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Today's Mass Readings

Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19;
Psalm 85;
Romans 8: 26-27
Matthew 13: 24-43

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

This Week 19th July - 26th July (Psalter Week 4)	Mass Intentions	Other Events
Sunday 19th July Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A	8.30 am People of the Parish 10.30 am Sr. Sneha CMC (GM) 6.00 pm Bernadette Violet Duffy RIP (PD)	
Monday 20th July Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Arthur Leason RIP (MB)	
Tuesday 21st July Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Thelma Madden & Family (P & CI)	
Wednesday 22nd July Feast of St. Mary Magdalene	9.15 am Mrs. M. Blizzard RIP (RB)	
Thursday 23rd July Feast of St. Bridget, Religious, Patron of Europe	9.15 am Miriam & John (P & CI)	
Friday 24th July Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Cynthia, John & Family (P & CI)	
Saturday 25th July Feast of St. James, Apostle	11.00 am Jeannie Young (BB)	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 26th July Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A	8.30 am Private Intention (P & CI) 10.30 am Betty Priddy (BB) 6.00 pm Holy Mass	

“Inner peace is closely related to care for ecology and for the common good because, lived out authentically, it is reflected in a balanced lifestyle together with a capacity for wonder which takes us to a deeper understanding of life.”

Pope Francis, Laudato Si' (paragraph 225)

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.00 pm :

O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

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, 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.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Your prayers are asked for **Aiden Skinner** who died recently. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. The funeral service will be at 10.30 am on Thursday 30th July followed by a burial at St. Mary's Churchyard. Please keep his family and friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

CHURCH OPEN FOR MASS

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. All are welcome to attend either Sunday, Saturday or weekday Masses. 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

VATICAN WEBSITE

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

PATHWAYS TO GOD

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

THE TABLET

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

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.

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>.

GIFT AID

ENVELOPES

2020/2021

The gift aid envelopes for the new tax year are at the back of church. Please can you collect your envelopes at your earliest convenience, thank you.

FOODBANK

Foodbank would be very grateful for any donations. A new wish list is on the parish website. 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.

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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**.

Gift Aid: £700.00
Various Second
Collections: £125.00

Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 113

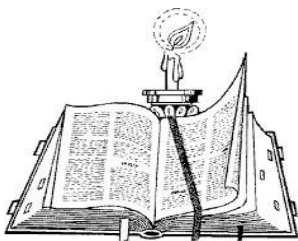
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supporting your
Parish.

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ONLINE DONATIONS

Online donations can be
made at <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**

1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12;

Psalms 118;

Romans 8: 28-30

Matthew 13: 44-52

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.

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, All three readings of the 16th Sunday aptly instruct us of the realities of the world. Today we are faced with lot of problems, challenges, and anxieties. Much of our time is spent either trying to solve them or at least overcome them temporarily. It is in this context that the readings remind us that the stark, painful, confusing realities of this modern world are a part of the will of God. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks and places before us a series of parables — the parable of the mustard seed, parable of leaven and the parable of Wheat and Weed — through which Jesus explains to His disciples and to us about the nature of the Kingdom of God. For our reflection today we shall centre on the parable of Wheat and Weed. Both the seeds, seeds of the wheat and seeds of the weed are sown but by different people at different times. This parable teaches us two lessons: First, it teaches us to live a life of conviction. The world does not have only good people or only bad. Instead it is filled with both good and bad alike. We need to learn to live with both the good and the bad, adjusting to the situations at hand, but without giving in to the evil forces of the world. The second lesson is this: the way we perceive is not the way God perceives. As the wheat and weed grow together there is always a chance to misjudge one for the other since the weed and wheat are almost identical. So, a mistake of uprooting the wheat will cost a great loss to the farmer. Similarly, we often make mistake in judging who is good and bad. Our judgments are mostly based on external appearances and are prone to error. Our quick judgements can result in the fall of the other. Hence, never pre-judge other people and situations without first finding out the truth. The first and the second readings are used as words of comfort and strength to all of us. As in the book of Wisdom God is presented as the just judge who governs over all the people with forbearance. The second reading goes a step further to give hope to all people who in their weakness call on the name of the Lord. The Spirit is always there to help them. Thus, my dear brothers and sisters, as we live journey through this world, wrestling with the realities of our daily life, it is good to remember that our anxieties and challenges along with our weaknesses are opportunities to prove our faithfulness to the Lord. God Bless you. Fr. George Mathew SCJ.