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Today's Mass Readings

Isaiah 55: 10-11;

Psalms 64;

Romans 8: 18-23

Matthew 13: 1-23

**Welcome to this House
of God:
Talk to God before Mass
Listen to God during Mass
Talk to others after Mass**

This Week 12th July - 19th July (Psalter Week 3)	Mass Intentions	Other Events
Sunday 12th July Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MF) 10.30 am Holy Mass 6.00 pm Mary Leason RIP (MB)	
Monday 13th July Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Holy Mass	
Tuesday 14th July Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Thelma Davies RIP (EK)	
Wednesday 15th July Memorial of St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	9.15 am Holy Communion Service	
Thursday 16th July Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Patrick Cussen RIP & Family Members (JC)	
Friday 17th July Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Anna Wilson (EK)	
Saturday 18th July Feria in Ordinary Time	11.00 am Patrick Cussen RIP & Family Members (JC)	Confession by prior appointment only
Sunday 19th July Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A	8.30 am Holy Mass 10.30 am Holy Mass 6.00 pm Bernadette Violet Duffy RIP (PD)	

"Believers themselves must constantly feel challenged to live in a way consonant with their faith and not to contradict it by their actions. They need to be encouraged to be ever open to God's grace and to draw constantly from their deepest convictions about love, justice and peace."

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* (paragraph 200)

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.00 pm :

To be announced during Mass

PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Please pray for all our parishioners, and/or their friends and relatives, who are unwell:

Mary Arulandhu, Barbara Conway, Eileen Dalton, Delores Delaney, Frank Fawcett, Sheila Ferriter, Alan Francis, Joan Graham, Beryl Hill, Alan Hurst, John Jennings, Andrew McDermott, Stella McDermott, Jackie McLean, Michael Sheridan, Aidan Skinner, Jacky Smith, Paul Smith, Margaret Steward, Angela Wardle, Breda Wightman, Mark Wightman, Richard Wightman, Monsignor Graham Wilkinson & Jeannie Young.

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.

CHURCH OPEN FOR PUBLIC MASS

Following the announcement that collective acts of worship can resume on Saturday 4th July, the normal Mass timetable has now resumed. Please check the website before attending Mass in church in case changes are made due to unforeseen circumstances. **Please note, there will be a Holy Communion Service on Wednesday 15th July.** All are welcome to attend either Sunday, Saturday or weekday Masses. When you come to the church you will see similar arrangements to those made for private prayer. There will be stewards at the entrance to welcome you and at the exit to guide you. To ensure the Government guidelines are followed you will have to sanitise your hands before entering the church and at the exit. Seating arrangements and directions are in place to maintain social distancing of 1 metre plus between household groups. Each pew has the capacity to accommodate three individuals or two couples from different households with social distancing. A family household of five can also be seated in a pew. We want to make the effort to accommodate the maximum number people with social distancing in the church, however, the number in church is limited to 80. **All attending Mass will be required to wear a face covering, except for people with breathing problems and children under the age of five.** If you wish, hand gloves can also be worn to limit the spread of infection. The pews and church premises will be cleaned after each use to prevent infection. Please avoid touching walls, door handles, sacred images and statues etc. as much as possible. To limit the spread of infection through droplets there will not be singing, but the hymns will be played by the organist. Holy Communion will be distributed only in hand in One Kind. Please follow the instructions from the stewards; they are there to help you. These regulations may look rather strange, but they are there to help us keep safe. Thanking you all in anticipation of you returning to church for Mass and for your understanding and co-operation.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ

APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR STEWARDING

The church is now open for public Mass. We always need at least two volunteers as stewards in the church for each. Are you or members of your family or friends (must be over 18 years and under 70 years) able to be a steward in the church for the Mass you come to on Sundays and weekdays help us? The stewards are mostly needed before and after the Masses. That means you can attend the Mass whilst being a steward. If you can help us, please contact the parish office via email or by phone for more details. Unlike during private prayer, the stewards will not have to sanitise the pews after each use. Thank you very much to those who have already offered their time as stewards during Private Prayer and offered to continue their help. We still need more to join our team.

USEFUL LINKS

BDES: CATHOLIC EDUCATION

<https://www.bdes.org.uk/resources-for-prayer-and-learning.html>
<https://www.bdes.org.uk/shared-resources-from-diocesan-schools.html>

CAFOD

www.cafod.org.uk

CTS BOOKS

www.ctsbooks.org

VATICAN WEBSITE

<http://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>
<https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>

ALIVE PUBLISHING

<https://www.alivepublishing.co.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/>

PATHWAYS TO GOD

<https://www.pathwaystogod.org/resources>

THE TABLET

<https://www.thetablet.co.uk/>

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

Please visit www.cbcew.org.uk/ for resources including news articles, links to streamed Masses, podcasts and prayers. This includes a letter from the Archbishops on the resumption of collective worship.

KENELM YOUTH TRUST: SUMMER CAMP 2020

31ST JULY UNTIL 2ND AUGUST ONLINE FROM ALTON CASTLE

This year, Summer Camp is going online. Join in online from wherever you are for times of prayer, Holy Mass, talks from our amazing speakers, praise and worship, and so much more. If you've been before, you'll still have a chance to be part of small group sessions, silly games and praise with Sarah. You can even purchase some merchandise and wear your camp t-shirt to online sessions! There is no cost or sign-up fee, all you need to do is fill out a registration form and make sure you follow our social media accounts so that you can join us when we release content and go live! For further information and to register visit <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/online-lifeteen-camp-uk-2020>.

FOODBANK

Foodbank would be very grateful for any donations. A new wish list is on the parish website and has been distributed with this newsletter. Whilst we are still not collecting at the Sacred Heart Church there are collection points in Droitwich at Waitrose and Morrisons. Thank you for your continued generosity.

DROITWICH CATENIANS

Fellow Catholic parishioners – please come and join us!

The Catenians are a Catholic association for men and their families, strengthening family life through friendship and faith. Our Droitwich Circle welcomes new members. For further information, contact **Mike**

Nott on 07756 876269.

CATHOLIC SATELLITE TV (EWTN)

Catholic Satellite TV(EWTN) on Sky TV channel 588, broadcasts daily Mass at 1.00 pm, 6.00 pm and 11.00 pm and it has 24 hours of different programs which will be helpful for us all in this time.

EWTN is also available on other digital platforms.

Gift Aid: £434.00

**Various Second
Collections: £70**

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 64**

**(figure includes 8.30
am and 6.00 pm
Mass only)**

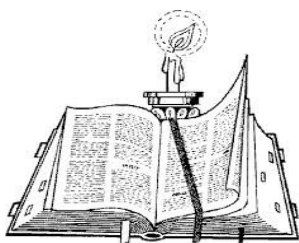
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Parish.**

DROITWICH SVP

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ONLINE DONATIONS

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Birminghamdiocese.
org.uk/support-our-work](https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work)
and would be gratefully
received. Please select
Droitwich if you wish to
donate to the Parish.
Thank you for your
generosity.



Next Sunday's Mass Readings

Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19;

Psalms 85;

Romans 8: 26-27

Matthew 13: 24-43

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.

Is my faith strong like a rock?

All of us have faith in God, that he will be there during all our joys and sorrows, trials and tribulations. Yet do we have a faith strong like a rock that nothing can break it away. The Gospel today speaks about how vulnerable we can be if our faith is not strong enough. The weaker point of our faith in God can be that we believe with our intellect not heart. This is dangerous. Romans 10:9-10 says "If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved". We believe with our heart and proclaim it with our words and deeds.

It is said that the road to hell is paved with good intentions. Similarly, today's Gospel, the difference is not in the seed but in the soil. Each person receives enough goodness in his/her life; enough of the presence of Jesus and the Spirit, to enable one to do good but many nevertheless fail to bear fruit. The reasons are diverse: In some cases, evil forces are at work, while in others, it is worldly concerns or challenges such as persecution. Yet, all started with the same intention and received the same grace from God. It is necessary, therefore, that we should not just receive the Word but also nourish it and water it and provide a fertile and responsive soil for the Word to take root. This happens when we avoid the threefold danger mentioned by Jesus: Satan/sin, materialism/cares of this world and fear of persecution. May God bless us with a strong faith.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ.