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### Today's Mass Readings

*Apocalypse 7: 2-4, 9-14;*

*Psalms 23;*

*1 John 3: 1-3;*

*Matthew 5: 1-12*

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

This Week 31st October - 7th November (Psalter Week 3)	Mass Intentions	Other Events
<b>Sunday 31st October</b> <b>Solemnity of All Saints</b> <b>Year B</b>	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton RIP 10.30 am Paddy McLoughlin RIP (BB) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	
<b>Monday 1st November</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Deceased members of the Leason family RIP (MB)	
<b>Tuesday 2nd November</b> The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed	9.15 am James Regan RIP (BB)	All Soul's Day After Morning Mass: Blessing of the Graves
<b>Wednesday 3rd November</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Margarita and Ian Wilson, Octavia Bove, Dominic and Elsie Bove (MB)	6.00 pm: Adoration & Benediction (Live Streamed only)
<b>Thursday 4th November</b> Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop	9.15 am Deceased members of the Van der Heijden family RIP (MB)	
<b>Friday 5th November</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Holy Mass	9.45am: Novena to the Sacred Heart (soon after Mass) 6.30 pm: Youth Group
<b>Saturday 6th November</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	11.00 am Gladys Remedios RIP (KA)	10.00 am -12 Noon: FHC Preparation - Parish Children <b>10.15 am - 10.45 am:</b> <b>Confessions</b>
<b>Sunday 7th November</b> <b>Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary</b> <b>Time</b> <b>Year B</b>	8.30 am Deceased members of the Clapham family RIP (MB) 10.30 am George Mason RIP (M.M) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	Retiring Collection for the Johnson Association

*"Forgiving does not mean forgetting. Or better, in the face of a reality that can in no way be denied, relativized or concealed, forgiveness is still possible. In the face of an action that can never be tolerated, justified or excused, we can still forgive. In the face of something that cannot be forgotten for any reason, we can still forgive. Free and heartfelt forgiveness is something noble, a reflection of God's own infinite ability to forgive."*

Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti (paragraph 250)

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## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

8.30 am & 10.30 am: Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

6.00 pm: Let the Lord enter in, He is the King of Glory. Let the  
Lord enter, let the Lord enter, enter into your heart!

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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, Barbara Coomber, Finbarr Cronin, Eileen Dalton, Delores Delaney, Frank Fawcett, Sheila Ferriter, Tony Gilroy, Joan Graham, Beryl Hill, Alan Hurst, John Jennings, Sheila Manion, Sally McCool, Andrew McDermott, Jackie McLean, Michael Sheridan, Jacky Smith, Paul Smith, Margaret Steward, Angela Wardle, Breda Wightman, Mark Wightman, Richard Wightman, Monsignor Graham Wilkinson & Phil Yates.

**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 Dalgleish. 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 **Hazel Bathes** and **Anna (Angela) McDowell** who died recently. The Requiem Mass for Hazel Bathes will be on Thursday 4th November at 1.30 pm at the Sacred Heart Church. The Funeral Service for Anna McDowell will be on Tuesday 9th November at 3.00 pm at the Sacred Heart Church. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Please keep their family and friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

## **NOVEMBER : MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS**

In 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. It is a good time to offer the sacrifice of Mass for a loved one in November and also someone you know who is in need or close to you. There are Mass Intention Request envelopes available in the Narthex if you wish to have Mass offered for deceased relatives and friends.

## **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Thank you for your generosity in the second collection on Sunday 17th October and also to those parishioners who are setting up standing order donations to us. Finally thank you to those who have come forward interested in joining us. We cannot help those in need without the help and support of our parishioners. If you know of anyone in need please do not hesitate in contacting us on 0777 292 7535 or droitwichsvp@gmail.com.

## **HALL BOOKING SECRETARY**

Sally Spink has taken over the role of Hall Booking Secretary. Please contact Sally at volunteers.sacredheart.droitwich@rcaob.org.uk or on 01905 773258 if you would like to book the hall. Thank you to Kate for her faithful service as hall booking secretary.

## COVID 19 STEP 4 GUIDANCE

- **Sanitise** your hands at the entrance and exit.
- **Masks:** We highly recommend you to wear a mask in the church.
- **Seating:** Please leave the family pews for the families with children.
- **Holy Communion:** Holy Communion will continue to be under one kind.
- **Congregational Singing:** Indoor congregational singing is permitted. It is recommended face coverings should be worn by members of the congregation whilst singing together, until infection levels reduce.
- **Exit:** To exit please use both the main door and the side door.
- **Capacity of the Church:** Increased to 150
- **Church visiting by the public:** The church is now open to the public for private prayer and for visiting.

A big thank you to all of you for your cooperation and understanding during the time of the pandemic. We expect the same cooperation and support to continue. Always be considerate and kind towards others so that together we can defeat this pandemic.

## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Thank you very much for your donations to World Mission Sunday last week. Your prayers and contributions will help missionaries work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples.

## CHURCH FLOWER GROUP

The Sacred Heart Flower group are endeavouring to become more eco friendly. For many years we have used oasis as the basis of all arrangements. This product however does not biodegrade and the dust from it can be harmful to health. The flowers that we buy from supermarkets and wholesalers, originate from growers in Europe. To become more sustainable we have to change how we do things. The flowers that we arranged for the centenary celebration were mostly from a local grower, we used chicken wire instead of oasis. We had many compliments for the arrangements which has given us the boost to continue. We are holding a sustainable flower arranging workshop in the Parish Hall on Saturday 20th November at 2.00 pm and would like to invite anyone who may be interested to join us. There will be no obligation to join the flower group, however we are always pleased to have new members. This invite is open to all, men and women. For more information and to book a place, please contact Penny Gilfeather at [pgilfeather1949@gmail.com](mailto:pgilfeather1949@gmail.com).

### *Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer*

*My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself completely to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

## DATES FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

### PREPARATION - PARISH CHILDREN

The FHC preparation sessions will be held on Saturdays 6th, 13th & 27th November. The First Holy Communion Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 4th December at 11.00 am.

### DIOCESAN EDUCATION SERVICE

The Archdiocese of Birmingham is seeking to recruit inspectors of Catholic primary and secondary schools. We are particularly keen to hear from former school leaders who seek to remain connected with Catholic Education. Please email [b.mcardle@bdes.org.uk](mailto:b.mcardle@bdes.org.uk) for details. There is a poster that has been emailed with this newsletter and is also on our website.

### CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation Mass is on Tuesday 7th December at 7.00 pm.

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**Main Collection:**

**£146.36**

**Gift Aid: £131.75**

**Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.**

**The retiring  
collection for Missio  
raised: £189.26**

**Thank you for your  
generosity.**

### **CASHLESS GIVING**

It is now possible to donate via the cashless giving device at the back of church or via the link to the donation page on the homepage of our website. More options have now been added.



### **FOODBANK**

There is a new wish list for Sunday 10th October that is on the website. Thank you for your generosity. A certificate and letter from Foodbank have been distributed with this newsletter.

### **Next Sunday's Mass Readings**

*1 Kings 17: 10-16;*

*Psalm 145;*

*Hebrews 9: 24-28;*

*Mark 12: 38-44*

*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.*

### *Who is a Saint?*

When we think about All Saint's Day, few questions come to our mind; Who are the Saints? who are they to us? and how are we to become like them? Many people have a false idea of who a saint is. For them saints are people who never committed a sin in all their lives. People who were always shining with virtue – strong willed, humble, pure, who never lost their patience, and who never thought of themselves but always of God and others. But this is a fallacy. The saints were not born saints, they became saints. They underwent a conversion – a change of heart which resulted in a change of life.

To begin with, who are these saints? As they were born like us they were like you and me. What made them special people is that they lived the faith, they preserved the faith for us and they showed us the way to live out our faith. Secondly, the saints were not extraordinary people who were chosen specially by God, they were ordinary people like us but they lived their lives in an extraordinary way. What does it mean? We live in our society which is the combination of good and foul therefore, we are subjected to the influence of both good and foul. Between good and foul, as human person we tend to choose that appears to be easier, more convenient and that seems to make us happy - things of the world. In fact, those seldom gives lasting happiness. The only one who can give lasting happiness is the one who is the source of all goodness happiness, that is God Himself. The saints were the one who discovered this lasting happiness by moulding their lives by living in accordance with God's plan. How? by sharing by loving by being compassionate. They served God in a most faithful manner and God rewarded them with the lasting joy of heaven at their death. Thirdly, today's saints were yesterday's sinners. For example, Matthew the tax collector, a public sinner, became the disciple of Christ. Saul, the persecutor, became Paul, the proclaimer of Christ. Who are they to us? Many criticise us by saying that we worship saints. But the fact is that we do not worship them but rather venerate them because they serve God faithfully and lived their lives in an extraordinary way and they act as guide to our journey of faith. In their life they pleased God. Therefore, when they intercede for us, God listens to them.

Sometimes we think that it is not possible for us to be a saint. Therefore, we look at sainthood in a very lethargic manner that I don't do grave sins but at the same time I do not want to be holy as God intended to be or I just live a lukewarm Christian life. This is very dangerous. But the examples of many modern saints prove us that it is possible to live a saintly life by living an ordinary life. Recently beatified Bl. Carlo Acutis, a young Italian man, gives us five simple ways to live a saintly life. First: frequent reception of the Eucharist. Carlo participates in Mass every day. His reason was simple. The foundation for holiness is a personal and intimate relationship with Jesus. Secondly, Eucharistic adoration: His relationship with Jesus in Mass was deepened in Eucharistic Adoration - a short time before and after Mass and a longer period when he could. Thirdly, Spiritual guidance and regular confession. St. Faustina Kowalska said, "If only I had had a spiritual director from the beginning, then I would not have wasted so many God's graces". Fourth, Devotion to Our Blessed Lady and Saints: Carlo never missed his Rosary. Fifth, Christian charity: He says, "A life will be really beautiful if we come to love God above all things and our neighbour as ourselves, everything passes away...the only thing that makes us truly beautiful in God's eyes is the way that we have loved Him and our neighbours". May God bless us to be a living saint.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ