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Today's Mass Readings

Deuteronomy 30: 10-14;

Psalms 68;

Colossians 1: 15-20;

Luke 10: 25-37

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

This Week 10th July - 17th July (Psalter Week 3)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 10th July Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C Retiring Collection for 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
Monday 11th July Feast of St. Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Alan Griffiths RIP (BB)	12.30 pm: Community Meal
Tuesday 12th July Feria in Ordinary Time	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Special Intention (SJ)	
Wednesday 13th July Feria in Ordinary Time	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Phil Yates RIP (BB)	10.00 am until 7.00 pm: Adoration
Thursday 14th July Feria in Ordinary Time	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mike Ryan RIP (MR)	
Friday 15th July Memorial of St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Thanksgiving (CP) 10.30 am Requiem Mass	9.45am: Novena to the Sacred Heart (soon after Mass) 6.30 pm: Youth Group
Saturday 16th July Feria in Ordinary Time	11.00 am For the Sick and Housebound (Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing)	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 17th July Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C	8.30 am Fergus O'Toole RIP (CH) 10.30 am Bernadette Violet Duffy RIP (PD) 6.00 pm Yvonne Jackson RIP (B O'H)	After 8.30 am Mass: Tea and Coffee in the Hall During 10.30 am Mass: Children's Liturgy

"The evangelizing mission is not based on personal activism, that is, on "doing", but on the witness of brotherly love, even amid the difficulties that living together entails.

Pope Francis, 3rd July 2022

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.00 pm:

**Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts
will revive.**

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 Mass today. 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. Today is Sea Sunday. 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.

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.

PARISH HALL KEYHOLDERS

There is a need for more people to join the existing team of keyholders who open and close the hall for the groups that use it. If you are able to help, please contact the Parish Office. Many thanks.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

If you would like some company, a drink, chat and cake then please come and join us today from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm in the church hall. Please see the notice at the back of church for more information. 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. 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

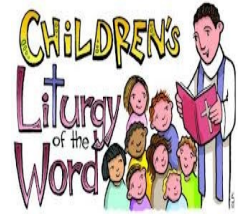
Our thanks to parishioners who have signed up to the 200 Club following our recent appeal for new members. Please complete and return application forms if you've not already done so. We would ask anyone who may be thinking of joining the 200 Club to turn those thoughts into actions; we need you to take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

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.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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

COMMUNITY MEAL

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



FOODBANK

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

Thank you.

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Main Collection

£300.69

Gift Aid: £310.00

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**Mass attendance
last Sunday: 225**

**Additional Gift Aid
donation for Day
for Life £10.00**

**Thank you for your
generosity.**



**Next Sunday's Mass
Readings**

Genesis 18: 1-10;

Psalms 14;

Colossians 1: 24-28;

Luke 10: 38-42

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ Jesus, the solemn question asked "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Though the motive of this man was evidently not right, the question was undoubtedly one of the deepest importance. It is a question which deserves the principal attention of every human person on earth. There are millions of people in the world seeking to meet the basic necessities to survive. At the same time thousands seek how to make more money? How to enjoy life better and prosper in the world? Of these two groups, few, very few, will ever give a moment to think about the salvation of their souls. Because it makes them uncomfortable. The first group doesn't have time to think about it and the second group doesn't feel the need of it. This is the context in which we are invited to reflect on the parable of the Good Samaritan.

The parable points to who we are and who we ought to be. The characters and behaviour of those presented in today's gospel directly resonate our own. For the thieves, the victim was only an object to be exploited. They thought to themselves, what's his belongs to us and we will take it. For the Priest and the Levite the victim was a nuisance, a problem best avoided. The first question they would ask themselves was: 'If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?' But...the Samaritan reversed the question: 'If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?' Pope Benedict wrote in God is Love (Deus Caritas Est) that "if in my life I fail completely to heed others, solely out of a desire to be 'devout' and to perform my 'religious duties', then my relationship with God will also grow dry. It becomes merely 'proper', but loveless". The Priest and the Levites in the parable represent people who think 'what's mine is mine'. For the Lawyer, there is a problem to discuss. With his knowledge of the law. Jesus not only tears apart his expertise on the law but also teaches him who is a 'neighbour'. Perhaps the innkeeper is the most insignificant in this parable! But Jesus wants to communicate a very powerful and unique message to us through this character. The innkeeper's role illustrates a Christian who serve but for a cost. He took the money to look after the victim. We are willing to serve as long as it is convenient and won't cost us anything: our time, our comfort etc.

Finally, we encounter the Samaritan who represents "what is mine is yours". He shows due magnanimity, risking his own life, and caring for the victim. The Samaritan does not see the victim as different in caste, creed, colour, tribe or nationality but as a human being in need of help. He dares to show compassion to the one he ought not to have touched, taking the initiative and bearing the cost of caring for the person. Jesus openly tells us that he is the good Samaritan who comes to our help, without counting the cost. The phrase "as he journeyed" means putting himself in our place. "Had compassion" refers to redemption accomplished through the love of Christ. "Went to him" means that Christ first seeks the sinner. "Bound his wounds" means that he gives us comfort. "Pouring in oil" refers to his mercy. Jesus, as the Samaritan, pays the bill and promises to come again. "Paying the bill" is a metaphor for Christ's death on the cross for our sins. "Promises to come again" refers to the Second Coming of Christ. The inn represents the Church, where believers are cared for. "Two denarii" refers to the Sacraments of Baptism and Communion. The victim in this parable represents a lost sinner who is dead spiritually and left on the road of life. We are the wounded victims who will be touched and healed by Jesus through his blood. We cannot, however, remain victims as Jesus is our Saviour and redeemer! Through his death and resurrection Jesus becomes our way, our truth and our life, leading us to eternal glory. Jesus challenges us to become Good Samaritans committed to helping those in need. He invites us to have a heart that overflows with love. Let us ask ourselves: when was the last time that I was a neighbour to someone? to be like the Samaritan, becoming a neighbour to the needy.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ