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Today's Mass Readings

Daniel 7: 13-14;
Psalm 92;
Apocalypse 1: 5-8;
John 18: 33-37

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

This Week 21st November - 28th November (Psalter Week 2)	Mass Intentions	Other Events
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
Monday 22nd November Memorial of St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr	9.15 am Ammini Simon RIP	
Tuesday 23rd November Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Siwan Smith RIP (CP)	
Wednesday 24th November Memorial of St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs	9.15 am Bart Schmitt RIP (MB)	6.00 pm: Adoration & Benediction (Live Streamed only)
Thursday 25th November Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Alan Remedios RIP (KA)	
Friday 26th November Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Dennis O'Hara RIP (BO)	9.45am: Novena to the Sacred Heart (soon after Mass) 6.30 pm: Youth Group
Saturday 27th November Feria in Ordinary Time	11.00 am Michael Donovan (BD)	10.00 am -12 Noon: FHC Preparation - Parish Children 10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 28th November First Sunday of Advent Year B	8.30 am Canon Giles Goward RIP (MB) 10.30 am Departed Brethren of SCJ Family 6.00 pm Jackie Kelly (GC)	

"The Charter of the United Nations, when observed and applied with transparency and sincerity, is an obligatory reference point of justice and a channel of peace. Here there can be no room for disguising false intentions or placing the partisan interests of one country or group above the global common good."

Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti (paragraph 257)

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.00 pm:

The Lord is King, with majesty enrobed.

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

We have recently installed an emergency cardiac defibrillator. This is mounted on the wall of our Parish Hall in a yellow box. This is a community public access machine intended for use by anyone in need. If someone 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.

SVP DROITWICH - GIVING TREE APPEAL 2021

Father Hudson's Homes have said that again they will not be able to accept gifts 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 Sunday Mass on Sunday 12th December. The second collection box will be at the back of the church as you leave as usual. The cashless giving machine will also be available for these donations. 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. If you are unable to attend church for whatever reason then donations can be left at the presbytery with Father George clearly marked Giving Tree Gifts. Cheques should be made payable to Father Hudson's Homes. Thank you all for your support.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SALE

Christmas Cards will be on sale after each Mass at the entrance of the parish hall from today and the following Sundays. A pack of 8 cards cost only £3.00. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

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.

NEW YEAR RAFFLE

The Parish will be organising a New Year Raffle in January. Your support would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to donate a raffle prize, please give your name to Terry as early as possible so that we will be able to print the tickets well in advance.

MARY'S MEALS DOUBLE THE LOVE

From November to January, every gift given to Mary's Meals will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1.6m. This means a gift of just £15.90 will feed, not one, but two children, a life-changing daily school meal for a whole school year! Your kindness brings joy to more than two million children around the world who we serve – including those affected by natural disasters, conflict and the ongoing Covid pandemic. For more information, please visit www.marysmeals.org.uk There are also resources for children on their website at <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/resources-for-children/>

COVID-19 STEP 4 GUIDANCE

The church is now open as usual; capacity has been increased to 150. Please sanitise your hands on entrance and exit. We strongly recommend that you continue to wear a face mask in church. Please leave the family pews for families with children. Holy Communion will continue to be under one kind. Indoor congregational singing is permitted. It is recommended face coverings should be worn by members of the congregation whilst singing together. Please use both the main door and the side door to exit the church. A big thank you to all of you for your cooperation and understanding during the time of the pandemic.

WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING CONTACTLESS DONATIONS



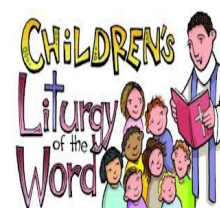
You will find our new DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE, contactless terminal in the church. Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/ device to make a donation. Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader. You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25% for some donation options. If you are a UK taxpayer then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received. Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient.

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.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We are hoping to be able to resume Children's Liturgy at the 10.30 am Mass but cannot do so without more volunteers to run the groups. If you would be interested in helping or would like further information please speak to Fr. George or contact the Parish Office.

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:

£170.76

Gift Aid: £115.00

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 156**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

If you know of
anyone in need
please do not
hesitate in contacting
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FOODBANK

There is a new wish
list for Sunday 14th
November that is on
the website. Thank
you for your
generosity.



Next Sunday's Mass

Readings

Jeremiah 33: 14-16;

Psalms 24;

*1 Thessalonians 3: 12
- 4: 2;*

Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

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.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom!

To mark the end of the liturgical year, today we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the Universal King. The feast was instituted by Pope Pious the XI in 1925. Pope felt that the nations would see that church has the right to freedom and immunity from the state that the leaders and nations would see that they are bound to give respect to Christ and the faithful will find strength by celebrating the feast as we are reminded that Christ must reign in our hearts, mind, will and bodies. The Scripture readings take us through the theme of the centrality of Christ. On this feast I would like to highlight few thoughts taken from one of the homilies of Pope Francis.

Pope Francis emphatically states that, "the image of Jesus in the Gospel enables us to see that Jesus is the centre of creation; and so the attitude demanded of us as true believers is that of recognizing and accepting in our lives the centrality of Jesus Christ, in our thoughts, in our words and in our works. And so, our thoughts will be Christian thoughts, thoughts of Christ. Our works will be Christian works, works of Christ; and our words will be Christian words, words of Christ. But when this centre is lost, when it is replaced by something else, only harm can result for everything around us and for ourselves.

Besides being the centre of creation, Christ is the centre of the people of God. Today, he is here in our midst. He is here right now in his word, and he will be here on the altar, alive and present amid us, his people. We see this in the second book of Samuel 5: 1-3: In searching for an ideal king, the people were seeking God himself: a God who would be close to them, who would accompany them on their journey, who would be a brother to them. Christ, the descendant of King David, is really the "brother" around whom God's people come together.

Finally, Christ is the centre of the history of humanity and also the centre of the history of every individual. To him we can bring the joys and the hopes, the sorrows and troubles which are part of our lives. When Jesus is the centre, light shines even amid the darkest times of our lives; he gives us hope, as he does to the good thief while hanging on the Cross. While all the others treat Jesus with disdain, "If you are the Christ, the Messiah King, save yourself by coming down from the cross!" but the good thief begs him: "Remember me, when you come into your kingdom" (Lk 23:42). Jesus promises him: "Today you will be with me in paradise" (v. 43), in his kingdom. Whenever anyone finds the courage to ask for this forgiveness, the Lord does not let such a petition go unheard. Today we can all think of our own history, our own journey. Each of us has his or her own history: we think of our mistakes, our sins, our good times and our bleak times. On this day, we would think about our own personal history, to look at Jesus and to keep telling him, sincerely and quietly: "Remember me, Lord, now that you are in your kingdom! Jesus, remember me, because I want to be good, but I just don't have the strength, I need your help. Jesus' promise to the good thief gives us great hope: it tells us that God's grace is always greater than the prayer which sought it. The Lord always grants more, he is so generous, he always gives more than what he has been asked: you ask him to remember you, and he brings you into his kingdom!" God bless us.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ