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Today's Mass Readings

Jeremiah 17: 5-8;

Psalm 1;

1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20;

Luke 6: 17, 20-26

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

This Week 13th February - 20th February (Psalter Week 2)	Mass Intentions	Other Events
Sunday 13th February Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C	8.30 am Donald Brooks RIP (PW) 10.30 am Sheila Edwards RIP (GF) 6.00 pm John Ryan RIP (DR)	Racial Justice Day Retiring Collection for Racial Justice During 10.30 am Mass: Children's Liturgy
Monday 14th February Feast of St. Cyril, Monk, & St. Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of the Church	9.15 Thomas & Julie Connolly RIP (TB)	
Tuesday 15th February Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Colum MacCourt RIP (LM)	
Wednesday 16th February Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Anthony Pinnell RIP (GP)	6.00 pm: Adoration & Benediction (Live Streamed only)
Thursday 17th February Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Hellen Kinghorne RIP (GF)	
Friday 18th February Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Holy Mass	9.45am: Novena to the Sacred Heart (soon after Mass) 6.30 pm: Youth Group
Saturday 19th February Feria in Ordinary Time	11.00 am Alan Remedios RIP (KA)	10.15 am -10.45 am: Confessions 11.00 am: Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing
Sunday 20th February Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C	8.30 am People of the Parish 10.30 am Holy Mass 6.00 pm Holy Mass	

"Sincere and humble worship of God "bears fruit not in discrimination, hatred and violence, but in respect for the sacredness of life, respect for the dignity and freedom of others, and loving commitment to the welfare of all". Truly, "whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love" (1 Jn 4:8)."

Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti (paragraph 283)

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: Happy is the man who has placed his
trust in the Lord.
6.00 pm: Happy the man who has placed their trust in the
Lord.

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

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). If you are interested, or would like to join in, or for more details,
please contact Max and Cecilia Jourdir as soon as you
can at mandcjourdir@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 or call us on
0743661 7650 and ask for Michelle. Special offer: Only £20.00 for 3
months.

MASS WITH THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

From Saturday 19th February the Anointing Mass will resume on every third Saturday of the month.

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.

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 has always been 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.

JOB VACANCY: ST. SCHOLASTICA'S RETREAT

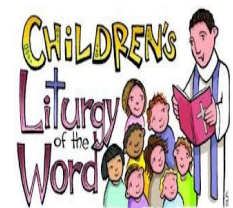
The Trustees are seeking to appoint a Warden and Clerk to the Trustees for this almshouse charity that provides sheltered housing for Catholics in financial need aged 60 or over. Competitive Salary, pension, and accommodation onsite in Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire. For details of the role and how to apply, see www.stscholasticas.co.uk/warden-clerk-vacancy. The closing date is Monday 28th February.

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.*

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. If there are not sufficient numbers then the training will not go ahead. Many thanks. Safeguarding Team.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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

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

**Main Collection:
(30th January):
£163.05**

**Gift Aid (7th February
2022): £229.00**

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**The retiring
collection for
Pro-Life raised:
Gift Aid: £93.95**

**Thank you for your
generosity.**

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 216**

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

*1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9,
12-13, 22-23;*

Psalms 102;

*1 Corinthians 15:
45-49;*

Luke 6: 27-38

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.

Are we living the Beatitudes?

Is it logically possible to regard the poor as Blessed? Will common sense allow us to do so? Is our experience not rather that it is the poor who are despised and the rich who are blessed. How can we make sense today of the beatitudes that Jesus spoke 2000 years ago? Were they true at the time of Jesus? Are they true today? These are some of the questions that come to mind when we read the beatitudes of Jesus as narrated by the Gospel of Luke. The first and foremost point that must be noted, even as we begin to read the beatitudes, is that they make no ethical demands. They simply and emphatically pronounce a blessing. This is what the beatitudes really are: a blessing on those to whom they are pronounced. Before we enter further reflection, it may be better to clarify who are the poor according to the scripture. They were the blind, the leper, the lame the widow etc. or in other words, the Anawim of Yahweh "the poor who seek the Lord for deliverance" who completely depends on God alone.

The first beatitude is addressed to the poor. They are promised the kingdom of God. The poor are blessed, not because they are holier than others, and not because they are better than others. They are blessed simply because they are poor. They are promised an end to their hunger and suffering. These ends are not merely eschatological or to be hoped for only in the next life. It is something that is being done here and now. The heaven that is promised to them is not a pie in the sky when they die. Rather, it is a situation in which God will ensure that the word spoken will take effect in the here and now. Jesus' ministry, for the most part was directed to the poor and marginalised.

This is indeed the proof that Paul speaks about in the second reading of today when he challenges the community at Corinth to believe these words. Christ not only preached them but lived them out in every detail in his life. A vibrant Christian community witnesses to the truth of the beatitudes by proclaiming the same message and using the same challenging idiom. A disciple of Jesus is like the tree planted beside a stream. It sinks its roots deeply and becomes fertile and productive. It has depth and so is unafraid of the assaults of the elements. It is always fresh, even in the most difficult and trying times. It lives without fear or anxiety. Thus, the readings of today issue a call to each of us, not only to hear the words, but to live them out as courageously, and with the same trust and confidence, as Jesus did.

God bless you all.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ