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Today's Mass Readings
Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 2: 21-23;
Psalm 89;
Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11;
Luke 12: 13-21

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

This Week 31st July - 7th August (Psalter Week 2)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 31st July Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C	8.30 am Finny O'Donovan RIP (MC) 10.30 am Yates Family (LH) 6.00 pm John & Mary Ryan RIP (DR)	After 8.30 am Mass: Tea and Coffee in the Hall
Monday 1st August Memorial of St. Alphonsus Mary de'Liguori, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MF)	
Tuesday 2nd August Feria in Ordinary Time	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Tony Bond - Anniversary (GB)	
Wednesday 3rd August Feria in Ordinary Time	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	10.00 am until 7.00 pm: Adoration
Thursday 4th August Memorial of St. John Mary Vianney, Priest	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Michael Webb RIP (PW)	
Friday 5th August Feria in Ordinary Time	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mr. Diarmuid O'Regan RIP (BB)	9.45am: Novena to the Sacred Heart (soon after Mass)
Saturday 6th August Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord	11.00 am Harry Remedios RIP	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 7th August Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MF) 10.30 am Paul & Angela Clancy 6.00 pm Finny O'Donovan RIP (MC)	After 8.30 am Mass: Tea and Coffee in the Hall

“A long life – so the Bible teaches – is a blessing, and the elderly are not outcasts to be shunned but living signs of the goodness of God who bestows life in abundance. Blessed is the house where an older person lives! Blessed is the family that honours the elderly!”

Pope Francis, 24th July 2022

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.00 pm:

**O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to
the next.**

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

MASS INTENTIONS

The option to donate for Mass Intentions is now available
via the Cashless Device in church and the donation page
on our website at www.sacredheartdroitwich.org.uk₂



BARNARDO'S REPORT

An independent review undertaken by the charity Barnardo's on behalf of the Archdiocese of Birmingham in relation to the management of concerns about Joseph Quigley, a priest in the Archdiocese, is now available on the Diocesan website: at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/review-into-archdiocese-safeguarding-published>. The Trustees of the Archdiocese of Birmingham have accepted this review and its 18 recommendations in full and you can also see the full response on the website. As an institution it is for the present Bishops and Trustees to take corporate responsibility, to apologise, learn and ensure best safeguarding practice now and in the future. There has been a significant amount of positive change in Diocesan safeguarding practice. However, these recommendations will help inform ongoing learning and improvement within the Archdiocese.

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.

HARVINGTON HALL

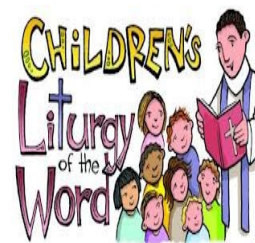
Harvington Hall, a Tudor Manor house with amazing priest's hides, is open throughout the summer Wednesday to Sunday for tours (& free entry to garden/cafe except event weekends). Planned events include: a history workshop for children on Wednesday 3rd August, market day on Saturday 20th August and History Through the Ages on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th August. For full information visit www.harvingtonhall.co.uk.

MARCH FOR LIFE UK: LONDON COACH TRIP

A coach will be leaving St. George's Worcester at 7.30 am on Saturday 3rd September. If you would like to book a place on the coach, please contact Isabel on 07773 501721 or stgeorge.worcester@rcaob.org.uk. The cost is £25.00 for adults; children under 12 are half price. A £5.00 deposit will be required at the time of booking.

COVID-19 GUIDANCE

Face coverings are 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.



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.

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.

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FOODBANK

There is a new wish list that has been emailed with this newsletter and is on the website. Any donations would be gratefully received.

Thank you.



Next Sunday's Mass

Readings

Wisdom 18: 6-9;

Psalms 32;

*Hebrews 11: 1-2,
8-19;*

Luke 12: 35-40

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.

Human beings are insecure creatures. We are afraid for the future and in that fear desperately clutch at what would seem to offer protection and security. Wealth seems to be the most obvious source of security: with wealth we shall not go hungry or thirsty, we shall have a roof over our heads and gain influence and power; we are more likely to have good health, a long life, and enjoy the best life has to offer. But the insecurity also feeds the desire for wealth. It can threaten to take over and control everything, making us increasingly insensitive and oblivious to other and deeper values: the needs of our fellow human beings and above all our relationship with God.

The only security that is really lasting consists in being "rich" in the sight of God. This is because the relationship with God is the only relationship or attachment that can transcend the barrier of death. The parable in the Gospel powerfully illustrates how attachment to wealth, the desire to acquire, hold on to and enhance it, prevents people from attending to the relationship with God that brings the only security that counts in the long run.

The First Reading, from Ecclesiastes 1-2, serves as a pointer to the theme of the Gospel. The shortness of human life and its inevitable limiting by death makes labouring and toiling for wealth "vanity": that is, something ultimately without meaning. In the rich passage from Colossians making up the Second Reading, "greed" is simply one in a list of vices that Paul says belong to the old, pre-conversion way of life that believers have now "died" to through baptism. They now share the risen life of the Lord, in which is being realised the Creator's original design for human beings to be made in the image and likeness of God (Gen. 1:26-28). As Christians we have the privilege of possessing the most powerful values that has been taught by Christ and handed down to us through the Apostles and early Christians. We are all privileged children of light as we are entrusted with the truth and light of Christ. Therefore, we need to keep that flame burning in and through our lives and hold it as high as possible so that anyone walking in the darkness can see the light we carry and share the light from us. Paul does not mean that believers have to pretend to be living some heavenly life, cut off from the realities of present earthly existence. Rather, a sense of the immense dignity that they already have in a hidden sense should have a transformative effect upon the way they live now. The highest virtue that Jesus taught us is Christian charity. A charity that goes beyond all barriers - a charity that is unconditional and desiring nothing in return. "More for love than any other reason", as St. Michael says. A Simple love for the poor and the needy and the oppressed.

Centuries later St. Gregory the Great taught that "when we care for the needs of the poor, we are giving them what is theirs, not ours. We are not just performing works of mercy; we are paying a debt of justice. Life does not consist of possessions but in sharing what we possess with others. The goods of the earth have been given to everyone to share". May God bless us to share what we have.