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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

Zephaniah 3: 14-18;

Isaiah 12;

Philippians 4: 4-7;

Luke 3: 10-18

This Week 16th December - 23rd December (Psalter Week 3)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
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
Monday 17th December Advent Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Peggy O'Regan (BB)	12.30 pm - 2.00 pm: Community Meal 7.00: SVP Meeting
Tuesday 18th December Advent Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Thanksgiving (CS)	10.30 am: Nativity Mass at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School 7.00pm: Choir Practice
Wednesday 19th December Advent Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Rose O'Grady RIP (CE & MO)	7.30 pm: Advent Penitential Service
Thursday 20th December Advent Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Bob Turner RIP (ST)	6.30 pm: Carol Service
Friday 21st December Advent Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Louise Hill RIP (PW) & Aidan Gilroy RIP	
Saturday 22nd December Advent Feria	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Mr. & Mrs. Wareham RIP (ST)	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 23rd December Fourth Sunday of Advent Year C	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MF) 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, 10.30 am & 6.00 pm:

Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One
of Israel.

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.**

CRIB OFFERINGS

Our parish will be donating crib offerings to Friends of the Holy Land. Every
penny will help the poorest Christian families, especially in and around
Bethlehem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel with education, employment,
health and housing initiatives. FHL is apolitical and ecumenical. Please keep
our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land in your prayers at this time.

CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

Once again this year we will need Readers and Special Ministers of the
Eucharist to assist with Christmas Liturgies, mainly to read and distribute
Holy Communion at the Christmas Eve Masses (5.00 pm and 7.30 pm) and
also at the Mass on Christmas Day at 9.30 am. A clipboard for signing up
has been placed in the Narthex. Thank you, Fr. George SCJ.

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 for this time. Sunday 3rd February is
currently the earliest date available. If you are requesting an intention for
the 8.30 am 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.

10.30 AM MASS TEA AND COFFEE ROTA

Is anyone able to help serve tea and coffee on the following dates: 17th
March 2019, 26th May 2019, 30th June 2019, 4th August 2019, 8th
September 2019, 13th October 2019 and 17th November 2019? Any help
would be much appreciated. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able
to assist. For all other dates, if you are unable to take your turn, please
could you make arrangements with others on the rota to ensure that there
is cover in place. Thank you for your co-operation.

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.

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.

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 28th 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.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

The Advent Penitential Service at the Sacred Heart Church will be on Wednesday 19th December at 7.30 pm.

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. New rotas for 2019 are available to collect from the back of church.

PARISH CAROL SERVICE

The service will be on Thursday 20th December at 6.30 pm. This service will be led by members of our three parish choirs and St. Joseph's School choir. We invite everyone in the parish to join us on that evening to enjoy the festival of carols and what promises to be a wonderful and prayerful evening.

WEDNESDAY ADORATION

Please note that, because of the Christmas holidays, Adoration will resume in the New Year on Wednesday 16th January 2019.

ADVENT JOURNEY

The "Walk with Me" booklet and calendar for the Advent journey are available at the back of the church. This booklet is to help focus on our relationship with God and with people during Advent. Please consider taking a copy home to help prepare for Christmas. These are free but donations would be gratefully received and given to the Missions in India. Thank you.



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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM NEWSLETTER

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

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR PRISONERS

Many thanks to those who signed cards to send to Long Lartin Prison, they were delivered last Monday.

CHOIR PRACTICE

The next choir practice is on Tuesday 18th December at 7.00 pm. New members are always welcome if you would like to join us.

Main Collection:

£240.60

Gift Aid: £220.00

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 276

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**



**The retiring collection
for the Poor Parishes
raised: £201.97**

Gift Aid: £455.90

**Additional Gift Aided
donations: £8.15
(Catholic Youth
Services) & £5.00
(Johnson Association)**

**Thank you for your
generosity.**



DROITWICH SVP

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**Next Sunday's Mass
Readings**

Micah 5: 1-4;

Psalms 79;

Hebrews 10: 5-10;

Luke 1: 39-44

FOODBANK

A new wish list including items for Christmas is on the noticeboard. Foodbank are also in urgent need of the following items: tea bags (packet of 40 or 80), tinned fruit, tinned potatoes & carrots, coffee (small jars), long life fruit juice, jars of pasta sauce, cartons of custard, jam and biscuits. Items can be placed in the box at the entrance to church. Thank you for your generosity.

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 & HAT, SCARVES & GLOVES APPEALS

Refugee knitting

Once again your generosity is overwhelming! The volume and diversity of the exquisite items donated was incredible. A particular thank you to the persons who knitted the carrier bags of hats and matching hat and scarf sets. Also the ladies who knitted hat, gloves and scarves sets and labelled them so thoughtfully. A further special thank you to the patient from the Great Witley Surgery who donated a vast quantity of beautiful knitting. Finally thank you for the large quantity of wool recently donated, which is located at the church entrance.

Refugee Underwear Collection

A huge thank you to the person who donated the vast amount of men's and boys' underwear, it will be so gratefully received.

Hat, Scarves and Gloves Appeal

Thank you so much to everyone who donated their surplus items to help the refugees cope with the cold. Once again your generosity knows no bounds!

The next collection date for all is Saturday 5th January. Once again thank you all for your continual kindness and generosity.

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)