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Today's Mass Readings

Ecclesiasticus 3: 17-20, 28-29;

Psalm 67;

Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24;

Luke 14: 1, 7-14

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

This Week 28th August - 4th September (Psalter Week 2)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 28th August Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C	8.30 am Bridie Pringle RIP 10.30 am Stella&Hugh McDermott RIP 6.00 pm Denis Quinn RIP (DR)	After 8.30 am Mass: Tea and Coffee in the Hall 12 Noon: Baptism
Monday 29th August Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist	9.40 am Morning Prayer 10.00 am Betty Toomy RIP	
Tuesday 30th August Feria in Ordinary Time	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Bridie Pringle RIP 10.00 am Requiem Mass	
Wednesday 31st August Feria in Ordinary Time	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Sr. Sneha CMC	10.00 am until 7.00 pm: Adoration
Thursday 1st September Feria in Ordinary Time	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Stella&Hugh McDermott RIP	World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
Friday 2nd September Feria in Ordinary Time	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am For the people in Afghanistan	9.45am: Novena to the Sacred Heart (soon after Mass)
Saturday 3rd September Feast of St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church	11.00 am For the Peace in the world	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 4th September Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C	8.30 am Holy Mass 10.30 am Betty Parry RIP (S.D) 6.00 pm Holy Mass	After 8.30 am Mass: Tea and Coffee in the Hall

"It [The Gospel] is just like fire: while it warms us with God's love, it wants to burn our selfishness, to enlighten the dark sides of life...to consume the false idols that enslave us."

Pope Francis, 14th August 2022

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am ,10.30 am,
6.00 pm:

In your goodness, O God, you prepared
a home for the poor.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

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

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Your prayers are asked for **Brendan Wyatt** and **Bridget Pringle** who died
recently. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through
the mercy of God rest in peace. The funeral service for Bridget Pringle will
be at 10.00 am on Tuesday 30th August followed by a burial at Great
Malvern Cemetery at 12 Noon. The funeral service for Brendan Wyatt will
be on Tuesday 6th September at 10.30 am Please keep their families and
friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO HARVINGTON HALL

This year the Annual Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall, Shrine of the English
Martyrs, is on Sunday 4th September. Mass is at 3.00 pm with Confessions
from 1.45 pm until 2.30 pm. Very Rev. Canon Richard Walker, Vicar
General, will be the principal celebrant. Free timed tours of Harvington Hall
are available to all pilgrims on the day and can be booked in the Hall's
courtyard when you arrive. **Please bring your own chairs.**

SACRED HEART SPONSORED WALK

The Sacred Heart sponsored walk will be on Saturday 24th September. Your
generous support would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to
sponsor the walk please write your name on the clipboard at the back of
church. If you would like to join the walk you are most welcome to join the
Sacred Heart Fathers and Brothers. The walk will be held in Nottingham -
the place and time will be announced in due course.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

This year the Parish will be organising a Christmas Raffle. Your support
would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to donate a raffle prize,
please give your name to Terry as soon as possible so that we will be able
to print the tickets well in advance. Thank you.

PARISH SECRETARY

The Parish Secretary is currently on annual leave, returning on Tuesday
30th August. Please contact Fr. George if urgent, everything else will be
dealt with on my return to the office.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The children's liturgy will resume on Sunday the 11th of September. If your child is 4 year old and above please bring your child at 10.30am Mass. It is an opportunity for your child to learn about our faith, liturgy of the day and Jesus in a friendly way. We need volunteers to help to run the children's liturgy. If you would like to help in the children's liturgy it will be great help for the faith formation of our children. Thanks to all volunteers for all your continues help.

REFUGEE KNITTING/DONATIONS

Thank you so much for the beautiful items left recently, they really were exquisite and will bring such joy to the recipients. Wool, needles, buttons and patterns are available in the cupboard at the church entrance to help defray costs. Donations of the same are very welcome. Knit anything you feel would benefit the refugees of all ages particularly with the onset of autumn and winter. We are also seeking donations of walking boots (just over ankle height) in sizes 37, 38 or 39 that are no longer needed for the Ukrainian Refugees in the local area. Any donations would be gratefully received and can be left in the box at the back of church. Many thanks.

HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT GRANT

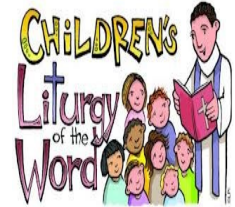
Droitwich CVS are able to offer financial support to residents from Droitwich and surrounding villages in receipt of State Pension who are struggling financially through the Wychavon District Council Household Support Fund. Financial help is in the form of a one-off grant (which does not have to be repaid). Grants will be paid out on a first come first served basis and must be claimed by end of September 2022 or before if the money runs out. Please contact 01905 779115 for further information.

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.

SVP

We are looking for a pressure cooker in good working order for one of our beneficiaries. Please contact us on droitwichsvp@gmail.com or 0777 292 7535 or 0771 362 3997 if you can help. Thank you for your help and support.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We have Children's Liturgy on Sunday 11th, 18th and 25th September.

COMMUNITY MEAL

The next Community Meal is on Monday 5th September at 12.30 pm in the Parish Hall.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

If you would like some company, a drink, chat and cake then please come and join us on Sunday 11th September 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.

Main Collection

£182.49

Gift Aid last Sunday:

£217.00

Thank you for
supporting your

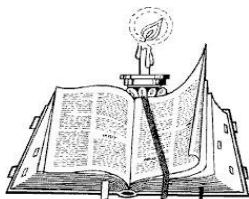
Mass attendance
last Sunday: 231



FOODBANK

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

Thank you.



Next Sunday's Mass

Readings

Wisdom 9: 13-18;

Psalms 89;

*Philemon 9-10,
12-17;*

Luke 14: 25-33

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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.

The Humble will be exalted!

On this twenty second Sunday of ordinary time, the Church calls our attention to a very important Christian virtue, humility. Soon after the papal election was completed; the first appearance of Pope Francis on the papal balcony was something unusual. He pushed aside the platform that would have raised him above others. He stood simply, without his arms raised in a victorious salute. The most notable moment, of course, was when he asked for the blessing of the people before giving his own, papal blessing. The whole world watched in awe. Apparently, it is second nature to him. In this simple action, our new pope acknowledged that all God's people are called to raise their hands and hearts to the heavens to ask God to shower blessings and graces on each other.

In the Gospel we see that Jesus teaches his disciples the lessons of Humility. Humility is the mark of a Christian. The word "humility" comes from the Latin word 'humilitas' which may be translated as "humble", but also as "grounded", or "from the earth". The definition reminds me of the Chinese proverb: "The taller the bamboo grows, the lower it bends." The closer it is therefore to the ground. Being humble is keeping both feet on the ground. It is an attribute and quality of God which all his children must strive to possess and live. We are therefore enjoined this Sunday to reflect deeply on this great virtue. Also, we are called to imitate the humility of Jesus Christ our Lord, who is the mediator of the new covenant. The first reading of this Sunday is an informal advice from the author of the book of Ecclesiasticus. It gives us the key to a successful fellowship with God, and of course, with one another. He advises us: "Behave humbly and you will find favour with the Lord." This is absolutely right. Humility was a distinctive mark of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ our Lord. So, it must also be for us as Christians. The reading also reminds us that pride is a disease. However, the good news is that, it can be cured through the imitation of Christ's humility.

The second reading reminds us that our destination is Mount Zion, the Heavenly Jerusalem, and the City of the Living God. In this city, only the humble like of the Angels and Saints can dwell there. Certainly, the proud cannot because, a proud heart cannot worship the Lord. Furthermore, in this city "everyone is a first born and a true citizen." Hence, as citizens of this city we must cloth ourselves with humility just like Christ our Mediator. The Gospel today invites us to think about how we think and act in relationship to others. When we are in the company of others, do we put ourselves forward or do we stay in the background unless we are called forward? Perhaps even more importantly, how do we think of ourselves in relationship to others? Our model in humility is Jesus. He was a friend of sinners and the humble. He washed the feet of the disciples at the Last Supper as a sign that his followers are to serve. Jesus did not come to be served but to serve. We, his followers, are called by him not to be served but to serve. "Everyone who ...will be exalted." (Luke 14:11) In the words of St. Teresa of Kolkata, "Humility is the mother of all virtues ...put yourself on a pedestal." May God Bless us to be humble, so that, we all will be exalted.