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### Today's Mass Readings

*Malachi 3: 19-20;*  
*Psalm 97;*  
*2 Thessalonians 3: 7 -12;*  
*Luke 21: 5-19*

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

This Week 13th November – 20th November (Psalter Week 1)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
<b>Sunday 13th November</b> <b>Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Year C</b> Remembrance Sunday	8.30 am Gladys Remedios RIP (KA) 10.30 am Special Intention of Heather Fondsworth (MM) 6.00 pm Private Intention (SW)	After 8.30 am Mass: Tea and Coffee in the Hall During 10.30 am Mass: Children's Liturgy 2.30 pm: SVP Afternoon
<b>Monday 14th November</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Arthur Leason RIP (MB)	
<b>Tuesday 15th November</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Ammini Simon RIP (Fr. G)	
<b>Wednesday 16th November</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Bob Grant RIP (CS)	10.00 am until 6.00 pm: Adoration
<b>Thursday 17th November</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Gladys Remedios RIP (KA)	
<b>Friday 18th November</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Alan Remedios RIP (KA) 9.45am: Novena to the Sacred Heart	6.30 pm: Youth Group
<b>Saturday 19th November</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	11.00 am Deceased Brothers (Catenians - P & AC)	<b>10.15 am - 10.45 am:</b> <b>Confessions</b>
<b>Sunday 20th November</b> <b>Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,</b> <b>King of the Universe</b> <b>Year C</b> Retiring Collection for the Catholic Youth Service	8.30 am Kevin McCorry RIP (M.M) 10.30 am Private Intention (BW) 6.00 pm Peter & Carmel Duffy (JD)	National Youth Sunday After 8.30 am Mass: Tea and Coffee in the Hall During 10.30 am Mass: Children's Liturgy

*“Brothers and sisters, let us look within and ask ourselves: are we peacemakers? In the places where we live, study and work, do we bring tension, words that hurt, chatter that poisons, controversy that divides? Or do we open up the way to peace, forgiving those who have offended us; do we care for those who are at the margins, do we redress some injustice by helping those who have less? This is called building peace.”*

Pope Francis, 1st November 2022

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## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: The Lord comes to rule the peoples with  
fairness.

6.00 pm: Sing a new song to the Lord: sing to the Lord all the  
earth! Sing a new song to, sing a new song to the  
Lord, bless his name. AK 29

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

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## 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. The Requiem Mass will be at 11.00 am on Saturday 26th November  
at St. Mary's Church, Harvington, followed by a burial at St. Mary's  
Cemetery. Please keep his family and friends in your kind thoughts and  
prayers.

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

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, like  
bric-a-brac, toiletries, books and children's toys etc. Items in good condition  
can now be brought to the Romero Room. Homemade cakes would also be  
gratefully received and can be brought to the hall the day before the  
Fayre. Raffle Tickets are still on sale from the Parish Hall after each Sunday  
Mass. If you have already bought the raffle tickets and have not yet paid,  
could you please pay ASAP and please bring the counterfoil tickets well  
before the Fayre. If you are willing to help on the day, please speak to Fr.  
George or contact the Parish Office.

## LIVE SIMPLY CHRISTMAS

Have you started your Christmas shopping yet? THEN STOP AND THINK. We  
all need to save money and energy, as well as living simply. Prepare for  
Christmas by sharing ideas on our Eco Christmas tree in the entrance. Write  
your idea/promise on a Christmas bauble and put it on the tree.  
For example: use wrapping paper and cards made from recycled or FSC  
(Forest Stewardship Council) certified paper, no foil or glitter on cards,  
make your own cards, walk locally to post your cards, send an e-card, no  
shiny wrapping paper - use brown paper, use string/ribbon instead of  
cellotape (made of plastic), avoid tinsel (made of plastic).

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

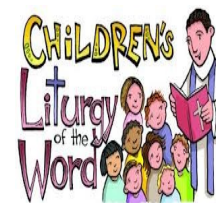
## PARISH YOUTH GROUP

**YOUTH  
GROUP**

The youth group is currently running on Friday evenings from 6.30 pm for children aged 9-14 years. All young people are welcome to attend.

## MARY'S MEALS: DOUBLE THE LOVE

Donations made to Mary's Meals until Tuesday 31st January 2023 will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1.5million. Today, we face some of our greatest challenges yet in a world devastated by conflict, food insecurity and the cost of living crisis, which we know is affecting people here in the UK as well as in the countries where we work. With Double the Love, your donation will be matched and your kindness will go even further – meaning we can reach even more desperately hungry children with a life-changing school meal. There are many ways to get involved, find out more at [marysmeals.org.uk](http://marysmeals.org.uk)



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be Children's Liturgy today and on the following Sundays during the 10.30 am Mass: 20th & 27th November, 4th & 11th December.

## COMMUNITY MEAL

The next Community Meal is the Christmas Lunch on Monday 12th December 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 today 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](mailto:DroitwichReferrals@svp.org.uk) or on 07772 927535.

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**Main Collection:**

**£324.59**

**Gift Aid last Sunday:**

**£241.50**

**Gift Aid Sunday 30th**

**October: £172.50**

**Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.**

**Mass attendance  
last Sunday: 263**

**The retiring  
collection for  
the Johnson  
Association raised:  
£94.55**

**Gift Aid: £176.50**

**Thank you for your  
generosity.**



### **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.



### **Next Sunday's Mass**

#### **Readings**

*2 Samuel 5: 1-3;*

*Psalm 121;*

*Colossians 1: 12-20;*

*Luke 23: 35-43*

*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.*

We are nearing the end of the liturgical year. It's the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time and next Sunday is the Solemnity of Christ the King and then it's on to the new liturgical year with Advent. So the next two weeks, the Church is using the end of the year theme to mirror a greater mystery – the end of history. Today's readings speak about endings and beginnings. The notion of ending may bring feelings of discomfort. However, these readings are not meant to frighten or depress. Instead, they are offered as spiritual aids reminding us of the mission to stay prepared for ourselves and for others.

Let us reflect on three important points based on the theme of the readings today. First the finality of externality: Observing people admiring the external beauty of the Temple of Jerusalem, Jesus says, "All these things you are staring at now, not a single stone will be left on another" and that is exactly what history proved. The temple of Jerusalem was termed as one of the wonders of the ancient world. But today, as Jesus foretold, remains only scattered stones and brick works and a small portion of the original wall of the temple. Interestingly and for the fact that in the Old Testament we see when an external force attacks the city, Yahweh allows the enemy to plunder and destroy the temple. Which shows that the external structures and the possessions are not lasting if the people failed to worship Yahweh. As is with external things, so also with human life. That our life is temporary and what we possess is also temporary. Secondly, be vigilant of false ideologies: In the Gospel Jesus says, "Be aware of false prophets who would say, Jesus is here and there". Refuse to join them. We could see people picking up scriptural words and interpreting them as they want. We know that any words from the scripture taken out of context can be misused or misinterpreted. But unfortunately many are victimised this way, even with miracles. Not that miracles cannot happen, it can happen; but if the miracles are the only primary goal of spirituality, then that is a false teaching. Thirdly, testify to faith all the time: Persecutions in the form of challenges to the faith can come any time in our life. We may not experience external persecutions as the early Christians did or Christians in some parts of the world do. More than our external things do, our actions testify our Christian faith? Are we shamed to say that I am a Christian to our friends and colleagues? Jesus promised to us that if we testify Him in front of Men He will testify us in front of the angels in Heaven. "Be faithful till the end, and I will give you the crown of Life" (Rev; 2:10).

There always seem to be people in every generation who blatantly stand out as "anti-Christ", and of course, every single year the climate changes in an alarming manner as a result of global warming. What I would suggest is that we're missing the point if we are seeking a sign or a date for the end times. The second coming of Jesus, the end of the world, transcends the logic of human history. We don't know when, how, or why Jesus will come. We can't figure out a date, nor should we. The point is that it will come, and is coming, and we are called to prepare. We don't prepare by building bomb shelters or stocking up on bread and milk, but in hopeful anticipation. Sometimes in theological terms, we use the Greek word Parousia to describe the end times. But this word more literally means the welcoming or grand arrival of an important guest. That's how we are called to approach the end – with hope and welcoming of the coming of Christ. God bless you all. Fr. George Mathew SCJ