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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

Isaiah 2: 1-5;

Psalm 121;

Romans 13: 11-14

Matthew 24: 37-44

This Week 1st December - 8th December (Psalter Week 1)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 1st December First Sunday of Advent Year A Appeal for St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School	8.30 am Kevin McCorry RIP (MM) 10.30 am Fathers and Brothers of the Sacred Heart of Betharram (BB) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Piety & Traidcraft Stalls in the Hall
Monday 2nd December Advent Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Betty Parry (EK)	12.30 pm - 2.00 pm: Community Meal 7.00 pm: SVP Meeting
Tuesday 3rd December Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, Priest	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mary Leason RIP (MB) 7.00 pm: Confirmation Mass	
Wednesday 4th December Advent Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Deceased Members of the Hancock, Johnson & May Families (AM)	10.00 am - 9.00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 5th December Feast of St. Birinus, Bishop	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Arthur Leason RIP (MB)	
Friday 6th December Advent Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Gladys Remedios RIP (KA)	9.45 am - 10.15 am: Adoration and Devotion to the Sacred Heart 7.00 pm: Thank you Evening
Saturday 7th December Memorial of St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Patricia & Christopher Simpson (SR)	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 8th December Second Sunday of Advent Year A Retiring Collection for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese	8.30 am Margaret, Bobby & Margherita McCool (JA) 10.30 am Maria Keegan RIP (TG) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Traidcraft Stall in the Hall After 6.00 pm Mass: Direction for Our Times (Parish Hall)



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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house'.

6.00 pm: I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us follow the path to the house of the Lord'. 35 AK.

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, Tony Ringer, 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 Dagleish. Please note that the newsletter is also placed on the parish website. Thank you for your understanding.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Your prayers are asked for **Rosemarie Preece** who died recently. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Please keep her family and friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Thank you to all those who supported the Christmas Fayre, either by making cakes, advertising the event, helping set up the stalls, being a stall holder, selling raffle tickets, providing refreshments, clearing up afterwards, donating items, counting the takings and/or attending on the day and supporting the event. The total raised for the parish will be announced in due course. Please check the noticeboard at the back of church for raffle prize winners.

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.

HOUSE MASSES

During Advent we are planning to have some House Masses. If you would like to arrange a House Mass in your home please sign up on the clipboard at the back of church.



To all our young people who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, may the Holy Spirit dwell in your hearts forever.

WEDNESDAY ADORATION

Sincere thanks and gratitude to all those who have supported the Wednesday Adoration, especially those loyal people who have pledged specific times. We thank God for His continued presence among us in the Eucharist. Please note that the last day of Adoration this year is Wednesday 11th December. Over the Christmas period there will be no Adoration for four weeks. It will resume on Wednesday 15th January 2020. We really do need new people to kindly pledge time to watch and pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament. It is a generous gift of your time but well worthwhile. Please contact Catherine Ingram on 01905 778053.

MASS INTENTIONS

Dates for Mass Intentions are extremely limited until the end of the year. We make every effort to accommodate Mass Intentions on the dates requested however this is not always possible due to prior bookings. When submitting a Mass Intention request, please could you provide a phone number or email address so that we can contact you if needed. Due to GDPR regulations, with the exception of deceased individuals, we are unable to publish names unless the Request for Mass Intention Form at the back of church is completed. If we do not have a form the Intention will be listed in the newsletter and stated at Mass as Private Intention.

PARISH SECRETARY

I will be out of the office from Friday 20th December until Monday 6th January inclusive. I will be in the office on Friday 27th December and Friday 3rd January to complete the newsletter only. Please could all items be submitted by 9.00 am on these dates. For any urgent queries please contact Fr. George SCJ on 01905 773258. Everything else I will deal with on my return on Tuesday 7th January.

CHURCH CLEANING

Please could all Cleaning Groups come along on Thursday 17th 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 the parish office or Pat Webb on 01905 455702. Our numbers are low and it would be good to have more volunteers.

FOODBANK: COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

Droitwich Spa Foodbank have provided a list of 24 items they always need. This list is on the noticeboard and there are also some copies for you to take away on the shelf below. There are no Christmas items on this list, the aim is that these items will help feed and support individuals and families during the rest of the year. There is also a 12-day list available. For further information or to view the lists online, please visit droitwichspa.foodbank.org.uk. Please could any donations be placed in the box in the church porch. Thank you for your continued generosity.



PARISH VISITS

Fr. George SCJ would like to visit all the families in the parish to get to know the families better. These visits will take place by area on weekdays from the first week of Advent onwards. Further information will be given in due course.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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

1st December,
8th December.

SHROUD OF TURIN

Our parish is fortunate to have an authentic copy of the Shroud of Turin on display on Friday 13th December at 7.00 pm. All are welcome.





Main Collection:

£187.49

Gift Aid: £172.50

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 235

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**The retiring collection
for Catholic Youth**

Services raised:

£142.25

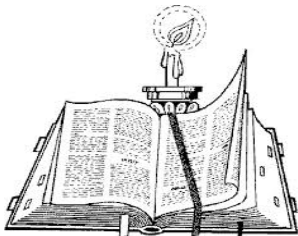
Gift Aid: £113.00

**Thank you for your
generosity.**



PARISH DIARIES

A new company has taken over the production of our Parish Diaries this year. We are hoping that the diaries will be with us to distribute soon. Thank you for your patience.



Next Sunday's Mass

Readings

Isaiah 11: 1-10;

Psalms 71;

Romans 15: 4-9

Matthew 3: 1-12

SVP: THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Giving tree is now in the side chapel. For parishioners who are new to our parish the idea is to take an angel from the tree, purchase a present suitable for a child whose details are given on the angel and return it wrapped in suitable paper with the angel attached. There are additional angels in the box by the tree. The last date for bringing the presents to church is Sunday 15th December. The presents will be distributed mainly to Father Hudson homes and some to families supported by St Vincent de Paul Society locally. **Thank you for supporting this annual appeal.**

REFUGEE KNITTED ITEMS & UNDERWEAR COLLECTIONS

Once again a massive thank you to the parishioner who sends in such vast amounts of beautifully packaged scarf and glove sets for the children. How thrilled they will be to receive such a special gift! Thank you also for the exquisite blankets, baby cardigans and hats received this month. Please help yourselves to the wool and related items in the cupboards at the entrance to offset your costs. Donations of the same are always most welcome. Thank you so much for the many new items of children's and adults' clothing received this month. Your continual support of these vital collections is so appreciated. With winter approaching if you have any hats, scarves or gloves you can spare, these can also be passed on to the people in the camps. The next collection date is Saturday 7th December.

DIRECTION FOR OUR TIMES

A spiritual inspiration for us all through these present challenging times. Sunday 8th December after 6pm Mass: tea and coffee, DVD and talk as introduction to the Lay Apostolate of Jesus the Returning King and its publishing arm, Direction for Our Times. Books and pictures on sale.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN DROITWICH

Thank you to everyone who is knitting Angels. Please see the poster on the noticeboard if you would like to help with attaching the labels or distributing the Angels around Droitwich. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS CARDS TO PRISONERS

We make our annual appeal for you to send cards to prisoners at Long Lartin. **We are asked not to use our names**, please sign from the Sacred Heart Parish Droitwich. We have until Sunday 8th December and cards will be taken to the prison soon after. Thank you for your support.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note the following dates in your diaries:

Shroud of Turin

Friday 13th December 7.00 pm

Carol Service

Tuesday 17th December at 6.00 pm

Advent Penitential Service

Friday 20th December at 7.30 pm