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Today's Mass Readings

Amos 8: 4-7;
Psalm 112;
1 Timothy 2: 1-8;
Luke 16: 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 18th September – 25th September (Psalter Week 1)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 18th September Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C Retiring Collection for Evangelii Gaudium	8.30 am HM Queen Elizabeth II RIP 10.30 am Patricia Glover RIP (CL) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 am Mass: Tea and Coffee in the Hall During 10.30 am Mass: Children's Liturgy Evangelii Gaudium Sunday
Monday 19th September Feria in Ordinary Time	9.40 am Morning Prayer 10.00 am Derek - 90th Birthday	State Funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II
Tuesday 20th September Memorial of St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Stella and Hugh McDermott RIP (GM)	
Wednesday 21st September Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am HM Queen Elizabeth II RIP (AM)	10.00 am until 7.00 pm: Adoration
Thursday 22nd September Feria in Ordinary Time	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Betty Parry RIP (PW)	
Friday 23rd September Memorial of St. Pius of Pietrelcina	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Fr. Leeder RIP (MB)	9.45am: Novena to the Sacred Heart (soon after Mass)
Saturday 24th September Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham	11.00 am Gladys Remedios RIP (KA)	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions 12 Noon: Church Tour (Private Group)
Sunday 25th September Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C Retiring Collection for Fr. Hudson's Care	8.30 am Stella and Hugh McDermott RIP (GM) 10.30 am John Cornell (JF) 6.00 pm Holy Mass	After 8.30 am Mass: Tea and Coffee in the Hall During 10.30 am Mass: Children's Liturgy

"One who loves is concerned about the one who is missing, longs for who is absent, seeks who is lost, await who has gone astray. For he wants no-one to be lost."

Pope Francis, 11th September 2022

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.00 pm:

Praise the Lord, who raises 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 Dalglish. Please note that the newsletter is also placed on the parish website. Thank you for your understanding.

HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II: 21 APRIL 1926 – 8TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Royal Family following the announcement of the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday 8th September. May Her Majesty rest in peace. There will be a moment of reflection in Droitwich on Sunday 18th September, gathering at 7.45 pm at the Lido Park Bandstand. Please see the poster emailed with this newsletter and on the noticeboard at the back of church for full information. If you would like to sign a local book of condolence, the Heritage & Information Centre in Droitwich is open during its usual office hours. There is also an online book of condolence at <https://www.royal.uk/>. The funeral for Her Majesty will be on Monday 19th September. As this date has been announced as a bank holiday, Mass will be at 10.00 am with Morning Prayer at 9.40 am.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY: 18TH SEPTEMBER 2022

The Third Sunday in September, formerly called Home Mission Sunday, is now Evangelii Gaudium Sunday. Named after Pope Francis' first (solo) Apostolic Exhortation on the Joy of the Gospel, the day offers the Catholic community in England and Wales the opportunity to celebrate the beauty of our faith and our commitment to witness to the fullness of life in Christ. There will be a retiring collection today to support the work of encounter and evangelisation. Thank you for your generosity.

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 along the canals in Nottingham, starting at 1.30 pm.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

If your child is 4 years old or older, they are welcome to attend at the 10.30 am 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 the children's liturgy it will be great help for the faith formation of our children. Thank you to all volunteers for all your continued help.

FR. HUDSON'S CARE ANNUAL PARISH COLLECTION

On Sunday 25th September the second collection will be for Father Hudson's Care to support their mission of supporting vulnerable people throughout the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Father Hudson's reaches out to people of all ages who need support many of whom will be badly affected by the cost-of-living crisis. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

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.

MISSION RED BOXES

Would Red Box holders please note that it is now time for counting and banking of contents. If your box can be left in the sacristy, it will be dealt with as promptly as possible. Thank you.

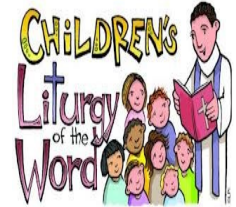
Job vacancy. Parish Red Box Secretary. If there is anyone out there, who is younger and more able than I am and, perhaps, willing to take on this very worthwhile task, I would happily introduce them to its few simple rules. kevin.elizabeth@btinternet.com

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.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION - WORCESTER CIRCLE

Please see the poster on the noticeboard and sent with this newsletter for details of the Newman Association talks from September until November 2022. The next talk is on Thursday 22nd September at 7.30 pm, St George's Parish Hall, Worcester, Car Park post code WR1 1UT.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be Children's Liturgy 18th and 25th September.

COMMUNITY MEAL

The next Community Meal is on Monday 3rd October 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 9th October from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm in the Parish Hall. Please see the notice at the back of church for more information. You can contact us at DroitwichReferrals@svp.org.uk or on 07772 927535.

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Main Collection

£266.99

Gift Aid last Sunday:

£221.40

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**Mass attendance
last Sunday: 231**

**The retiring
collection for
the Pakistan Floods
Appeal raised:
£510.81**

**Thank you for your
generosity.**



**FOODBANK -
HARVEST**

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

Thank you.



Next Sunday's Mass

Readings

Amos 6: 1, 4-7;

Psalms 145;

1 Timothy 6: 11-16;

Luke 16: 19-31

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 Parable of the shrewd steward sounds so contemporary. "The children of this world are shrewder in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light", Jesus very openly reiterates to his disciples that they cannot serve God and wealth. Everything here on earth belongs to God and He is the owner and we are the tenants entrusted with the great responsibility of safeguarding God's creation with utmost care and watchfulness. We don't have anything that really is ours. St. Paul reminds us in 1 Timothy 6, "We brought nothing into the world, so we can't take anything out of it either". Through parable of the faithful steward Jesus teaches us four important lessons.

1: Do our best with what we have. It does not matter in God's eyes how much we have but it matters how well we use it. The widow is lauded by Jesus for her generous offering. Let us learn from sacred scripture: "Whatever we do in word or deed, do it all to the glory of God" (1 Cor 10: 31).

2: What we manage is not ours. All of us are stewards. Scripture tells us, "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it" (Ps 24: 1). We as stewards, belong to the Master. "In Him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17: 28). Life, breath, and all things come from Him. Let us always bear in mind: what we manage is not ours.

3: The things we manage are not real. The wealth of this world is perishable and temporary. Our greatest blunder is to act as though this were not so! Let us understand as we read in the Bible that the one who lusts after the treasures of Earth, "when he dies, he shall carry nothing away." History tells us: Charlemagne was, at his request, buried sitting on his throne, wearing his crown, robe, and jewels. In his lap was an open Bible, and his dead finger was resting on Mark 8:36: "What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul."

4: Not the dishonesty or the self-interest, but the cleverness - the creative use of resources is what we need to emulate. Take creative advantage of every opportunity - for the glory of God and to serve Him. Money cannot accompany us to Heaven. Let us keep in mind that possessions are a responsibility and their use constitutes a test of character, values and stewardship.

True wealth is faithfulness in serving him. The parable of today is not about money. It is about roots, the roots of our hearts. Where do they reach? What nourishes them best? Are our roots linked to earthly treasure? Or are roots connecting us to God our Creator? St. Paul tells us that the love of money is the root of all evil (1 Tim 6: 10). The amount we possess is not the issue. Our character is the issue. Our commitment is the issue. Our Faithfulness is the issue. Our love for Heaven is the issue. Hence, let us ask ourselves: will the possessions, friends and resources that we have gained here on earth lead us to God and his kingdom? May God help us to remain focussed on Him!

God bless us .

Fr. George Mathew SCJ