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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 35: 1-6, 10;
Psalm 145;
James 5: 7-10
Matthew 11: 2-11

This Week 15th December -22nd December (Psalter Week 3)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 15th December Third Sunday of Advent Year A Retiring Collection for Christmas Flowers	8.30 am Rose O'Grady RIP (CE) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm John Weaver (MW)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Traidcraft Stall in the Hall
Monday 16th December Advent Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Private Intention (P & CI)	12.30 pm - 2.00 pm: Community Meal 7.00 pm: SVP Meeting
Tuesday 17th December Advent Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Deceased Members of the Rogers Family (LH)	6.00 pm: Carol Service
Wednesday 18th December Advent Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Eileen Leonard (RB)	
Thursday 19th December Advent Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Rose O'Grady RIP	After morning Mass: Church Cleaning
Friday 20th December Advent Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Alan Remedios RIP (KA)	9.45 am - 10.15 am: Adoration and Devotion to the Sacred Heart
Saturday 21st December Advent Feria	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Aidan Gilroy RIP (TG)	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions 11.00 am: Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing
Sunday 22nd December Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MF) 10.30 am Bernadette Violet Duffy RIP (PD) 6.00 pm Gladys Remedios RIP (KA)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall



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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: Come, Lord, and save us.

6.00 pm: Come Lord and save us X2 Maranatha! Come into our
world. 39 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, Michael Sheridan, Aidan Skinner, Jacky Smith, Paul Smith,
Margaret Steward, Angela Wardle, Breda Wightman, Mark Wightman,
Richard Wightman & Monsignor Graham Wilkinson

**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.**

RECENTLY DECEASED

Your prayers are asked for **Rosemarie Preece** and **Brigid Yates** who died
recently. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through
the mercy of God rest in peace. Please keep their families and friends in
your kind thoughts and prayers. The Requiem Mass for Brigid Yates will be
at 1.00 pm on Monday 30th December. This will be followed by a cremation
at Worcester Crematorium at 2.30 pm.

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 net total raised for the parish to date is £1947.70.
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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM DIRECTORY 2020

We have seven copies of the new Archdiocesan Directory. These are
available on a first come, first served basis from the Parish Office and are
priced at £4.50.

WEDNESDAY ADORATION

Please note that the last day of Adoration this year was 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 19th 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.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

This service will take place here at the Sacred Heart on Friday 20th December at 7.30 pm. There are also penitential services at the following churches in our Deanery, both beginning at 7.30 pm:

Tuesday 17th December: Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch

Wednesday 18th December: St. Peter's Church, Bromsgrove

ALTAR LINEN LADIES

Please collect your January - December 2020 rotas from the back of church. Thank you for your support.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM: JOB VACANCIES

The Archdiocese of Birmingham is looking to appoint a Safeguarding Advisor and a Strengthening Cluster Communities Officer. Please see the posters on the noticeboard for full details including closing dates.



NEWSLETTER

22ND DECEMBER

The newsletter for Sunday 22nd December (Fourth Sunday of Advent) will be printed on Wednesday 18th December. Please could all items for the newsletter be submitted by 9.00 am on Wednesday 18th December.

5.00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Children are invited to bring jingle bells to the 5.00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve to join in the celebration.

CHRISTMAS CARDS TO PRISONERS

Thank you to the many parishioners who supported this well-established parish endeavour, also to the Methodist Church who contributed as well. More than 100 cards were taken over to Long Lartin this week. Well done. From the Justice and Peace Group.





Main Collection:

£224.92

Gift Aid: £372.70

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 253

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**The retiring collection
for the Poor Parishes**

raised: £122.88

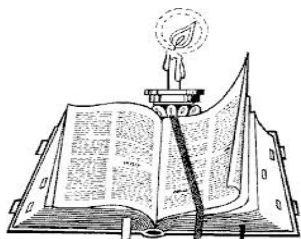
Gift Aid: £127.50

**Thank you for your
generosity.**



PARISH DIARIES - NOW AVAILABLE

The 2020 Parish Diaries have arrived and are available to collect from the Narthex. The diaries are free, but any donations would be much appreciated and will be given to the Sacred Heart Missions.



**Next Sunday's Mass
Readings**

Isaiah 7: 10-14;

Psalms 23;

Romans 1: 1-7

Matthew 1: 18-24

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.

SVP: THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The last date for bringing the presents to church is today. Donated 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.**

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.

REFUGEE KNITTING

Thank you so very much to the parishioners who once again have donated such vast quantities of children's scarf and glove sets and matching hat and scarves. Thank you also for the numerous exquisite individual scarves and hats and baby items. Your talents and generosity know no bounds! Please help yourselves to wool and related items in the cupboards at the church entrance to help defray your costs. Donations of the same would be most welcome.

REFUGEE UNDERWEAR

This month, thanks to your overwhelming kindness and generosity, a very large black sack of new adult and children's items were forwarded to the organisers. Thank you once again for your continual support. Finally thank you to those who donated their spare hats, scarves and gloves, they will be so gratefully received by the people in the camps. The next collection date will be a little later, on Saturday 11th January, due to the festivities.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note the following dates in your diaries:

Carol Service

Tuesday 17th December at 6.00 pm

Advent Penitential Service

Friday 20th December at 7.30 pm