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Today's Mass Readings

Daniel 12: 1-3;

Psalm 15;

Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18;

Mark 13: 24-32

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

This Week 14th November - 21st November (Psalter Week 1)	Mass Intentions	Other Events
Sunday 14th November Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B	8.30 am Arthur Leason RIP (MB) 10.30 am Rose Pearce RIP (SS) 6.00 pm Sheila Holland RIP (DR)	Remembrance Day World Day of the Poor
Monday 15th November Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Deceased members of the Baldry family RIP (MB)	
Tuesday 16th November Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Rose Duffy RIP (AB)	
Wednesday 17th November Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Genevieve Pouget RIP (KG)	6.00 pm: Adoration & Benediction (Live Streamed only)
Thursday 18th November Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am The Quigley & Martin Family RIP (I & MM)	
Friday 19th November Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Ursula Matthews RIP (MB)	9.45am: Novena to the Sacred Heart (soon after Mass) 6.30 pm: Youth Group
Saturday 20th November Feria in Ordinary Time	11.00 am Finbarr & Mary Cronin (BB)	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 21st November Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year B	8.30 am Kevin McCorry RIP (MM) 10.30 am Tony Ringer & All Deceased of the Family RIP (PR) 6.00 pm Ann Fannon RIP (DR)	National Youth Sunday Retiring Collection for Catholic Youth Services

“There are two extreme situations that may come to be seen as solutions in especially dramatic circumstances, without realizing that they are false answers that do not resolve the problems they are meant to solve and ultimately do no more than introduce new elements of destruction in the fabric of national and global society. These are war and the death penalty.”

Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti (paragraph 255)

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

6.00 pm: Keep me safe O God, I take refuge in you. 40 Laudate.

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 Dalglish. Please note that the newsletter is also placed on the parish website. Thank you for your understanding.

DEFIBRILLATOR

Dear Parishioners and Neighbours, we have recently installed an emergency cardiac defibrillator. This is mounted on the wall of our Parish Hall in an easily visible yellow box. This is a community public access machine intended for use by anyone in need. We do of course hope that you will never need it but if someone in your household or attending a church service is suffering a cardiac arrest you may find it useful. You will naturally be calling the ambulance on 999. If you do this on your landline the operator will give you the key code if you tell them the machine is at the Sacred Heart Church, Worcester Road, Droitwich. If you call on your mobile and ask for the code they will already know where you are and be able to give you the code to operate the defibrillator. The defibrillator will prompt you by voice in telling you what to do. The provision of this facility has been enabled by the magnificent support of a local charity dedicated to coronary care. You can find them at www.droitwich-aed.org.uk.

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.

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 07891 144870 if you would like to book the hall.

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.

UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

The Universe Catholic Weekly is thrilled to announce that we have launched our new on line newspaper with the full support of our first subscriber, none other than His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Order your digital copy by going to www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk or call us on 07436 617650 and ask for Michelle. Special offer: Only £20.00 for 3 months.

PAX CHRISTI CHRISTMAS CARDS

Pax Christi are now offering new religious Christmas cards. The three cards have real integrity and come in a mixed pack of 10 cards and envelopes and can be order from <https://paxchristi.org.uk/product/nativity-trio-cards/>. The cards were produced with photographs of felt banners made for decorating St.Laurence's church in Cambridge many years ago.

SUSTAINABLE FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP

The church flower group are getting together on Saturday 20th November at 2.00 pm to try sustainable and eco methods of flower arranging. We would like to invite any parishioners who are interested, to come and join us. There is no obligation to join the flower group. For more information and to book a place please email Penny Gilfeather at 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 final FHC preparation session will be held on Saturday 27th November. The First Holy Communion Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 4th December at 11.00 am.

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

If you know of anyone in need please do not hesitate in contacting us on 0777 292 7535 or at droitwichsvp@gmail.com.

CONFIRMATION

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

Registered as a Charity, Birmingham Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees: Registered Charity Number 234216.

Main Collection:

£160.47

Gift Aid: £155.80

Thank you for supporting your Parish.

Mass Attendance Last Sunday: 198

The retiring collection for the Johnson Association raised: £62.55

Gift Aid: £91.10 Thank you for your generosity

CAFOD

A thank you letter from CAFOD is on the website.



FOODBANK

There is a new wish list for Sunday 14th November that is on the website and has been emailed with this newsletter. Thank you for your generosity.



Next Sunday's Mass

Readings

Daniel 7: 13-14;

Psalm 92;

Apocalypse 1: 5-8;

John 18: 33-37

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.

Do not be afraid, for I have conquered the world

We are almost at the end of the liturgical year. Next Sunday is Christ the King and then we enter season of Advent. Today the readings direct our attention to the end of time. We are promised that if we are faithful, we shall not be destroyed and the Archangel Michael will be there helping us. We are told that the one great sacrifice for sins has been made and we must cling to the Lord. God will gather His people and we must be ready.

The upsetting revelation, however, is not in time and space; it is a spiritual revolution within, a change of heart. The Lord is exhorting the Christian community to be vigilant and ready to recognize the signs of total salvation which is accomplished in and through the person of Christ; by offering a sacrifice once for all he has perfected for all times those who are sanctified, as the second reading tells us. Having been defeated and dethroned, evil opposes Christ and the Christian community with all its might. The Church experiences obstacles and persecution in proclaiming the Gospel. We see this happening. If we look at Scripture as a whole, this possibility of hell, of being rejected, is always there. On the other hand, it is never the great focus of the Scripture. The focus of Scripture is God's everlasting love for us; God's desire that all be saved; God's walking with us to lead us in the path of salvation. While we should always be aware of our capacity to reject God and to reject the ways of God, we should be more aware of God's love for us and should try to respond to that love. God invites us to know His love, His saving power, His delight in us.

The second reading is from the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that any human high priest cannot make a complete amendment for our sins. Neither you nor I can atone completely for our sins. It takes Jesus, who is God and man, to make the one sacrifice for sins that never needs to be repeated. Sin is vanquished in Christ Jesus. On the other hand, sin in us is only overcome when we become one with Jesus Christ. God truly loves us and sends His Own Son to take away sin so that we can live forever with God.

The challenge is not to know when the end is coming but to live today and everyday preparing ourselves and be ready for that day whenever it comes. There is no sense in pretending with God. God knows our hearts and our minds, even more than we do. We must simply get on with living now as if this is our last moment - with no fear and no upset, completely trusting in the love of the Lord. God bless us.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ