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### Today's Mass Readings

*Ezekial 33: 7 – 9;*

*Psalm 94;*

*Romans 13: 8-10*

*Matthew 18: 15-20*

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

<b>This Week 6th September - 13th September (Psalter Week 3)</b>	<b>Mass Intentions</b>	<b>Other Events</b>
<b>Sunday 6th September Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</b>	8.30 am Charlotte George & Francis Dodd 10.30 am Mr. Varghies Davasia RIP 6.00 pm Fr. Xavier SCJ RIP	
<b>Monday 7th September Feria in Ordinary Time</b>	9.15 am Harry Remedios RIP (KA)	
<b>Tuesday 8th September Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	9.15 am Deborah Waller RIP (I & MM)	
<b>Wednesday 9th September Feria in Ordinary Time</b>	9.15 am Aidan Skinner RIP	
<b>Thursday 10th September Feria in Ordinary Time</b>	9.15 am Breda Wightman (RW)	
<b>Friday 11th September Feria in Ordinary Time</b>	9.15 am Marie & Frank Webb (PW)	
<b>Saturday 12th September Feria in Ordinary Time</b>	11.00 am Dn. Alexander Taylor (E & KL)	<b>10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions</b>
<b>Sunday 13th September Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</b>	8.30 am Fr. Alexander Taylor (E & KL) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm Jolanta Lange RIP	Retiring Collection for the Catholic Education Service

*"But we should be particularly indignant at the enormous inequalities in our midst, whereby we continue to tolerate some considering themselves more worthy than others. We fail to see that some are mired in desperate and degrading poverty, with no way out, while others have not the faintest idea of what to do with their possessions, vainly showing off their supposed superiority and leaving behind them so much waste which, if it were the case everywhere, would destroy the planet."*

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* (paragraph 90)

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.00 pm:

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.

### SACRED HEART COMMUNITY

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### SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES

Gerry Ceclich  
Kate Dalglish  
Clare Tomlinson

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### 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, Colum MacCourt, Sally McCool, 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.**

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### RECENTLY DECEASED

Your prayers are asked for **Barbara Lawrence** who died recently. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Please keep her family and friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

### CHURCH OPEN FOR MASS

The normal Mass timetable has now resumed. Please check the newsletter and website for any changes to the Mass timetable. All are welcome to attend either Sunday, Saturday or weekday Masses.

### NOTES FOR THOSE ATTENDING MASS

When coming to Mass on a Sunday, it would be helpful if you would please keep in mind the following:

- Wear a face covering unless you are in a category exempted by the UK Government. Please note that wearing of a face covering in places of worship is a legal requirement from Saturday 8th August. Details of those who are exempted by law can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own>.
- Make use of the hand sanitiser on entering.
- To sit on the R/H side of the church, access by way of the R/H side aisle. To sit on the L/H side of the church, access by way of the centre aisle.
- On entering an empty pew, pass to its far L/H end.
- A pew will accommodate 3 singletons or 1 singleton and 1 couple or families may make use of an entire bench.
- After Communion, return to your seat by way of the side aisle that is adjacent to your seat.
- At the end of Mass, stewards will indicate the order in which the congregation will leave the church. You do not have to leave immediately but remember that the cleaners have work to do before the next Mass.
- Please sanitise your hands on the way out.

## **SACRED HEART ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK**

The Annual Sponsored Walk in aid of the Sacred Heart Missionary Work in India will take place in Droitwich **on Saturday 26th September at 2.00 pm.** Fr. George SCJ and Br. Patrick SCJ will be participating in the Droitwich Canal Walk. If you would like to support this fund raising effort, there are sponsorship forms and gift aid envelopes available at the back of church to sponsor and support them. If you would like to join this walk please speak to Fr George or Brother Patrick. Please join Fr. George SCJ and Br. Patrick SCJ to support the Sacred Heart Missionary work in India. For further details please speak to Fr. George or Br. Patrick. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

## **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

Due to the pandemic this year we may not be able to have the Christmas Fayre (if the situation improves this may be reviewed) but we will have the Raffle as usual. Your support would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to donate a raffle prize please give your name to Terry who will be at the back of the church after each Mass.

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## **PARISH SECRETARY**

The Parish Secretary is now back in the office on Wednesday and Friday mornings and can be contacted via telephone on 01905 773258 on these days. Please continue to use phone and email if possible to minimise in person visits. For the remainder of the week the Parish Secretary continues to work from home.

## **COUNTERS**

Due to Covid-19, some of the volunteers who would usually assist with counting the Sunday offertory are unable to do so. If anyone is able to help or would like further information please could you contact the Parish Office.

## **REFUGEE ITEMS**

Thank you so much for all the wonderful items recently donated. They were taken to the depot in Malvern on Tuesday 1st September ready to be dispatched to Syria in the near future. Your kindness will mean so much to the refugees.

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## **BIRMINGHAM JUSTICE & PEACE ASSEMBLY 2020**

### **THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY: LISTENING TO THE 'CRY OF THE EARTH AND THE CRY OF THE POOR'**

This year the Assembly will take place **ONLINE**, with one-hour sessions over three evenings at 7.30pm: Monday 28th September, Wednesday 30th September and Friday 2 October. The Assembly will culminate with Evening Prayer with the participation of Archbishop Bernard on Sunday 4th October at 7pm. Sessions include: Ecological Conversion – an 'examination of conscience' on our care for our common home; Prepare the Future – building back better to address the climate emergency; and Local Government Responsibilities – planning for the West Midlands. For more information and to book go to <https://bit.ly/JPasssembly2020> or email [bham.jandp@gmail.com](mailto:bham.jandp@gmail.com).

## **FOODBANK - NEW WISH LIST**

Foodbank would be very grateful for any donations. A new wish list is on the parish website and has been distributed via email. 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.

## **FR. HUDSON'S ANNUAL PARISH COLLECTION 2020**

On Sunday 27th September the second collection will be for Father Hudson's Care to support their mission of supporting vulnerable people across the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Father Hudson's reaches out to people of all ages who need support at times of adversity. Please Call 01675 434000 if you would like to donate outside of Mass this year. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

## **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**.

**Main Collection:**  
**£248.10**

**Gift Aid: £117.00**

**Mass Attendance**  
**Last Sunday (church**  
**capacity with social**  
**distancing 1m + = 80)**

**8.30 am: 63**

**10.30 am: 62**

**6.00 pm: 44**

**Thank you for**  
**supporting your**  
**Parish.**

### **DROITWICH SVP**

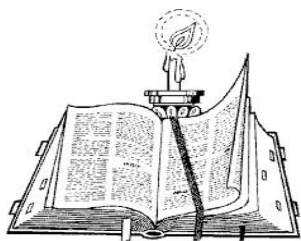
Sacred Heart SVP can  
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### **ONLINE** **DONATIONS**

Online donations can  
be made at  
[https://www.](https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work)

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[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**

*Ecclesiasticus 27: 30 –*  
*28: 7;*

*Psalm 102;*

*Romans 14: 7-9*

*Matthew 18: 21-35*

*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.*

### *Aren't we the keepers of our Brothers & Sisters?*

On this 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Lord directs our attention to fraternal correction, a difficult but an important aspect of our Christian life. We cannot just overlook or deny the reality and the need to correct mistakes and mend broken relationships. Are there people you need to correct? Are there truths you need to point out? The truth hurts, and the process of pointing out the truth is painful, but the truth does set us free. Jesus offers us a pattern for fraternal correction. He says, in the Gospel Matthew 18:15-18. When the first three steps of corrections fail, the fourth and the 'last solution' in the art of fraternal correction is highlighted by Jesus as a model for us to follow.

People easily misinterpret this forth step. What Jesus exhorts us is not to exclude the person from the community. People easily misinterpret this forth step. To understand this teaching all that we need is to remember how Jesus treated a pagan or a tax collector or a sinner. Did he exclude or reject them? No, never. On the contrary, he loved them with all his heart. He welcomed them, listened to them and treated them with generosity, respect and compassion. He willingly shared their joys and pains. This is what Jesus invites us to learn and practice in our life too. This fourth step thus becomes the climax of the art of fraternal correction. When all our efforts to correct the wrongdoer fail, the greatest and most valuable correction is our enduring love for him/her. The basic goal of fraternal correction is to help free the wrong doer from his difficulties and not to cause more wounds to an already broken soul. Let us ask Jesus to help us to be more sympathetic with the weaknesses of others. Let us learn to practice the art of fraternal correction by growing in our love for one another.

Unfortunately, there are far too many Christians today who pay no heed to the serious obligation of encouraging an erring brother to give up his sinful ways. They shrug it off by saying: "I have more than enough to do to keep myself from sin" or "am I my brother's keeper"? The answer is in this lesson we have just read. We are our brothers' keepers, and even if we have many temptations and inclinations to sin, we shall not overcome them if we have no time to think of our neighbours' need. Let each one of us introspect our past conduct in relation to this law of charity. Have we really tried to help our fellowmen/women on the road to heaven? Have we given them the good example of a truly Christian way of living? Have we offered advice and encouragement when it was needed, and correction in private where that was possible? If so "we have gained our brother/sister." We have brought a prodigal son/daughter back to a loving Father and that loving Father will repay us a hundred-fold in this life and especially in the next.

May God bless us, Amen. Fr. George Mathew SCJ