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Today's Mass Readings

Genesis 18: 20-32;
Psalms 137;
Colossians 2: 12-14;
Luke 11: 1-13

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

This Week 24th July - 31st July (Psalter Week 1)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 24th July Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C	8.30 am Veronica Collins RIP (P & KG) 10.30 am Rose Coe 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 am Mass: Tea and Coffee in the Hall 12 Noon: Baptism
Monday 25th July Feast of St. James, Apostle	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Special Intention (AM)	
Tuesday 26th July Memorial of Ss. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Special Intention	
Wednesday 27th July Feria in Ordinary Time	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Private Intention (CP)	10.00 am until 7.00 pm: Adoration
Thursday 28th July Feast of Our Lady of Betharram	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am For the Fathers and Brothers of Betharram	
Friday 29th July Memorial of Ss. Martha, Mary & Lazarus	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Fr. Xavier RIP	9.45am: Novena to the Sacred Heart (soon after Mass)
Saturday 30th July Feria in Ordinary Time	11.00 am For the Sick Parishioners	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 31st July Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C	8.30 am Holy Mass 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm John & Mary Ryan RIP (DR)	After 8.30 am Mass: Tea and Coffee in the Hall 11.45 am: Baptism

*"The word of Jesus is not abstract; it is a teaching that touches and shapes our
life, changes it, frees it from the opaqueness of evil, satisfies and infuses it with a
joy that does not pass"*

Pope Francis, 17th July 2022

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: On the day I called, you answered me, 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.

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, Betty Parry, 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.

YEAR 6 CHILDREN

We wish all the very best and pray for all the Year 6 children who are going to continue their studies at secondary schools, especially those who are leaving from St. Joseph's School. May they preserve the faith in God and good values learned in their childhood for the rest of their lives. Also we wish a Happy Holidays to all the staff and students at St. Joseph's School.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School has vacancies for Foundation Governors on the governing body. Foundation Governors are appointed by the Bishop specifically to preserve and develop the Catholic ethos of the school and must be practising Catholics. The governors of a Catholic school work as a team, in close co-operation with the headteacher and all the staff. Foundation governors share the responsibilities of all governors:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff;
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

If you think you can support the school in this way, please speak to Fr. George or Mrs. Lamb (Clerk to Governors) at office@st-josephs-droitwich.worcs.sch.uk

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 on Sunday 14th August 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.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2022

Children who will be in Year 6 or above in September and are not at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School can be prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Autumn Term 2022. If you would like your child to be part of this parish preparation group please could you contact Fr. George SCJ or the Parish Office by Saturday 27th August. Confirmation preparation classes will begin in September.

REFUGEE KNITTING

Thank you so much for the exquisite baby items and hats left recently for the refugees. There are buttons, patterns, needles and wool in the first cupboard at the church entrance to help with costs, please help yourselves. Donations of the same are always welcome. For new parishioners, knit anything you feel would bring joy to these desperate people.

200 CLUB

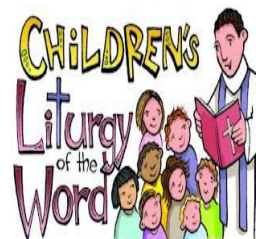
Our thanks to parishioners who have signed up to the 200 Club following our recent appeal for new members. Please complete and return application forms if you've not already done so. We would ask anyone who may be thinking of joining the 200 Club to turn those thoughts into actions; we need you to take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

Children's Liturgy will resume in September.

COMMUNITY MEAL

The next Community Meal is on Monday 8th August 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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£301.77

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**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**Mass attendance
last Sunday: 258**



Next Sunday's Mass

Readings

*Ecclesiastes 1: 2,
2: 21-23;*

Psalms 89;

*Colossians 3: 1-5,
9-11;*

Luke 12: 13-21

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.

Today's Gospel is one of the most sublime passages in all of scripture dealing with the subject of Prayer. The following three facts prompted the apostles to ask Jesus to teach them to Pray. 1. Jesus often prayed, and he emphasized Prayer as one of the greatest needs of human life. 2. Jesus prayed as a son to his Father. The disciples also wanted to have such an intimate relationship with God. 3. John the Baptist had taught his disciples to pray. It was a common practice for a teacher to instruct his disciples in prayer. On this basis, they asked Jesus, "Lord, teach us to pray". Jesus gave them a model prayer upon which we are to put our base for prayer. It is a guide for prayer. The points of our prayer are these: 1. Thank God for being our Father. 2. Thank God for heaven which is a spiritual dimension of being, it is incorruptible and undefiled and it does not fade away. Most importantly, where God is we too can be. 3. Praise God for what He is because he is kind and compassionate, loving and merciful.

God is a father to us but in heaven what is being signalled is the right understanding of God. God is a power that reality neither grasps nor is hidden from. If I can grasp God, I start manipulating God, that is why he says he is in Heaven. What is in heaven I cannot control but I can relate to. The next word is 'Hallowed be thy name'- that means, God is the highest value of all. The idea of God being highest we hallow the name of God above all, peace will break out of us. When in my heart I hallow the name of God I become rightly ordered. So the basic thing that we can ask Lord brings me in line with you as the highest good. Then I say, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is heaven" Kingdom is the very prominent word in the New Testament. The kingdom of this world is the way in which we order things in our human way of thinking and acting. It is the world in a negative sense. What Jesus is asking us to pray is that the Kingdom that is in heaven, the right order that is in heaven which is based on love, peace and righteousness etc., may that order be obtained here on earth as there in heaven. During Mass we pray, "May our voices be one with theirs". We are asking that our voices may be one with the angels in heaven and be united ourselves and harmonise ourselves with God. Your kingdom come here as there! Your will be done: The world is the place where my own will is given priority. So in this prayer I am praying that may God's will supersede my will so that I am in harmony with God. Give us this day our daily bread: here we are not asking for the normal bread but super substantial bread, the bread for the journey - the Eucharist. Gives us each day your presence in the Eucharist. It is a prayer for communion with Christ. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us: The heart of Jesus teaching is 'Forgiveness'. How many of our problems; personal, societal and cultural are caused by incapacity to forgive? The root cause of all the problems in the world is lack of forgiveness. If humanity learn to forgive each other, the world leaders learn to forgive, there would not be any war. We are basically frightened of others that is why we build walls and borders because we do not trust our neighbours. Nations spend billions to build walls and armaments thinking that they will bring us security. But history has proved that they never brought security and peace. We are asking the Lord, please give us the ability to forgive so that we can build bridges that unite nations and people, instead of walls. At the end we are praying Lord deliver us from Evil. So much evil we can see around:⁴ spiritual, interpersonal, psychological, social, geopolitical. When we are delivered from all this evil, we will be able to harmonise ourselves with God.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ