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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 7: 10-14;

Psalm 23;

Romans 1: 1-7

Matthew 1: 18-24

This Week 22nd December - 29th December (Psalter Week 4)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
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
Monday 23rd December Advent Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Angelo RIP & His Family (AM)	
Tuesday 24th December Advent Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass 5.00 pm First Mass of Christmas 8.00 pm Christmas Mass (Midnight Mass) with carols from 7.30 pm	
Wednesday 25th December Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord	9.30 am Christmas Mass during the day	Christmas Offering for the Parish Priest
Thursday 26th December Feast of St. Stephen, the First Martyr	10.00 am Birthday Intention (P & CI)	
Friday 27th December Feast of St. John, Apostle, Evangelist	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Harry Remedios RIP (KA)	
Saturday 28th December Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Thanksgiving (MB)	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 29th December Feast of the Holy Family Year A	8.30 am Patricia & Christopher Simpson (SR) 10.30 am Janet Richardson (LH) 6.00 pm Brigid Yates RIP (GP)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall



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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: Let the Lord enter! He is the king of
glory.

6.00 pm: Let the Lord enter in. He is the King of Glory. Let the
Lord enter, let the Lord enter, enter into your heart.
AK 14.

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, Brigid Yates & Philip Moody**
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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE

Thank you very much to everyone for being so generous with presents for
the children. We have helped 31 local families who would have struggled to
find presents this year for their children and the majority of the presents
were collected by staff from Father Hudson Homes on the Monday prior to
Christmas. Thank you all for supporting this project.

CHURCH CLEANING

Cleaning rotas for the New Year 2020 are at the back of church to be
collected. Thank you. Pat Webb.

FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN: ALTAR SERVERS

All Altar Servers and their families are invited to attend Mass at 10.00 am
on Thursday 26th December. New medals will be awarded to three Altar
Servers and refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall after the Mass.



Fr. George SCJ , Fr. Brian SCJ, Fr. Tom SCJ and Bro. Patrick SCJ wish everyone in our parish community a blessed and peaceful Christmas. May the blessings of Christmas embrace you and your family. Sincere thanks for your prayers, cards, gifts, support and help during 2019.

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

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 am now out of the office December until Tuesday 7th January. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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:
£177.44

Gift Aid: £239.00

Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 233

Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.

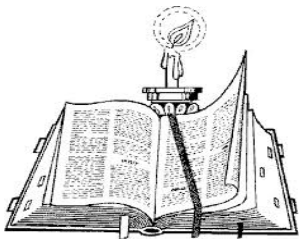
The retiring collection
for Christmas Flowers
raised: £148.73

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

Ecclesiasticus 3: 2-6,
12-14;

Psalms 127;

Colossians 3: 12-21

Matthew 2: 13-15,
19-23

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.

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.

