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### Today's Mass Readings

*Isaiah 6: 1-8;*

*Psalms 137;*

*1 Corinthians 15: 1-11;*

*Luke 5: 1-11*

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

| This Week<br>6th February - 13th February<br>(Psalter Week 1)          | Mass Intentions                                                                                                  | Other Events                                                                                             |
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| <b>Sunday 6th February</b><br>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>Year C  | 8.30 am Peggy & Denis Regan RIP (BB)<br>10.30 am Martin Duffy - for healing (BB)<br>6.00 pm People of the Parish | Retiring Collection for Life<br>During 10.30 am Mass: Children's Liturgy                                 |
| <b>Monday 7th February</b><br>Feria in Ordinary Time                   | 9.15 am Cynthia Denby RIP                                                                                        |                                                                                                          |
| <b>Tuesday 8th February</b><br>Feria in Ordinary Time                  | 9.15 am Seraphine Pereira RIP (MP)                                                                               |                                                                                                          |
| <b>Wednesday 9th February</b><br>Feria in Ordinary Time                | 9.15 am Rory Shanahan RIP (LM)                                                                                   | 6.00 pm: Adoration & Benediction<br>(Live Streamed only)                                                 |
| <b>Thursday 10th February</b><br>Memorial of St. Scholastica, Virgin   | 9.15 am Holy Mass                                                                                                |                                                                                                          |
| <b>Friday 11th February</b><br>Feria in Ordinary Time                  | 9.15 am Harry Remedios RIP (KA)                                                                                  | 9.45am: Novena to the Sacred Heart (soon after Mass)<br>6.30 pm: Youth Group<br>World Day for the Sick   |
| <b>Saturday 12th February</b><br>Feria in Ordinary Time                | 11.00 am Holy Mass                                                                                               | <b>10.15 am -10.45 am:</b><br><b>Confessions</b>                                                         |
| <b>Sunday 13th February</b><br>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>Year C | 8.30 am Donald Brooks RIP (PW)<br>10.30 am Sheila Edwards RIP (GF)<br>6.00 pm John Ryan RIP (DR)                 | Racial Justice Day<br>Retiring Collection for Racial Justice<br>During 10.30 am Mass: Children's Liturgy |

*"We believers are challenged to return to our sources, in order to concentrate on what is essential: worship of God and love for our neighbour, lest some of our teachings, taken out of context, end up feeding forms of contempt, hatred, xenophobia or negation of others. The truth is that violence has no basis in our fundamental religious convictions, but only in their distortion."*

Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti (paragraph 282)

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## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

8.30 am & 10.30 am: Before the angels I will bless you, O  
Lord.

6.00 pm: I thank you Yahweh with all my heart. I thank you  
Yahweh my God. Each time I call for help you hear  
and answer me. I thank you Yahweh my God.

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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, Tony Gilroy, Joan Graham, Bev  
Griffiths, 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.**

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## **ADORATION ON WEDNESDAYS**

We are planning to resume the Wednesday Adoration from 10.00 am until  
7.00 pm. If you are available to spend an hour watching with the Lord please  
let us know.

## **ONLINE LENT RETREAT**

There will be an online Lent Retreat (from the Jesuits in Scotland) starting  
on Ash Wednesday (2nd March) and running until Easter Sunday (17th  
April). Further information has been emailed with this newsletter and a  
flyer will be made available in church during the next week. If you are  
interested, or would like to join in, or for more details, please contact Max  
and Cecilia Jourdier as soon as you can at mandcjourdier@gmail.com or on  
01886 812259.

## **ZIMBABWE MEDICAL CENTRE APPEAL: ONE THOUSAND HEARTS**

Blessed Edward Oldcorne Catholic College has made links with people from  
a village called Nyandoro, in the Nyanga Province of Zimbabwe and are  
currently appealing for donations to help fund the completion of a medical  
centre for the village. Their nearest medical centre is currently 20km away.  
Full information is available in the letter (originally sent to parents and  
carers) emailed with this newsletter. If you would like to donate to this  
appeal any cash donations can be passed to the parish office clearly  
marked Blessed Edward Oldcorne Medical Centre Appeal and we will  
arrange to pass the money on to Blessed Edward Oldcorne.

## **UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY**

*The Universe Catholic Weekly* is thrilled to announce that we have launched  
our new online 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](http://www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk) or call us on  
0743661 7650 and ask for Michelle. Special offer: Only £20.00 for 3  
months.

## PARISH SECRETARY

Further to the changes to home-working, the Parish Secretary will return to the office full-time from Monday 7th February. The Parish Secretary's office hours are 9.00 am until 12 Noon on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

## HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND

Droitwich CVS have some Government Household Support funding to assist Droitwich residents with shopping vouchers, household goods, mobile top ups, essential warm clothes etc. Information about this fund has been emailed with this newsletter. If you are not on the email list, are in need of support yourself or know someone who would benefit, and would like more information about the support available and how to apply please contact the Parish Office or Droitwich SVP at [droitwichsvp@gmail.com](mailto:droitwichsvp@gmail.com).

## WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING CONTACTLESS & ONLINE DONATIONS

Our cashless giving device is now in the church. Just use your debit/credit card or smart phone/device to make a donation. There is also an online donation button on the homepage of our website at <http://www.sacredheartdroitwich.org.uk/>.

## COVID-19 GUIDANCE: UPDATED 6TH FEBRUARY 2022

The Archdiocese have recently updated their Covid-19 guidance. Please note that the wearing of face covering is now advised rather than mandatory. Please sanitise your hands on entrance and exit. Holy Communion will continue to be under one kind. Social distancing is not required but please be sensitive to the needs of others in church. As it is been always a good practice during pandemic, please **DO NOT** attend church if you, or someone in your household, has symptoms of COVID. A big thank you to all of you for your cooperation and understanding.

## HALL BOOKINGS

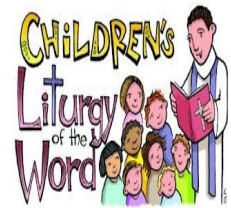
For Hall Bookings please contact Sally Spink on 07891 144870 or at [volunteers.sacredheart.droitwich@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:volunteers.sacredheart.droitwich@rcaob.org.uk).

## READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The new rota for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers is now available to collect from church.

### *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.*



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy will resume with two groups (4 to 7 year olds and 8 to 11 year olds) at the 10.30 am Mass today and will continue next Sunday. All children are welcome. Thank you to the volunteers who will be leading these groups.

## SAFEGUARDING TRAINING: UPDATE

Safeguarding Training will take place on Saturday 12th March from 9.30 am until 11.30 am. Open to all. If you would like to attend, please contact the Safeguarding Team at [sg.sacredheart.droitwich@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.sacredheart.droitwich@rcaob.org.uk). If there are not sufficient numbers then the training will not go ahead. Many thanks. Safeguarding Team.

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**Main Collection:**  
**(23rd January):**  
**£153.05**

**Gift Aid (30th January**  
**2022): £190.00**

**Thank you for**  
**supporting your**  
**Parish.**

**Mass Attendance**  
**Last Sunday: 175**

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

If you know of  
anyone in need  
please do not  
hesitate in contacting  
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### **Next Sunday's Mass** **Readings**

*Jeremiah 17: 5-8;*

*Psalms 1;*

*1 Corinthians 15:*  
*12, 16-20;*

*Luke 6: 17, 20-26*

*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.*

### *I am called to follow Him!*

In today's Gospel we see a dramatic description of Jesus calling his first disciples. The call of the Lord comes in many ways: through dramatic inner visions as in the call of Isaiah or through the simple actions that we hear in the Gospel today, which are still miraculous, or through the preaching of others as we hear in the second reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians. The call of God to his people is persistent and permanent. The Prophet Isaiah describes how God touched his mouth. It is not clear whether this is an inner vision of Isaiah or a strong dream or some other way of perceiving the reality. On the other hand, it is clear that Isaiah takes it as God reaching into his personal life and cleansing him so that he can proclaim God's word to others. Because of this awareness of being cleansed and purified, Isaiah feels that he can be a mouthpiece to be sent by the Lord to His People.

We can note three salient features in all Divine calls: It comes from God, there is a purification and cleansing and finally there is a willingness on the part of the one who is called to respond with assent. Saint Paul in his First Letter to the Corinthians speaks about his personal call to serve the Lord. It also comes directly from God, it purifies and Paul becomes willing to follow the Lord. To this he added: "For I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective. In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches from Simon's boat. Jesus turns to Simon and instructs him about where to lower the fishing nets. Simon and others have been fishing throughout the night and have not caught anything. Simon protests, claiming that such an effort would be futile. Simon ultimately obeys Jesus and lowers his nets into the deeper water as directed. It is because Peter obeys that he discovers the presence of God, is humbled, and then follows Jesus. Notice here that Peter calls Jesus by the title "master." He already recognizes Jesus as a person of authority. They catch so many fish that the nets begin to tear; Jesus' presence has created abundance out of scarcity, just as it did at the wedding feast at Cana, which we heard at Mass just a few weeks ago.

Simon Peter becomes a follower of Jesus immediately. Today's Gospel, therefore, marks a turning point in the relationship between Jesus and Peter. Two of Simon's partners are also named as witnesses to the event described in today's Gospel: Zebedee's sons, James and John. Yet Jesus' words are addressed only to Simon. Jesus gives Simon a new job, telling him that he will become a different kind of fisherman. No longer will he catch fish; instead he will catch people. In these words, we hear the beginning of the leadership role that Peter will have within the community of disciples. Peter was chosen for this role. His task will be to bring others to Jesus. Already he is doing so; the Gospel tells us that all the fishermen with Peter also left their nets and followed Jesus. We are called by our baptism to follow the Lord and bring people to him like Peter did. As Christians most of us are eager to do works of charity to the other, well and good; but some time we have a natural hesitation to talk about Jesus to other people. Some think doing good alone is enough. Yes, works of charity in itself is good but at the same time this can be done by an evil person as well. Therefore, by doing good alone does not necessarily qualify us to be a good Christian. To be a genuine follower of Christ, we need to know Him love him and introduce others to Him. As St. Francis Xavier would say, "As Christians, preach the Gospel of Christ always and use the words if necessary. "

God bless you all. Fr. George Mathew SCJ