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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
Baruch 5: 1-9;
Psalms 125;
Philippians: 1: 3-6, 8-11;
Luke 3: 1-6

This Week 9th December - 16th December (Psalter Week 2)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
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
Monday 10th December Advent Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Cash & Dolan RIP (SD)	
Tuesday 11th December Advent Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am James Regan RIP (DM)	
Wednesday 12th December Advent Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Peter Albuquerque (KA)	10.00 am - 9.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 13th December Memorial of St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Jim Tustain RIP (BB)	
Friday 14th December Memorial of St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Oliver Andrade (KA)	
Saturday 15th December Advent Feria	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Anna Wilson (EK)	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions 11.00 am: Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing
Sunday 16th December Third Sunday of Advent Year C Retiring Collection for Christmas Flowers	8.30 am Patricia & Christopher Simpson RIP (SR) 10.30 am Deceased Mason Family (MM) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall



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Cynthia Sharkey

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.

6.00 pm: They go out, they go out full of tears, carrying the
seeds for the sowing. They come back, they come
back full of song, carrying their sheaves.

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.**

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Thank you to all those who supported the Christmas Fayre, either by
making cakes, advertising the event, helping set up the stalls, being a stall
holder, selling raffle tickets, providing refreshments, clearing up afterwards,
donating items, counting the takings and/or attending on the day and
supporting the event. The total raised for the parish was £1963.49

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.

MASS INTENTIONS: 8.30 AM SUNDAY MASS

Please note that the 8.30 am Sunday Mass is currently fully booked for
Mass Intentions until the end of January 2019. In addition there are some
ad hoc dates also booked at this time. Sunday 3rd February is
currently the earliest date available. If you are requesting an intention for
this Mass please could you indicate on the form whether you would like to
wait for the next available Sunday or whether you would prefer a
weekday/Saturday Mass nearer the date requested. Many thanks for your
understanding.

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 the St Vincent de Paul Society locally. **Thank you for supporting this annual appeal.**

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.

2019 TEA & COFFEE ROTAS

The Tea and Coffee rotas for 2019 for both the 8.30 am and 10.30 am Masses are now available at the back of church. Please collect a copy if you are on either of these rotas.

RAFFLE PRIZES

There are a few unclaimed raffle prizes from the Christmas Fayre. If you have won a prize and have yet to claim it, these can be collected from the Parish Office. Please could all prizes be collected by the end of December.

VISITATION BY THE SUPERIOR GENERAL

Fr. Gustavo SCJ will be visiting the Sacred Heart parish on Saturday 15th December and Sunday 16th December. Fr. Gustavo will be available on both days should any parishioner wish to speak with him.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

The Advent Penitential services for the Deanery will be confirmed in the newsletter next week.

PARISH SECRETARY

I will be out of the office from Saturday 22nd December until Tuesday 1st January inclusive and also Monday 7th January. I will be in the office on Friday 27th December to complete the newsletter only. Please could all items be submitted by 9.00 am on this date. For any urgent queries please contact Fr. George SCJ on 01905 773258. Everything else I will deal with on my return on Wednesday 2nd January.



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:
£173.41

Gift Aid: £298.00

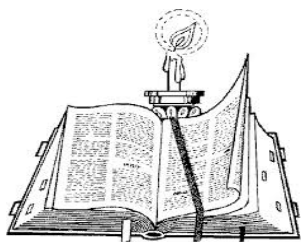
Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 291

Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.



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Next Sunday's Mass

Readings

Zephaniah 3: 14-18;

Isaiah 12;

Philippians: 4: 4-7;

Luke 3: 10-18

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.



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)