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Today's Mass Readings

Isaiah 55: 1-3;

Psalms 144;

Romans 8: 35, 37-39

Matthew 14: 13-21

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

This Week 2nd August - 9th August (Psalter Week 2)	Mass Intentions	Other Events
Sunday 2nd August Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MF) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm John & Mary Ryan (DR)	
Monday 3rd August Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Mary Hanson RIP (AM)	
Tuesday 4th August Memorial of St. John Vianney, Priest	9.15 am Cynthia Sharkey (BB)	
Wednesday 5th August Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Holy Mass	
Thursday 6th August Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord	9.15 am Cynthia & John Sharkey (AM)	
Friday 7th August Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Harry Remedios RIP (KA)	
Saturday 8th August Memorial of St. Dominic, Priest	11.00 am Clive Glossop (BB)	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 9th August Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MF) 10.30 am Sarah Sheen RIP (JS) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	Day of Prayer for Europe

"...while the existing world order proves powerless to assume its responsibilities, local individuals and groups can make a real difference. They are able to instill a greater sense of responsibility, a strong sense of community, a readiness to protect others, a spirit of creativity and a deep love for the land."

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* (paragraph 179)

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.00 pm :

You open wide your hand, O Lord; you grant our desires.

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.**

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. 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. Please see Fr. George's letter
on the website for full details of additional Covid-19 safety measures. Holy
Communion will be distributed only in hand in One Kind. Please follow the
instructions from the stewards; they are there to help you. Thanking you all
in anticipation of you returning to church for Mass and for your
understanding and co-operation.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ

MESSAGE FROM CYNTHIA & JOHN

I would like to thank all clergy and parishioners for their warmth, help,
friendship and love that both myself and my husband have received from
all during the last 15 years. It is with a mixture of excitement and sadness
that we leave Droitwich to go home to Liverpool to enjoy John's retirement.
A Mass is offered for all your intentions, and this is not goodbye but see you
later!!! With love and prayers and God bless - Cynthia and John Sharkey.

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

NATIONAL JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

<https://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/>

CAFOD

www.cafod.org.uk.

VATICAN WEBSITE

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

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>

CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/>

ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.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.

ST. CHAD'S CATHEDRAL

St. Chad's is continuing to live stream Masses. Please visit <https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/> for days and times. A list of all parishes in the Archdiocese offering online Masses can be found at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/parishes-online>.

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.

JOB VACANCY

The Archdiocese of Birmingham is advertising for a Safeguarding Adviser. Please see the parish website for full details.

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.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for August
The Maritime World:
"We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families."

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**.

DROITWICH SVP

Sacred Heart SVP can be contacted on 0777 292 7535 or at droitwichsvp@goolemail.com.

Gift Aid: £302.33
Various Gift Aid
Second Collections:
£34.00

Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 140

Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.

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 19: 9, 11-13;
Psalm 84;
Romans 9: 1-5
Matthew 14: 22-33

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.

Live a Holy Life

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ Jesus,

As we start, I invite you to spend a quiet moment in prayer, asking the Spirit of the Lord to walk with us through this journey of understanding the Word, and to live our lives according to it. We are living in a world which very different from six months ago. The life has changed drastically. Looking at the future it appears to be very bleak and uncertain.

Today's first reading from the book of Prophet Isaiah represents what the most part of the world is undergoing, but he however offers us hopes that will never disappoint us: His words rings hope. 'Come' signifies LISTENING TO GOD more than ever. In our realities today, we are invited to listen to God and to have unwavering trust in his protection and providence. How do we listen? In good conscience, we listen with our hearts, taking away focus from unrealistic truths to the one who is Truth himself, Jesus our Master. Our listening should be strongly founded on the Word of God and in its message; our actions and responses to life's situations should represent and manifest God's compassionate love for our brothers and sisters, thus it's no longer we who act but God acts and accomplishes marvellous thing for others and ourselves as well. How does the current crisis in the world impact my Christian vocation?

In the second reading, St. Paul, the Apostle, consoles us stating that nothing will separate us from the love of Christ,... At every difficult moment of life, we should always turn to Christ Jesus who is our corner stone upon whom our Christian vocation is rooted and growing.

GIVE THEM SOMETHING In the gospel Jesus tells his disciples and also to each one of us, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." Jesus is asking you to give something to others, will you give? There are thousands of stories told during this pandemic about giving something to others and one among them is the sharing of Laurie Halbrook, a registered nurse, which appeared in Time magazine 20th April 2020. She narrates: A few weeks ago, I found out someone who I work closely with tested positive for Covid-19, I am preparing to quarantine myself again, which is not easy because I have a 3-year-old and an 18-month-old. I can hear my kids' little footsteps. I can recognize which child it is by the sounds of their feet. But its also hard because I can hear them cry and I want to hold them. I can hear them testing my lock on the door, and it just breaks my heart." This is how Laurie shared about her service at the very cost of her family. To us Christians, it is truly a challenging time. It is time to live out our life for somebody who is in need. As Pope Francis says, "I like to contemplate the holiness present in the patience of God's people: in those parents who raise their children with immense love, in those men and women who work hard to support their families, in the sick, in elderly religious who never lose their smile. In their daily perseverance I see the holiness of the Church militant."

May God bless us.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ