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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 38: 4-6, 8-10;
Psalm 39;
Hebrews 12: 1-4;
Luke 12: 49-53

This Week 18th August - 25th August (Psalter Week 4)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 18th August Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C	8.30 am Private Intention 10.30 am Devasya RIP 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall
Monday 19th August Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Alan Remedios RIP (KA)	12.30 pm - 2.00 pm: Community Meal 6.45 pm: Sacred Heart Keyholders Meeting
Tuesday 20th August Memorial of St. Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church.	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Patrick Cussen RIP (BP)	
Wednesday 21st August Memorial of St. Pius X, Pope	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Private Intention	10.00 am - 9.00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Thursday 22nd August Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Gladys Remedios RIP (KA)	2.00 pm: Church Tour
Friday 23rd August Feast of St. John Wall, Priest, Martyr	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	9.45 am - 10.15 am: Adoration and Devotion to the Sacred Heart
Saturday 24th August Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Edward Cash RIP	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 25th August Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C	8.30 am Holy Mass 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm Holy Mass	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall 12 Noon: Baptism

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: Lord, come to my aid!

6.00 pm: No folk group.

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, Eileen Dalton, Delores Delaney, Frank Fawcett, Alan Francis, Joan Graham, Beryl Hill, Alan Hurst, John Jennings, Andrew McDermott, Sue Nixon, Rosemarie Preece, Michael Sheridan, Aidan Skinner, Jacky Smith, Paul Smith, Angela Wardle, Breda Wightman, Mark Wightman, Richard Wightman, Monsignor Graham Wilkinson & 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.

8.30 AM CHOIR HOLIDAY

The 8.30 am Choir had August off last year, and this year, for health reasons, the break is starting earlier, with no choir singing from Sunday 21st July until Sunday 1st September. When we start again, we will be appealing for more of you to join us upstairs, but we do appreciate very much the good singing from the congregation, which we have always welcomed and encouraged. Thank you.

SACRED HEART ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK

The Annual Sponsored Walk in aid of the Sacred Heart Missionary Work in India will take place in the **Clifton Village Walk - Nottingham on 28th September at 2 pm**. Fr. George SCJ and Br. Patrick SCJ will be joining the sponsored walk; if you would like to support this fund raising effort, there is a sponsorship form available at the back of church to sponsor and support them. If you would like to Join this 5 miles walk, please fill another form available at the back of the church. Please join Fr. George SCJ and Br. Patrick SCJ to support the Sacred Heart Missionary work in India. For further details please speak to Fr. George or Br. Patrick. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

CONFIRMATION 2019: UPDATED!

There will be a meeting at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School for all Candidates and their parents on Wednesday 18th September at 6.30 pm. This will be followed by the Confirmation Commitment Mass on **Sunday 29th September at 10.30 am**. If your child is currently in Year 5 or above and **not** at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School please could you contact Fr. George SCJ as soon as possible if would like to have your child prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. The Confirmation Mass is on Tuesday 3rd December at 7.00 pm.

NEW YOUTH GROUP

The parish committee believe that the establishment and development of a new Youth Group (Age range 11-18 years split 11-14 and 15-18 years) would be a desirable project for the Centenary celebration. After some discussion and outside guidance from the Birmingham Catholic Youth Society the committee has concluded that the best way to achieve this target would be to employ a qualified youth worker in the parish. It is hoped that the expense of this could be shared with another parish or some other Catholic organisation. Before the project is formally adopted and commitments are made it is important to establish that there is a demand for such a group from the young people of the parish and their parents or guardians. At the back of church is a very brief questionnaire that we ask all interested parishioners to complete and return to Fr George. Everyone completing this form will receive a further questionnaire that will ensure that the Youth Group set up is relevant and meets the requirements of the youth of the parish. There is also a Facebook page for the Youth Group that can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/SHCYouthGroupDroitwich/>. At the moment not many forms have been returned, if you have not already done so, please take and complete a questionnaire and return to Fr. George. If you don't have any youngsters who would be involved with this but would like to support the project by donation or helping with fund raising please also complete the form. Please take an active part in this project as it can only proceed if there is real support for it from those who will use it.

POLITE REQUEST

Please do not leave items on the floor in the entrance way to church. Any donations for Foodbank and the Refugee collections can be placed in the cupboards in the entrance way to church. If for any reason these are full please speak to Fr. George, Brother Patrick or contact the Parish Office. If you would like to leave large items or bigger bags that will not fit please could you contact the parish office first. Many thanks for your understanding, co-operation and continued generosity to the charity collections.

HARVINGTON PILGRIMAGE - SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

This year the Annual Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall, Shrine of the English Martyrs, is on Sunday 1st September. Mass is at 3.00 pm with Confessions from 1.45 pm until 2.30 pm. Rt. Rev. David McGough, Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham, will be the principal celebrant. Free timed tours of Harvington Hall are available to all pilgrims on the day and can be booked in the Hall's courtyard when you arrive. Please bring your own chairs. All information is on the poster on the noticeboard.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS

There will be a Engaged Encounter Weekend from Saturday 12th October until Sunday 13th October at The Dormer Conference Centre, Leamington Spa for those preparing for marriage and a Marriage Encounter Weekend from Friday 22nd November until Sunday 24th November at the Ibis Hotel, Rugby for marriage enrichment. For more information about Marriage Encounter and the above weekends visit their website at <https://wwme.org.uk/> or email bookings@wwme.org.uk.

FOODBANK

There is a new wish list on the noticeboard. Any donations can be placed in the wooden cupboards in the church porch. Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH HALL KEYHOLDERS

There is a need for more people to join the existing team of keyholders who open and close the hall for the groups that use it. If you are able to help, please contact the Parish Office. Many thanks.

PRAYER LIST

Due to GDPR regulations, we now need consent to publish a name in the prayer list for sick parishioners in the newsletter. There are forms available from the Narthex if you would like yourself or a family member or friend named in this list.

THANK YOU

Pax Christi and Survive-Miva have written to thank all those who have contributed to recent collections. These posters are on the noticeboard.

Main Collection:

£172.93

Gift Aid: £255.10

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 235

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM NEWSLETTER

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



Next Sunday's Mass

Readings

Isaiah 66: 18-21;

Psalms 116;

*Hebrews 12: 5-7,
11-13;*

Luke 13: 22-30

*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.*

PARISH TRAINING SESSIONS

The Archdiocese will be providing training sessions for parishes through to November. The training sessions will be regarding finance, property, GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) and safeguarding. The training will be for Priests, parish staff, volunteers and parishioners. There are sessions at the Parish of Christ the King and Our Lady of Lourdes, Coventry on Saturday 21st September, St. Chad's Cathedral (Grimshaw Room) on Saturday 26th October, the Parish of Holy Trinity Church, Newcastle on Saturday 2nd November and St. George's, Worcester on Saturday 23rd November. The sessions run from 10.00 am until 3.30 pm. If you would like to take part in any of the training sessions please confirm your attendance in advance by contacting our Property Administrator, Lewis Massey: lewis.massey@rc-birmingham.org. When confirming your attendance, please leave your full name, the Parish you attend and your position within that Parish. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact Clare O'Brien on 0121 230 6231 or Steve Roche on 0121 230 6220, based at Cathedral House.

REFUGEE KNITTING

Thank you so much for the vast number of exquisite children's hat, scarf and glove sets again so thoughtfully matched. They will bring such joy to the children in the camps. Thank you also for the beautiful blankets and jumpers so lovingly crafted. The next collection will take place on Saturday 7th September. Wool, patterns, buttons and needles are available in the church porch to help defray costs and donations of the same are always gratefully received.

REFUGEE UNDERWEAR COLLECTION

Once again thank you so much for your continual support of this vital collection. There is a desperate need of new underwear for children and small to medium adult sizes.

SAVE THE DATE

Please note the following date in your diaries:

Confirmation Commitment Mass

Sunday 29th September at 10.30 am

Parish Christmas Fayre

Saturday 30th November at 12noon to 03pm