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Today's Mass Readings
Exodus 20: 20-26;
Psalm 17;
1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10,
Matthew 22: 34-40

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

This Week 25th October - 1st November (Psalter Week 2)	Mass Intentions	Other Events
Sunday 25th October Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MF) 10.30 am Jennifer Gill RIP (TC) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	12 Noon Baptism
Monday 26th October Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Oliver Andrade RIP (KA)	
Tuesday 27th October Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am John and Lesley Ashton RIP (KA)	
Wednesday 28th October Feast of Ss. Simon and Jude, Apostles	9.15 am Sheila Manion - Birthday	
Thursday 29th October Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Sheila Manion (BB)	
Friday 30th October Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Sheila Manion (EK)	
Saturday 31st October Feria in Ordinary Time	11.00 am Sheila Manion (BP)	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 1st November Solemnity of All Saints Year A	8.30 am Deceased Members of the Leason Family 10.30 am Sheila Manion (SH SVP) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	Retiring Collection for the Clergy Training Fund

“It is my desire that, in this our time, by acknowledging the dignity of each human person, we can contribute to the rebirth of a universal aspiration to fraternity. Fraternity between all men and women”

Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti (paragraph 8)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.00 pm:

I love you, Lord, my strength.

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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, Sheila Manion, 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.

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.

COVID-19: KEEPING CONTACT DETAILS OF THOSE ATTENDING MASS

Government guidance for the safe use of places of worship states that churches should assist NHS Track and Trace by keeping a record of those who come to church. With effect from Sunday 27th September we will be keeping details of those who attend Mass. Only one name and telephone number will be needed per group. If you decline to provide this information, you can still attend Mass. If NHS Track and Trace contacts the parish, details of those who attended the relevant Mass will be provided. Information will be destroyed after 21 days. In addition, QR codes for use with the NHS Covid-19 app are also on display outside and inside the church. Please note that these are different for the Church and Hall so please ensure that you scan the code with Sacred Heart Church written underneath. From Sunday 4th October there will be a tick list for Sunday Masses to speed up the process of taking contact details. If you provide your name to a steward then you are giving your consent to details already held for NHS Track and Trace within the 21 day time period being kept for a further 21 days from the date of this Mass. If your name is not on the list it could be because either 21 days has expired since you last gave details or you have not provided your details before.

PARISH SECRETARY

The Parish Secretary is working from home on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and from the Parish Office on Fridays. Hours are as follows:

Monday 10.45 am until 12 noon

Tuesday 10.00 am until 1.00 pm

Wednesday 9.00 am until 12 Noon

Friday 8.45 am until 12.45 pm (Parish Office)

To contact the Parish Secretary via phone from Monday to Wednesday, please use 07927 145040. Outside of these times, this mobile phone will be switched off, please leave messages via email or the Presbytery phone number 01905 773258 as messages left on this mobile phone will not be listened to. **Please note the Parish Secretary is out of the office from Monday 26th October until Wednesday 28th October.**

NOVEMBER : MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

During November we remember and pray especially for those who have died. At the back of church there are "In Remembrance" sheets. If you would like to remember in this special way loved ones who have died, write down their names, place the sheet in one of the envelopes provided and put it in the Holy Souls Box **(do not put any money in the envelope)**. The Holy Souls Box will be placed near the altar at each Mass in November.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Raffle tickets are now available at the Parish Hall after each Mass. Since we cannot have our usual Christmas Fayre this year, the selling of Raffle Tickets are the only way we could find some funds to top up the extra expense incurred on the parish because of Pandemic. Your generous support would be greatly appreciated. There are two 1st prizes worth £100.00 and three 2nd prizes worth £50.00, plus many others. Thank you to all who have donated raffle prizes. If you are still shielding at home and would like to buy raffle tickets please let us know, we will arrange to send the tickets to you at home.

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTIONS

Diocesan Second Collections have been rescheduled for the remainder of 2020. **In changes to what has been previously advertised, the Second Collections for the remainder of 2020 are as follows:**

- Sunday 1st November : Clergy Training Fund
- Sunday 6th December: Poor Parishes Fund

There will also be a Second Collection for Christmas Flowers - date to be confirmed. Any money already donated to causes not listed above will still be passed to the relevant collection. Thank you for your generosity.

SVP DROITWICH APPEAL

Thank you for the wonderful second collection two weeks ago. The sum of £494.75 was raised and will be put to good use helping those most in need in our town. Without your generosity the needy in Droitwich would get less help in these difficult times. On their behalf a big "Thank You". For further information about Droitwich SVP we can be contacted by phone 0777 292 7535 or e-mail droitwichsvp@googlemail.com. Our SVPDroitwich "Just Giving" page is now up and running for future donations. Thank you all for your support. We couldn't operate without you.

SPONSORED WALK

The sponsored walk in aid of the Sacred Heart Missions raised £1260.00. Thank you all for your support and generosity.

APF RED BOX HOLDERS

Please note Kevin Larkin is taking on the role of Parish organiser. If you have any queries, need a box emptying, a box returning, do let Kevin know. There seem to be a lot fewer of you than there once were, and it would be a great help if you were all to let me know of your existence; there may be more of you than we think. Similarly, if any parishioner would like to take on an APF box in support of the missions, this can be arranged by contacting Kevin Larkin on 01905 776122 or at kevin.elizabeth@btinternet.com.

TRADCRAFT

If you would like to see a Traidcraft Catalogue, please contact Kevin or Elizabeth Larkin.

STEWARDS

We currently have a small team of dedicated stewards. If you are able to help by joining the team to steward at Masses, please speak to Fr. George or contact the Parish Office. To volunteer you must be fit and well. Thank you to all those who currently steward for your continued help and support. A new rota has been distributed via email.

RETROUVAILLE UK

Retrouvaille UK have adapted their support for couples to an online programme. Their primary goal is to help couples who live in the disappointment and pain of marriage problems. The programme they offer used to be residential with follow up sessions but they are now offering the course virtually. The next programme will run from Thursday 12th to Sunday 15th November 2020. Please visit <https://www.retrouvaille.org.uk/> for further information.

**Main Collection:
£187.77**

Gift Aid: £153.00

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

8.30 am: 66

10.30 am: 45

6.00 pm: 55

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**GIFT AID
DONATIONS
2019-2020**

Due to the working from home directive, the Archdiocese has been unable to send the letters to donors for the 2019/2020 Tax Year. If you need to know the total amount you donated, please contact the Parish Office.



**Next Sunday's Mass
Readings**

Apocalypse 7: 2-4, 9-14;

Psalms 23;

1 John 3: 1-3,

Matthew 5: 1-12

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.

Love of God and love of neighbour

My dear friends, today's gospel speaks about relationships. The basic principle of human life is love and on this principle of love is founded every religion in the world. Love has two sides, love of God and love of neighbour. Jesus tells us, you shall love the Lord your God. The word 'your' speaks about a personal relationship. Jesus summarises the whole Decalogue into two basic principles: "Loving God and loving our fellow human being". He further emphasizes that, "you must love God with all your being, i.e. with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind and love one's neighbour as oneself".

A loving and true relationship between persons does not allow lustful and disrespectful behaviour with others. True love involves commitment and loyalty with one another and trust and respect for the person loved. It is loving the person just for who he/she is. In the same way when we love God, we love God for Himself because He is who He is. We love him because he is the creator and sustainer of life, we love him because he is the saviour and redeemer of souls, we love him because he is the owner of our lives.

In the second point, Jesus says, "Love your neighbour as yourself." (Lv 19:18) A profession of love without action is incomplete. This is beautifully explained in the first letter of John 4:20-21, "If anyone says, "I love God", while he hates his brother, he is a liar, how can he love God whom he does not see, if he cannot love his brother whom he can see." He has given us this command, "whoever loves God must also love his brother." The great commandment to love God flows downwards into another great commandment, to love our neighbour as ourselves. Jesus says, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make Our home with him" John 15:10.

Without loving God and our fellow human being, we cannot keep the commandments. How do I manifest my love for God and my fellow human being in relation to following the commandments? If I love God: I will accept Him as my Lord and Saviour, and in humble surrender to His will I spend my time with him and for Him; neither will I let Him down through my actions or omissions nor I will use His name in vain; I will deal with my parents, elders and others and treat them with due respect; I will value every life as precious and I will honour it and protect it. If I love my fellow human being: I will not treat them as an object to assuage my desires rather I will respect them with dignity. I will not wish for other's possessions of any kind and will not be a fabulist. The sum and substance of all that God has said and done is love, and the sum and substance of all that God wants, is also love, in short, love of God and love of neighbour. God bless you.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ