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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
Habbakkuk 1: 2-3, 2: 2-4;
Psalm 94;
2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14;
Luke 17: 5-19

This Week 6th October - 13th October (Psalter Week 3)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 6th October Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C Retiring Collection for CAFOD	8.30 am People of the Parish 10.30 am Holy Mass 6.00 pm Holy Mass	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall 10.30 am: Harvest Mass led by St. Joseph's School
Monday 7th October Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	12.30 pm - 2.00 pm: Community Meal 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm: SVP Meeting
Tuesday 8th October Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	
Wednesday 9th October Feast of the Blessed John Henry Newman, Priest	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	10.00 am - 9.00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Thursday 10th October Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	
Friday 11th October Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	
Saturday 12th October Feria in Ordinary Time	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Private Intention (P & CI)	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 13th October Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C	8.30 am Don & Rose Brooks RIP (PW) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm Mary Ryan (DR)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Piety Stall in the Hall after Mass

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Cynthia Sharkey

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden
not your hearts.
10.30 am: Chorus of Hymn 965. As the Deer pants.
6.00 pm: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden
not your hearts. (X2) (Laudate 52).

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.**

HOW IS YOUR BOX SHAPING UP?

I have challenged all parishioners to start a box at home and steadily to fill it
over the coming weeks ready to bring in your full box in November to equip
our stalls for the upcoming Christmas Fayre starting at noon on **Saturday
30th November 2019**. This way we can be assured of a successful Fayre.
Hopefully you have already put a few items in your box and you are
planning what you can add to fuel our **Tombola, Toiletries, Books and Toy
stalls**? By doing it a little at a time it will be so much easier! *If every
parishioner* fills their box gradually, the result will be the best Christmas
Fayre we have ever had, both socially and financially. But only if you
commit to coming along on the day to join in the fun.

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,
please add your name to the list at the back of church so that we know how
many to cater for.

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.

ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK

Thank you for supporting Fr. George and Brother Patrick on their sponsored
walk to raise money for the Sacred Heart Fathers' Missionary work in India.
Any sponsorship money can either be passed to Fr. George or Brother
Patrick or given in to the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

There is a new rota available for the period from Sunday 13th October until Sunday 2nd February that has been distributed via email. A few copies are available from the Sacristy for those who are not on the distribution list. Please contact Fr. George SCJ if there are any problems. If you are unable to take your turn on the rota, please arrange to swap with someone else. Many thanks.

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.

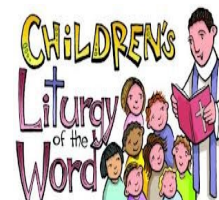
BAPTISED & SENT: OUR CALL TO BE MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

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. If anyone is going to the Justice & Peace Conference and has space for passengers please contact Judith on 01905 771346.

ADORATION

There will be no Adoration and Devotion to the Sacred Heart on Friday 11th October. This will resume at 9.45 am on Friday 18th October.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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

3rd November,
10th November,
17th November,
24th November,
1st December,
8th December.

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.

IS THIS FOR YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW?

Main Collection:

£224.72

Gift Aid: £235.15

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 205

**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.

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS DAY

Please join us after
Mass for tea, coffee
and a biscuit to
celebrate
Grandparents Day.

DROITWICH SVP

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Next Sunday's Mass Readings

2 Kings 5: 14-17;

Psalms 97;

2 Timothy 2: 8-13;

Luke 17: 11-19

ST. SCHOLASTICA'S RETREAT OPEN DAY - SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER

The Retreat offers sheltered housing to practising Catholics aged 60 or over in 36 self-contained flats at £491pcm. More information is available on the poster and from the warden, Deacon Seán Duffy, at info@stscholasticas.co.uk or on 01844 344437. Further information can also be found at www.stscholasticas.co.uk.

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.

ST. CHAD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: DEPUTY HEADTEACHER

St Chad's Primary School, Birmingham are looking to appoint a Deputy Headteacher from January 2020. For further information and an application pack, please contact the school on 0121 464 6554 or email the Business Manager, Karen Robinson at k.robinson@st-chads.bham.sch.uk. The closing date is Tuesday 15th October.

WORCESTERSHIRE MEDICO-LEGAL SOCIETY TALK TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 7.30 PM UNTIL 9.00 PM

Dr. John Duddington, Barrister, Retired Head of the Law School, Worcester College of Technology, and Dr. Tony Cole, Retired Consultant Paediatrician, will be speaking on *The best interests test in end of life cases – does it work and is there an alternative?* at the Court Room, Jenny Lind Building, City Campus, University of Worcester, Farrier Street, Worcester, WR1 3BZ. All are welcome.

SAVE THE DATES

Please note the following dates in your diaries:

Parish Christmas Fayre

Saturday 30th November from 12 noon to 3.00 pm

Confirmation Mass

Tuesday 3rd December at 7.00 pm

Parish Thank You Evening

Friday 6th December at 7.00 pm

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