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Today's Mass Readings

Isaiah 66: 10-14;

Psalms 65;

Galatians 6: 14-18;

Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20

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

This Week 3rd July - 10th July (Psalter Week 2)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 3rd July Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C	8.30 am Anna Wilson RIP (EK) 10.30 am Barbara Coomber RIP (MS) 6.00 pm Phil Yates RIP (BO)	After 8.30 am Mass: Tea and Coffee in the Hall During 10.30 am Mass: Children's Liturgy
Monday 4th July Feria in Ordinary Time	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	
Tuesday 5th July Feria in Ordinary Time	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Pat Liddle RIP (RB)	
Wednesday 6th July Feria in Ordinary Time	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Michael Webb RIP (I & MM)	10.00 am until 7.00 pm: Adoration
Thursday 7th July Feria in Ordinary Time	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Harry Remedios RIP (KA)	
Friday 8th July Feria in Ordinary Time	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Sheila Guilfoyle (I & MM)	9.45am: Novena to the Sacred Heart (soon after Mass) 6.30 pm: Youth Group
Saturday 9th July Feria in Ordinary Time	11.00 am Phil Yates RIP (J & GP) 1.00 pm Wedding	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 10th July Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C Retiring Collection for the Apostleship of the Sea	8.30 am Janice Dodd (LD) 10.30 am Arthur & Edna Linthwaite (BC) 6.00 pm Christine Feetenby RIP (B O'H)	After 8.30 am Mass: Tea and Coffee in the Hall During 10.30 am Mass: Children's Liturgy 2.30 pm: SVP Afternoon

"In the face of opposition, misunderstanding, do we turn to the Lord? Do we ask him for his steadfastness in doing good? Or do we rather seek confirmation through applause, ending up being bitter and resentful when we do not hear it? Many times, consciously or unconsciously, we seek applause, approval from others, and we do things for applause. No, that does not work. We must do good out of service, not seeking applause... So, let us ask Jesus for the strength of being like him, of following him resolutely down the path of service"

Pope Francis, 26th June 2022

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: Cry out with joy to God all the Earth.

**6.00 pm: Cry out with joy to God all the Earth - please repeat
phrases after the cantor.**

PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Please pray for all our parishioners, and/or their friends and relatives, who
are unwell:

Mary Arulandhu, Barbara Conway, Finbarr Cronin, Eileen Dalton, Delores
Delaney, Frank Fawcett, Joan Graham, Bob Grant, Bev Griffiths, Beryl Hill,
Alan Hurst, John Jennings, Sally McCool, Andrew McDermott, Jackie
McLean, Michael Sheridan, Jacky Smith, Paul Smith, Margaret Steward,
Breda Wightman, Mark Wightman, Richard Wightman, & Monsignor
Graham Wilkinson.

**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.**

RECENTLY DECEASED

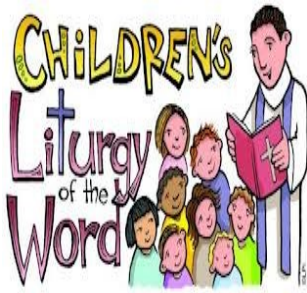
Your prayers are asked for **Phil Yates** and **Peg Heffernan** who died recently.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy
of God rest in peace. The Requiem Mass for Phil Yates will be on Friday
15th July at 10.30 am followed by a cremation at Worcester Crematorium.
Please keep their families and friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

GIFT AID

If you donate regularly to the Church and are a UK taxpayer please will you
consider making a gift aid declaration so that the Church can claim the tax
back from the Government on your donations. There will be someone
standing outside Church after each of the Sunday Masses on July 10th. Any
questions you have can be answered and a very simple form can either be
filled in then or taken away for you to fill in and return later. **Making a gift
aid declaration will not cost you anymore than what you already donate.**

STELLA MARIS (APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA)

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work
in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been
abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being
denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the
relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and
poorer mental health. Sea Sunday is Sunday 10th July. It is when the Church
prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big
difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by
visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to
donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its
important work, so please give generously. Thank you.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be Children's Liturgy for 4 to 11 year olds at the 10.30 am Mass on Sundays 3rd, 10th and 17th July. All children are welcome.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

A big thankyou for all the wonderful donations that we have received for the male asylum seekers who are currently in our area. We have been informed that they have sufficient in stock for the time being. Can we stop the donations for the time being and we will let you know when any other items are required. Thank you for your much needed support. If you would like some company, a drink, chat and cake then please come and join us next Sunday from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm in the church hall. Please see the notice at the back of church for more information. You can contact us at droitwichsvp@gmail.com or on 07772 927535.

REFUGEE KNITTING

If anyone would like to knit anything to benefit the Syrian and Ukrainian Refugees there is wool, patterns, needles and buttons to help defray your costs stored at the back of church. The knitting collections can now resume, as GAIN are able to once again receive donations. Unfortunately I am unable to accept other items these days, with the exception of new underwear. Many thanks to those who continued to knit and store items at home, I look forward to seeing your wonderful creations.

200 CLUB

Our thanks to parishioners who have signed up to the 200 Club following our recent appeal for new members. Please complete and return application forms if you've not already done so. We would ask anyone who may be thinking of joining the 200 Club to turn those thoughts into actions; we need you to take on one of those remaining thirty tickets

THANK YOU

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School would like to thank the Catenian Society for their kind donation to the school and to Mike for presenting this to the school.

COVID-19 GUIDANCE

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. Please **avoid** attending church if you, or someone in your household, has symptoms of COVID. Thank you for your co-operation.

CCTV

We have installed four CCTV cameras in the church covering the Narthex, main entrance and the path through the graveyard. For information access requests please contact the Archdiocese of Birmingham on 0121 230 6216 during office hours or the Parish Office on 01905 773258 outside of these times.

COMMUNITY MEAL

The next Community Meal is on Monday 11th July at 12.30 pm in the Parish Hall.

JOB VACANCY

Blessed Edward Oldcorne Catholic College are recruiting for a Cover Officer (closing date 10.00 am on Thursday 7th July). Please see <https://www.blessed-edward.co.uk/about-us/vacancies/> for details and an application form.



FOODBANK

There is a wish list on the website. Any donations would be gratefully received.

Thank you.

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Main Collection

£313.68

Gift Aid: £137.00

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**Mass attendance
last Sunday: 199**

**The retiring
collection for
Peter's Pence raised:
£88.24**

Gift Aid: £123.00

**Thank you for your
generosity.**



Next Sunday's Mass

Readings

Deuteronomy 30:

10-14;

Psalms 68;

Colossians 1: 15-20;

Luke 10: 25-37

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.

Peace be with you!

Dear friends in Christ Jesus. Last Sunday we saw that the Samaritans shunned Jesus and his message. There were many villages that had not yet heard the message of Christ. Therefore, he visited another village and there he chose 72 of them and sent them with the same mission as the Apostles and sent them ahead of him to all the villages that he would visit. The mission of the 72 was to prepare the hearts of the people who would be visited by Jesus later. The master is very clear about his mission, so he gave a clear instruction to his messengers. He said, "The harvest is rich, but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the Harvest to send labourers".

Jesus uses the analogy of a large field of grain, gold in colour ready for the harvest, but short of labourers. The grain field represents the vast humanity waiting to be gathered as God's people, but the gatherers are few. So, Jesus instructed them to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send labourers. That means the disciples need to continually rely upon God not of their own strength. He also warned them that they are to be sent like lambs among wolves. Sheep and lambs in the Bible represent people who accepted God and walk in His ways. At the same time wolves are symbolic representation of people who are a vicious person or enemy of God. It was a reminder that the world in Jesus' time and now are hostile to Jesus and his message. He also instructed them not to carry money or any other assurances. At first glance we feel Jesus' instructions were unrealistic. Imagine a journey with no money or spare clothes and not to talk to anyone on the way. The purpose of this instruction was that the disciples should be focused on their mission and not to be distracted by matters that are less important because the job they must do is urgent and the time is short. The disciples are sent as messengers of peace. These greetings of peace represent the reconsolidation between God and Man. This peace basically means openness towards God and justice in dealing with all. Jesus assures the disciples of the possibility of his message being listened to, also the possibility of resistance and rejection. But they have to march under the banner of Jesus. Those who reject them are rejecting Jesus himself and shutting themselves out of the Kingdom of eternal bliss.

The modern world continues to be hostile to the message of Christ. Indeed, it seems that the very idea of God is being pushed out of our social fabric. Tragically, many have abandoned their Baptismal promises and have become slaves to the world and its pleasures. Praising God and the promise of the glory of heaven is no longer a priority for them. Look around you at the neighbouring pews. I'm sure you see a vacant seat where someone you know used to sit but haven't been seen in Church for a long time. It might even be a friend or relative. Next time you see one of these people, invite them back to Church; tell them how much they're missed; remind them that we need them and they need the Church. Let us never forget that through our baptism we, too, are laborers for the harvest! Dear friends, please pray for each other. Pray for those Catholics who no longer practice their faith. Pray for the Church, for our priests and bishops. Pray for those who, even today, are being persecuted for their faith. Pray that God will give us the laborers that we need for His abundant harvest. Amen.