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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

Jeremiah 33: 14-16;
Psalms 24;
1 Thessalonians 3: 12 - 4:2;
Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

This Week 2nd December - 9th December (Psalter Week 1)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 2nd December First Sunday of Advent Year C	8.30 am Betty Parry (SM) 10.30 am Brendan Kearns RIP (MG) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall
Monday 3rd December Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, Priest	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Special Intention	10.30 am: Advent Service at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School 12.30 pm - 2.00 pm: Community Meal 7.00 pm: SVP Meeting
Tuesday 4th December Advent Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	
Wednesday 5th December Feast of St. Birinus, Bishop	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Louise Hill RIP (SVP)	10.00 am - 9.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 6th December Advent Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Geof Hill (BH) 11.00 am Memorial Mass	
Friday 7th December Memorial of St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Galdys Remedios (KA)	
Saturday 8th December Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Jim Tustain RIP (SVP)	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 9th December Second Sunday of Advent Year C Retiring Collection for the Poor Parishes in the Diocese	8.30 am Marie-Helene Rocher (RB) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm Holy Mass	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Piety Stall & Traidcraft Stall available



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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

10.30 am: Remember your mercy Lord.

6.00 pm: In your love remember me, in your love remember
me, in your great goodness O Lord remember me.
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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 Dalglish. 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.

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

Please note that on Tuesday 4th December there will be a Holy Communion
Service at 9.15 am instead of the usual weekday Mass.

WEDNESDAY ADORATION

Sincere thanks to all those who have attended Adoration. Your support is
much appreciated. Please note that because of the Christmas holidays the
last day of Adoration this year will be Wednesday 12th December 2018.
Adoration will resume in the New Year on Wednesday 16th January 2019.

CHURCH CLEANING

Please could all Cleaning Groups come along on Thursday 20th December at
9.45 am after Mass to give the church a good clean for Christmas. Thanks to
you all for your continued help. If anyone would like to join one of our
groups please contact Pat Webb on 01905 455702. One person has
volunteered since the last note in the newsletter.

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.

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.

SVP: THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Giving tree is now in the side chapel. 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.**

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.

THANK YOU

Thanks for all the prayers said for my grandson, who after a long time in hospital, is now back home with his family. All your prayers have been answered so thank you once again and God bless you all. Cynthia.

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.



2019 PARISH DIARIES

The 2019 Parish Diaries have arrived and are available to collect from the Narthex. The diaries are free, but any donations would be much appreciated and will be given to the Sacred Heart Missions.

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.



Main Collection:

£264.44

Gift Aid: £242.65

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 278

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**



**The retiring collection
for Catholic Youth
Services raised:**

£146.29

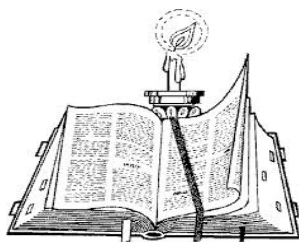
Gift Aid: £143.60

**Thank you for your
generosity.**



DROITWICH SVP

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**Next Sunday's Mass
Readings**

Baruch 5: 1-9;

Psalm 125;

*Philippians: 1: 3-6,
8-11;*

Luke 3: 1-6

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.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR PRISONERS

The Justice and Peace Group are again asking you to join them in sending Christmas Cards to Prisoners at Long Lartin maximum security prison near Evesham. On Sunday 2nd December and Sunday 9th December cards will be available in the benches and at back of Church. 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 16th February and Sunday 17th February 2019

Archbishop Deanery Visitation (Sacred Heart Parish)