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Today's Mass Readings

2 Maccabees 7: 1-2, 9-14;
Psalm 16;
2 Thessalonians 2: 16 - 3: 5;
Luke 20: 27-38

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

This Week 6th November – 13th November (Psalter Week 4)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 6th November Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C Retiring Collection for the Johnson Association	8.30 am Arthur & Mary Leason RIP (MB) 10.30 am Bob Grant RIP 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
Monday 7th November Feria in Ordinary Time	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Daniel Kavanagh & Ann Briscoll RIP (MK)	12.30 pm: Community Meal
Tuesday 8th November Feria in Ordinary Time	11.00 am Deanery Mass: For the Deceased Clergy from the Deanery	
Wednesday 9th November Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Bob Grant RIP (AM)	10.00 am until 7.00 pm: Adoration
Thursday 10th November Memorial of St. Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Harry Remedios RIP (KA)	
Friday 11th November Memorial of St. Martin of Tours, Bishop	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Gladys Remedios RIP (KA)	
Saturday 12th November Memorial of St. Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr	11.00 am Deceased Members of the Brush Family (MB)	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 13th November Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C Remembrance Sunday	8.30 am People of the Parish 10.30 am Special Intention of Heather Fondsworth (MM) 6.00 pm Holy Mass	After 8.30 am Mass: Tea and Coffee in the Hall During 10.30 am Mass: Children's Liturgy 2.30 pm: SVP Afternoon

“Every marginalized child living without schooling, without a family, without health care is a cry, a cry that rises up to God and shames the system that we adults have built...they are entitled to an education and to feel the love of a family so they know that God does not forget them.”

Pope Francis, 31st October 2022

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.00 pm:

**I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory,
O Lord.**

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, 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 **Bob Grant** who died recently. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Please keep his family and friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

DEANERY MASS

Here at Sacred Heart, we are hosting the Deanery Mass for the deceased clergy of the newly made Kidderminster-Worcester Deanery on Tuesday 8th November at 11.00 am. Rt. Revd. David Evans, our area Bishop, will be the main celebrant. On that day there will not be the usual 9.15 am Mass. Instead, all are welcome to join us for the Mass at 11.00 am.

CANONICAL VISIT OF SCJ SUPERIOR GENERAL

Fr. Gustavo Agín SCJ thanked all the parishioners for all you do for the church. He was pleased with his visit to our parish.

JOHNSON ASSOCIATION

Today the Annual Second Collection for the Johnson Association will take place in all parishes of the Diocese. Donations can be made using the gift aid envelopes available in all churches, via the website at www.johnsonassociation.org or by using the QR code on your smartphone. The sick and retired clergy of the diocese thank you for your generosity in supporting them through your donation.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2022

SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER - 12 NOON UNTIL 3.00 PM

The Christmas Fayre will take place on Saturday 10th December from 12 noon until 3.00 pm. A big event like this needs the involvement of everyone in the parish so please put the date in your diary. Please could you look for any items that would be suitable to sell at our Christmas Fayre. Items in good condition can now be brought to the Romero Room. Raffle Tickets are now on sale from the Parish Hall after each Sunday Mass. If you are willing to help on the day, please speak to Fr. George or contact the Parish Office.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY GIVING TREE

For many years we have collected Christmas gifts for Father Hudson's Homes and our local families that are supported by SVP. Due to Covid this was replaced by a cash collection but we have been asked by Father Hudson's Homes to revert back to collecting gifts this year. We will be collecting gifts from Sunday 27th November until Sunday 11th December as Father Hudson's Homes staff will collect the gifts on Wednesday 14th December to allow them time to distribute gifts to their families. Any late presents will go to local families supported by SVP. Your support for this project will be very much appreciated. Any queries can be directed to SVP at DroitwichReferrals@svp.org.uk or 0777 292 7535.

ONLINE ADVENT RETREAT 2022

The last few weeks before Christmas can be so hectic, so stressful. Why not take 20 minutes each day for peaceful prayer on your own at home, or wherever you may be? You may well find that the rest of the day goes better than expected. On the website <https://www.onlineprayer.net/advent-retreat/> The Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Glasgow has for each day of Advent, a piece of Scripture, a picture, a short reflection and a piece of music – you can use any or all of this for your prayer, as you choose. The website also has helpful suggestions of different ways of praying with these resources. If you might be interested, please contact Max and Cecilia Jourdier at mandcjourdier@gmail.com

REFUGEE COLLECTIONS

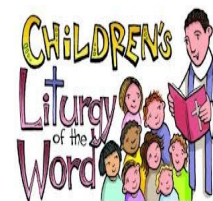
Thank you so much once again, for the vast quantity of exquisite knitted baby items, scarves, hats, adult cardigans and crocheted blankets. A special thank you also to the lady who consistently packages items so beautifully. A massive thank you too, for the pre loved hats, scarves, gloves and other items of warm clothing. All these articles will be sent to Kosovo, Serbia and Ukraine imminently. Please continue knitting as it is hoped to send more consignments before the end of the year. We would be grateful if you could keep the items at home until needed because of storage problems. Once again thank you so much for your magnificent support of this worthy cause. Wool, patterns and buttons are available in the cupboard at the back of church to help defray your costs. Donations of the same will be gratefully accepted.

HOMES FOR UKRAINE MATCHING SERVICE

Caritas Social Action Network, in partnership with St. John of God Hospitaller Services, an international Catholic charity with many services for the vulnerable in the UK and Ireland, have launched a service to bring together Ukrainian people displaced by the brutal war in their country with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for six months. Once the match is confirmed the Ukrainian guest can apply for their visa. We know that coping with the cost of living crisis will be the main concern for people this winter, but if you have room in your home and in your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, then we'd love to hear from you. Please visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/> for more information.

SCARVES, GLOVES, HATS

As part of their strategy to help beneficiaries face the cold in the coming months, our SVP are looking to supply these basics to anyone finding it expensive to keep warm and are looking to assemble a collection of scarves, gloves and woollen hats to help in this. SVP will make good use of any such items you may have surplus to your needs.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be Children's Liturgy today during the 10.30 am Mass.

COMMUNITY MEAL

The next Community Meal is on Monday 7th November 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 13th November 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:
£331.85

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**Mass attendance
last Sunday: 223**



FOODBANK

There is a new wish list of items on the noticeboard and the parish website. If you would like to support the Foodbank then items can be left in the box at the back of church and would be gratefully received.

MARY'S MEALS

From now until Tuesday 31st January 2023 every donation made to the Mary's Meals Double The Love appeal will be matched, up to £1.5 million. For more information or to donate please visit <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>



Next Sunday's Mass Readings

Malachi 3: 19-20;

Psalms 97;

*2 Thessalonians 3:
7-12;*

Luke 21: 5-19

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 Scriptures today remind us that there is life after death. When Jesus tells us that at death, we leave the land of the dying and go into the land of the living, none of us can say, "Yes I know - I've been there, done that" - but He can say that He conquered death.

Human person consists of body and soul, in which the body belongs to this earth and the soul belongs to the creator. Every religion on earth believes that the life here on earth is very brief and after this brief life we must leave our bodies here on earth and we travel back to where we all came from. At the same time, they all agree that after this brief life on earth ended, we enter into an everlasting life. In fact, the ultimate goal of every religion is to help people attain this goal. As Christians we are certain about this that we all come from God and unto Him we all shall return. In today's Gospel we hear that the Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection. For them, there is no life after death. Jesus disagreed with them and concluded by saying, "God is the God of the living; not of the dead,". We are sure of this because it is Jesus who is the author of our life, reassuring us that we have a much better life awaiting after this brief life ended. This belief was even prevalent in the Old Testament. The heroic action of the 7 brothers in the first reading from the book of Maccabees is a clear evidence for this belief. If they did not believe in a life after death, they would not have given away their beautiful life for the sake of the law.

Like the Sadducees in the Gospel, we can see many people today live as if there is no life after death. So today they eat and drink and make merry because tomorrow we may die. But for us Christians it is not so. We live our life today meaningfully, according to the way our Lord Jesus taught us, because tomorrow we may have to leave our bodies with all its possessions here on earth and go back to where we all came from. Therefore, we need to work not merely for our body but for our soul which is designed to be internal. That is why Jesus says in the Gospel "The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels" (Luke 20:24-25). Because after our death we do not have a body as of earth, but a glorified body as of Jesus after His resurrection which does not need the things that of this world.

Therefore, we have to remind ourselves of the crucial fact that our soul is immortal, that it will be united to our physical body at the end of time, that the union of our body and soul has an eternal destiny. Everything which we undertake in this life ought to be oriented to this momentous truth: We belong to God completely, soul and body, flesh and bones, all our senses and faculties (St. Josemaria, Friends of God, 111). St. Cyril of Jerusalem exhorts us: "Respect your body since it is your good fortune to be a temple of the Holy Spirit. Do not stain your body..., and if perchance you have stained it, purify it right away through penance. Clean it while you still have time (St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Catechesis, IV, 25). Our body is destined to give glory to God once it is united with our soul. Let us then glorify God in our body in this life so that in the end, with God's mercy, it will resurrect and be united with our soul, to give glory to God for eternity. God bless you.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ