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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

Amos 8: 4-7;
Psalms 112;
1 Timothy 2: 1-8;
Luke 16: 1-13

This Week 22nd September - 29th September (Psalter Week 1)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 22nd September Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C Retiring Collection for Father Hudson's Care	8.30 am N. C. Mathew RIP 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm Gladys Remedios RIP (KA)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall
Monday 23rd September Memorial of St. Pio of Pietrelcina	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	6.45 pm: Parish Hall Keyholders Meeting
Tuesday 24th September Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	
Wednesday 25th September Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	10.00 am - 9.00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Thursday 26th September Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mr. & Mrs. Regan RIP (BB)	
Friday 27th September Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul, Priest	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	9.45 am - 10.15 am: Adoration and Devotion to the Sacred Heart 11.00 am: Church Tour
Saturday 28th September Feria in Ordinary Time	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Holy Mass	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 29th September Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C	8.30 am People of the Parish 10.30 am Baptism of Polly Eliza Darling (Mrs & Mrs Darling) 6.00 pm Holy Mass	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Piety Stall available in the Hall 10.30 am: Confirmation Commitment Mass 12 Noon: Baptism

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.00 pm: Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

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Gerry Ceclich
Cynthia Sharkey

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, Catherine Copper, Eileen Dalton, Delores Delaney, Frank Fawcett, Alan Francis, Joan Graham, Beryl Hill, Alan Hurst, John Jennings, Andrew McDermott, Stella McDermott, 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.

THANK YOU

We wish to thank Matt Kelly, Director of Shirley Industrial Painters & Decorators Ltd, for painting the steel structure that supports the bell located in the tower free of charge. This has saved our church a considerable amount of money and we are very grateful for his generosity.

FATHER HUDSON'S CARE

Today there will be a second collection will be for Father Hudson's Care. Please give generously to this worthy cause. Gift aid envelopes are available from the pews.

.....AND THINKING ABOUT CHRISTMAS.....

The date for our Parish Christmas Fayre has been advertised in our weekly newsletter for several weeks now. It will be held on Saturday 30th November. First, a word of thanks to the (very) small group of parishioners who tirelessly organise our Fayres and Garden Parties and do all the work so these events can take place. The more people who are involved in this the easier it is for all. Could you perhaps let Fr. George know that you are willing to help too? The 30th November seems a long time ahead, but it is just 10 weeks away. Please could each and every household take responsibility for gathering in the stock for this event. Rather than it being a last-minute effort, could each and every-one start a box at home now and start collecting up items for our **Toiletry, Tombola, Toy and Book** stalls. At this stage we want you to keep collecting up stock at home, ready to bring in your full boxes nearer the time. Each time you add another item to your box you will feel a warm glow of satisfaction! Soon raffle tickets will be on sale for our Grand Christmas Raffle. Those of you who so generously donate raffle prizes will also feel a warm glow from letting Terry or Fr. George know as soon as possible what you can donate.

And lastly a parish Christmas Fayre without your presence will be a total failure! Please, please note your diary of the date Saturday 30th November, and commit yourself to, at the very least, coming on the day to support your parish and taking part in the fun.

RELIGIOUS CARD STAND & PIETY STALL

Christmas cards are now on sale in the card stand in the narthex. The Piety Stall now has boxes of Christmas cards, advent calendars, Catholic diaries for 2020, advent candles, church art calendars and Christmas 3-dimensional pop-up cards for children.

PARISH THANK YOU EVENING

To thank the many volunteers who give their time to the Sacred Heart Parish, Fr. George SCJ is hosting a Thank You Evening in the Parish Hall on Friday 6th December at 7.00 pm. If you volunteer and would like to attend, clipboards will be available for you to sign up on from the beginning of October so that we know how many to cater for.

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.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

A Youth Group report was submitted to both of the recent Parish Council and Finance Committees' meetings. This report included a summary of the response from the parish to the newsletter appeal made over the last 8 weeks. Both committees believe that having a strong and enthusiastic Youth Group run by a professional youth leader would benefit the parish and in particular the young people in it. However, the proposal to commence with the recruitment of a youth leader (with a significant cost to the parish) failed to get approval. The main reason for this was a view that there was a lack of demand for a Youth Group from parishioners and in particular the parents and the young people of the parish. Thank you to the parents and the youth who responded to the newsletter appeal. Over the next few weeks it is planned to write to every parent. The aim will be to explain how the Youth Group would operate and seek support for the project. If you want the recruitment of a highly trained and dedicated youth leader to go ahead in the parish then you should make your views (preferably in writing) known to Fr. George or any member of the Parish Council. Your support is now vital if this initiative is to go ahead.

SACRED HEART PARISH HALL KEYHOLDERS

The next meeting of Hall Keyholders will be on Monday 23rd September at 6.45 pm in the Romero Room. After this date no further bookings will be accepted for October.

SACRED HEART ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK

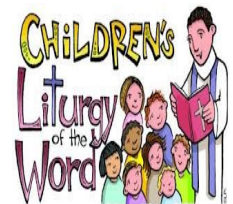
The Annual Sponsored Walk in aid of the Sacred Heart Missionary Work in India will take place in **Nottingham on Saturday 28th September at 2.00 pm**. Fr. George SCJ and Br. Patrick SCJ will be joining the Clifton Village Walk; if you would like to support this fund raising effort, there are sponsorship 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.

FR. GEORGE MATHEW SCJ

Fr. George is away from the Parish today to make an appeal on behalf of the Sacred Heart Missions. In his absence Fr. Biju will be saying all Masses.

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 4th September 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.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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

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

Main Collection:

£155.25

Gift Aid: £195.00

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 225

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**The retiring collection
for Home Mission
Sunday raised: £59.05**

Gift Aid: £84.05

**Additional Gift aid
donation for Catholic
Education: £22.00**

**Thank you for your
generosity.**

ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM NEWSLETTER

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

JOB VACANCY

Please see the poster on
the noticeboard for
details of an
Administration & IT
Support Officer role
based at Cathedral
House. The closing date
for applications is Friday
11th October.



Next Sunday's Mass

Readings

Amos 6: 1, 4-7;

Psalms 145;

1 Timothy 6: 11-16;

Luke 16: 19-31

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. 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.

REFUGEE KNITTING & UNDERWEAR COLLECTIONS

Thank you so very much to the person who donated the beautiful children's scarf and hat sets, the person who regularly knits such lovely hats and for the items donated to the underwear appeal. With the darker nights here if anyone would like to knit or crochet for the refugees, make anything you feel would benefit the children and small to medium adults. Socks and tights are also particularly needed. Patterns, wool, needles and buttons are available in the cupboard in the church entrance to help defray costs. Donations of the same are most welcome.

QUIZ NIGHT: FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER AT 7.30 PM IN THE SACRED HEART PARISH HALL

Droitwich Spa French and German Twinning Groups cordially invite you to bring a team of up to six persons to a professionally led quiz with a ploughman's supper included in the cost of £10.00 per person. Booking is essential for catering purposes and further details can be obtained from Mike or Carol Nott on 07756 876269.

COLUMBAN MISSIONARIES: COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

The Columban Missionaries invites applications for the part-time position of Communications Officer. For more information and to apply visit www.columbans.co.uk/join-us/communications-officer or contact 01564 772 096 or email hr@columbans.co.uk. The closing date for applications is Sunday 29th September.

BAPTISED & SENT: OUR CALL TO BE MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

**SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER, 10.00 AM TO 5.00 PM, AT ST. PETER'S RC SCHOOL,
SOLIHULL**

This is the 2019 Diocesan Justice & Peace Assembly, which is celebrating the Extraordinary Missionary Month, declared by Pope Francis for October 2019, by inviting you to reflect on your experiences, celebrating and putting in to action the call to mission for justice, peace and care for creation. Join Archbishop Bernard Longley, the Columban Missionaries and people from across the diocese to explore our call to be missionary disciples. Email events@columbans.co.uk or register online http://bit.ly/JandP_Assembly2019.

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