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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

Wisdom 9: 13-18;
Psalms 89;
Philemon 9-10, 12-17;
Luke 14: 25-33

This Week 8th September - 15th September (Psalter Week 3)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 8th September Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C Retiring Collection for the Catholic Education Service	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MF) 10.30 am Bernadette Violet Duffy RIP (PD) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall
Monday 9th September Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Norman Lake RIP (RR)	
Tuesday 10th September Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	7.00 pm: Choir Practice
Wednesday 11th September Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Harry Remedios RIP (KA)	10.00 am - 9.00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Thursday 12th September Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Maree MacCourt (CM)	11.00 am: Wedding Rehearsal 2.00 pm: Church Tour
Friday 13th September Memorial of St. John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	9.45 am - 10.15 am: Adoration and Devotion to the Sacred Heart
Saturday 14th September Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Special Intention (K)	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions 12.30 pm: Wedding
Sunday 15th September Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C Retiring Collection for Home Mission Sunday	8.30 am Holly Platt RIP (MT) 10.30 am Patricia Glover RIP (CL) 6.00 pm Holy Mass	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Piety Stall available in the Hall

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: O Lord you have been our refuge from
one generation to the next.

6.00 pm: Abba Father, you are always our refuge and our joy.
So we thank you and we worship, we worship you in
song. AK 26.

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, Margaret
Steward, 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.**

SACRED HEART ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK

The Annual Sponsored Walk in aid of the Sacred Heart Missionary Work in
India will take place in **Nottingham on Saturday 28th September at 2.00 pm.**
Fr. George SCJ and Br. Patrick SCJ will be joining the Clifton Village Walk; if
you would like to support this fund raising effort, there are sponsorship
forms and gift aid envelopes available at the back of church to sponsor and
support them. If you would like to join this 5 mile walk please fill in a form;
this is also 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 6 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.

SACRED HEART LADIES GROUP

WEDNESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

Putting the Spa back into Droitwich. What does that mean? Why not come
along on Wednesday 18th September and find out. Our speaker will be Sue
Webber who has all the answers and will put us in the picture. As usual the
meeting will be in the Parish Hall and will start at 7.30 pm and finish at
9.30 pm. There will also be tea and coffee as well as cake. So why not pop
in and welcome Sue as she enlightens on how the Spa is being put back into
Droitwich. We look forward to a full house.

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/>. 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.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2019

The Christmas Fayre will take place on Saturday 30th November from 12 noon until 3.00 pm. A big event like this needs the involvement of everyone in the parish so please put the date in your diary.

MISSIO

Missio brings the hope of the Gospel where there is turmoil, poverty and uncertainty in the world, and where the Church is new, young or poor. Missio empowers local people to form and sustain communities of faith and we train and nurture future leaders so that the vital work of the Church in the world can take place. If you would like to donate to Missio via the red donation boxes these are available from the Piety Stall after 8.30 am and 10.30 am Masses.

FATHER HUDSON'S CARE

On Sunday 22nd September the second collection will be for Father Hudson's Care to support their mission of supporting vulnerable people across the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Father Hudson's reaches out to people of all ages who need support at times of adversity. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

SACRED HEART MILLENNIUM PROJECT - ASHRAY INVITATION

John and Gina Pilley intend to visit Ashray in Varanasi, India, towards the end of January 2020. If any parishioner is interested in joining our party to see the wonderful work that our parish is supporting then please contact John and Gina at ashraydroitwich@gmail.com or by phone on 07914 920298.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION - WORCESTER CIRCLE

The next meeting is on Thursday 19th September at 7.30 pm at St. George's Parish Hall, Worcester. The Revd. Douglas Lamb will speak on the topic *Newman: A Journey to Sainthood*. All are welcome; the charge for non-members is £3.00. There are also talks on Thursday 17th October, *The Caring that Jesus Illustrates*, and Wednesday 13th November, *How do we keep on Hoping: Lessons from the Middle East*.

FOODBANK

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

CHOIR PRACTICE

The next choir practice is on Tuesday 10th September at 7.00 pm. New members are always welcome if you would like to join us.

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.

SVP: THANK YOU

The Parish SVP would like to thank the parishioner who made the most generous anonymous donation to their funds. This is most encouraging and please be assured it will be used for worthwhile, deserving cases.

Main Collection:

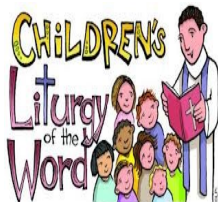
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Gift Aid: £284.00

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 222

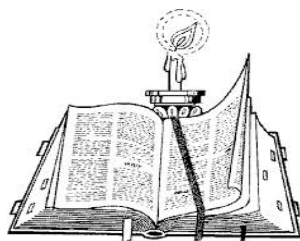
**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be
Children's Liturgy on
the following Sundays
during the 10.30 am
Mass:

15th September,
22nd September,
29th September,
3rd November,
10th November,
17th November,
24th November,
1st December,
8th December.



Next Sunday's Mass Readings

Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14;

Psalms 50;

1 Timothy 1: 12-17;

Luke 15: 1-32

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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM NEWSLETTER

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

DIRECTION FOR OUR TIMES

There are now audio copies of most of the volumes on the large free-standing book-stand at the back of the church. Volumes are £4 in book form and £5 as audio CDs. Other prices are as shown on the notice above the stand. Please note that it is only the booklets in the small stand in the porch that are subsidized. The wall box for payment is in the porch, and is labelled **Direction for our Times**. Any enquiries to Iain and Marie Martin on 01905 798130.

SAVE THE DATES

Please note the following dates in your diaries:

Confirmation Commitment Mass

Sunday 29th September at 10.30 am

Parish Christmas Fayre

Saturday 30th November from 12 noon to 3.00 pm

Confirmation Mass

Tuesday 3rd December at 7.00 pm

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