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

Today's Mass Readings
Apocalypse 7: 2-4, 9-14;
Psalm 23;
1 John 3: 1-3,
Matthew 5: 1-12

This Week 1st November - 8th November (Psalter Week 3)	Mass Intentions	Other Events
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
Monday 2nd November The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed	9.15 am Alan Remedios RIP (KA)	After Morning Mass: Blessing of Graves around the Church
Tuesday 3rd November Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Gibi Joseph (SS)	
Wednesday 4th November Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop	9.15 am Deceased Brothers and Ladies of Droitwich and District Catenian Circle (MS)	
Thursday 5th November Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Deceased Members of the Van der Heijden Family (MB)	
Friday 6th November Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Harry Remedios RIP (KA)	
Saturday 7th November Feria in Ordinary Time	11.00 am Deceased members of the Clapham Family (MB)	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 8th November Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A	8.30 am Departed members of Ringer Family (PR) 10.30 am Special Intention (AM) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	

"Once more we are being reminded that "each new generation must take up the struggles and attainments of past generations, while setting its sights even higher. This is the path. Goodness, together with love, justice and solidarity, are not achieved once and for all; they have to be realized each day. It is not possible to settle for what was achieved in the past and complacently enjoy it, as if we could somehow disregard the fact that many of our brothers and sisters still endure situations that cry out for our attention".

Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti (paragraph 11)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.00 pm:

Such are the men who seek your face O Lord.

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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.

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:**

- Today: Clergy Training Fund
- Sunday 22nd November: Father Hudson's (Giving Tree)
- Sunday 29th November: Father Hudson's (Giving Tree)
- 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 - GIVING TREE APPEAL 2020

Due to the pandemic Father Hudson's Homes have said that they will not be able to accept gifts in kind from the giving tree this year. They do however still have a need to support families that need gifts for their families. There will be a second collection in lieu of gifts after each Mass on Sundays 22nd and 29th November. There will be a box for cash donations by the giving tree which this year will be at the back of church in the Baptistry on the right hand side as you leave the church. The funds collected will go to Father Hudson's Homes so that they can order gifts to be delivered direct to the families in need, thus reducing the handling of gifts. We have always had wonderful support from our parish for this worthwhile cause so please be as generous as possible in these difficult times. Thank you.

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.

TRAIDCRAFT

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:

£258.62

Gift Aid: £145.00

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

8.30 am: 68

10.30 am: 47

6.00 pm: 56

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

REFUGEE KNITTING

Thank you so much for the exquisite crochet blankets and the many beautiful knitted hats recently donated. A special thank you to the person who once again knitted such a vast quantity of scarves and purchased gorgeous, colourful gloves to go with them. The children will be so delighted to receive these sets, all so lovingly packaged. Wool, patterns, buttons and needles are available in a cupboard in the church porch to help with costs. Knit any article you feel would benefit adults and children in the camps. Again a HUGE THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNWAVERING SUPPORT OF THIS WORTHY CAUSE.

Next Sunday's Mass Readings

Wisdom 6: 12-16;

Psalms 62;

1 Thessalonians 4:

13-18,

Matthew 25: 1-13

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.

You and I are called to be a Saint

All of us are familiar with a number of Saints in the Catholic Church, for example our Patron Saint whose name we bear, Saints on whose name a particular church is dedicated to, Saints who made an exceptional contribution in spreading the message of Christ to the world through their extraordinary dedication to Christ and His teaching. But seldom we ask what makes them Saints; to venerate, to imitate and made examples or models for our life today.

The Gospel reading today speaks about the Beatitudes, the culmination of Jesus' sermon on the mount. For me, a Saint is the one who understood, accepted, and lived this beatitude in his /her life. The criterion for one to be a Saint is simply as that. We take examples of any Saints who we know that they have lived to their best of ability these precepts of Christ. Therefore, a Saint is not merely a person around whose head we can see a halo as in the picture's portraits.

If we read the Beatitudes between the lines, we can summarise the essence of the Beatitudes in to three aspects. The Saints were men and women of faith. They believed in God and their faith was not merely an acceptance of a set of rules or dogmas, but their faith was a very personal commitment to the person of Jesus and lived according to the Beatitudes, in the particular context of their lives where God had placed them. Therefore the first criterion to be a Saint is his /her faith in Jesus. The second criterion that I would attribute to a Saint is one's relationship to God through prayer. Every Saint had a very personal relationship with God through their prayer. Prayer is more of a relationship, an intimacy and closeness to God. While they were on earth, they were close to God and now He has raised them to participate a greater closeness to Him in heaven and therefore, they are Saints today. The third element that makes one a Saint, which again a synthesis of the beatitudes is, their sensibility towards their fellow human beings. In another word, their service mindedness. All the Saints we know today, they have spent and overspent their lives for the benefit of their brothers and sisters. There is no Saint who has not lived for others.

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, if we venerate, if we appreciate, if we accept them as models for us let us go down and find out what made them a saint. If you and I accept these criteria, we shall be included in those lists of known and unknown Saints that we celebrate today. Let us remember what can make us a Saint: our faith, our intimacy with God and our service towards one another as brothers and sisters. Let these be the grace we ask all those known and unknown Saints today that we might join them one day. Amen.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ