool are also available at the church entrance. For new knitters, make anything you feel will help the adults and children in the camps abroad. **Refugee Underwear Collection:** Thank you to everyone who donated to this crucial appeal. Items will be so gratefully received, as there continues to be a desperate need for them. **Hat, Scarves & Gloves Appeal:** As well as the wonderful knitted items we regularly send, if anyone has spare items they would also be so gratefully received because of the drop in temperature in the camps. All the items can be left at the entrance to the church. Once again thank you for your incredible, continual support. The next collection will be on Saturday 8th December.

SAVE THE DATES

Please note the following dates in your diaries:

Saturday 1st December 2018

Parish Christmas Fayre 12 Noon - 3.00 pm

Saturday 16th February and Sunday 17th February 2019

Archbishop Deanery Visitation (Sacred Heart Parish)