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Today's Mass Readings

Exodus 19:2-6;

Psalm 99;

Romans 5:6-11;

Matthew 9:36-10:8

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

This Week: 18h June – 24th June (Psalter Week 3)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 18th June 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A Second Collection for the Day for Life	8:30 am Mary Josephine Mc Corry RIP (MM)) 10:30 am A Special Intention (A.M) 6:00 pm Maureen Fox RIP (D.F)	After 8:30 am Mass: Tea and Coffee in the Hall During 10:30 mass Children's Liturgy
Monday 19th June Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Brendan McGlinchey RIP(GM)	12.30-2.00 pm Community Meal
Tuesday 20th June Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Tony Ryan RIP (L&MR)	
Wednesday 21st June Memorial of Sf Aloysius Gonzaga	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Alan Remedios RIP	10:00 am until 6:00 pm: Adoration
Thursday 22nd June Feast of Ss John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Mary Leason RIP (MB)	
Friday 23rd June Feria	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Brenda O'Keeffe (J.C)	After Mass: Novena to the Sacred Heart 6.30-8.00 pm Youth Group
Saturday 24th June Solemnity of The Nativity of St John the Baptist	11:00 am Gladys Remedios RIP	10:15 am - 10:45 am: Confession Anointing of the Sick will take place during mass
Sunday 25th June Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A	8:30 am Fr. Terry Luxon RIP (MM) 10:30 am People of the Parish 6:00 pm Marie Martins (BO)	After 8:30 am Mass: Tea and Coffee in the Hall During 10:30 mass Children's Liturgy

"God wants young people to bring joy to the hearts of the elderly, as Mary did to Elizabeth, and gain wisdom from their experiences. Yet, above all, the Lord wants us not to abandon the elderly..."

Pope Francis via Twitter 15th June 2023

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am, 10.30 am We are his people: the sheep of his flock.
6:00 pm We are his people the sheep of his flock, his people
the sheep of his flock. He made us, we belong to
him, his people the sheep of his flock.

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, Frank Fawcett, 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 & Msgr. Graham Wilkinson

**Due to the new data regulations (GDPR), the Archdiocese have request-
ed that we do not list names unless we have the consent of the individu-
al. If you would like your name to be included in this list please contact
Fr. George SCJ or the Parish Office Please note that the newsletter is also
placed on the parish website. Thank you for your understanding.**

FR GEORGE MATHEW

Fr. George will be away for a Mission Talk this weekend. Fr. Dominic from
Olton Friary will cover Masses on this Sunday.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Your prayers are asked for Maureen Fox who died recently. May her soul
and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in
peace. Please keep her family and friends in your kind thoughts and
prayers.

SUMMER FAIR

The Parish Summer fair (Garden party) will be on Saturday 19th August
from 12noon till 3pm. As part of the Garden party, we will be organizing a
Raffle. If you would like to sponsor a raffle prize, please give your name to
Terry Poulten as soon as possible (or write your name on the clipboard in
the narthex). Raffle tickets will be available from next Sunday the 25th
June. If you would like to bring some flower plants to the garden party,
now is the time to start preparations.

PARISH SECRETARY

We are pleased to announce that the role of parish secretary has been
filled. Boguslawa Koniszewska (Bogusia) has been appointed as parish
secretary. She will be in the office Tuesday to Friday from 10am to 1pm.
Any enquires and communication please contact parish office by email:
sacredheart.droitwich@rcaob.org.uk . A big thank you to Jim and Sally
Spink for the continuous help in the parish office since Kate left.

JOURNEY IN FAITH

Are you looking to explore the Catholic faith? Are you wondering about your relationship with God and not sure where to start? Join us on a journey and see if the Catholic Church can help your relationship grow. This may be the right path for you. It may even help you take the next steps towards coming into the Church. The parish will be organising a Journey in Faith programme from September onwards. If you are already a Catholic and would like to learn more about your faith, or if you want to become a Catholic, now is the time to start exploring your faith. More updates about the programme to follow.

UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

I am happy to inform you all that the Universe Catholic Weekly has resumed print copies for its readers and is now available to purchase from the narthex. If you would like to place an order for a personal copy posted to your address, please contact: Michelle Jones, Circulation Sales Manager, Universe Catholic Weekly, Universe Catholic Weekly Limited, PO Box 585, Sale, Manchester M33 0JH. Email: michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk
Website: www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The Bereavement Café will be open to all in Droitwich Spa on 11th July 2023 10am-12noon at Rotary House, Corbett Avenue. If you want to find out more you might like to listen to the podcast from Radio Maria, Catholic radio station or make contact with us. We are continuing to collect complete jigsaw puzzles and colouring books for prisoners. If you know of anyone in need please do not hesitate to contact us on:-droitwichreferrals@svp.org.uk or 07772 927 535. Thank you for your support.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL PRAYER LEADER GROUP PEN-PAL PARISHONERS

We are the St Joseph's Prayer Leader group, and we are reaching out to the parishioners of our local church, here at Sacred Heart. As prayer leaders, we walk in the footsteps of Jesus by offering friendship to all. We like to share our happiness and the word of God through acts of kindness around our school. We would now like to extend this to our parish family. Would you like to receive a letter from the prayer leaders? We would like to have some pen-pal parishioners, who (with the help of Mrs Robinson) we can stay in touch with and be a friend to. If you are interested in receiving a letter from us and, in turn, writing one back, please email Father George who will pass your details onto us

JOB VACANCIES AT BLESSED EDWARD'S

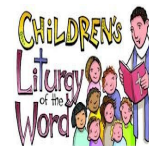
Teaching Assistant TA1/TA2 – required asap
Closing date: 10.00am Thursday 22 June 2023

School Business Manager – required for Autumn 2023
Closing date: 10.00am Monday 19 June 2023

More details to be found on our website:
<https://www.blessededward.co.uk/about-us/vacancies/>

COMMUNITY MEAL

The next Community Meal is on Monday 19th June at 12.30 pm in the Parish Hall.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy will restart today during the 10:30 am mass

YOUTH GROUP

PARISH YOUTH GROUP

The youth group runs during term time on Friday evenings from 6.30 pm for children aged 9-14 years. All young people are welcome to attend.

PARISH HALL BOOKINGS

Please contact Sally at volunteers.
sacredheart.droitwich@rcaob.org.uk or 07891144870

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Parish.

Mass attendance
last Sunday: 230



ST. VINCENT DE
PAUL SOCIETY: TEA
& COFFEE
AFTERNOON

If you would like some company, a drink, chat and cake then please come and join us on Sunday 9th July 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 or on Facebook, SVP Sacred Heart Droitwich.



Next Sunday's Mass
Readings

Jeremiah 20:10-13;

Psalms 68;

Romans 5:12-15;

Matthew 10:26-33

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.

Dear brothers and sisters, once again, we are back to the ordinary season. Does God really love us? Does God really care? Do I really feel that God cares for me? When a disaster strikes, unfortunately some people think God does not love them and does not care and they lose patience and distance themselves from God. That means they reduce God to an object that can be easily used and thrown away once we think it doesn't satisfy their purpose. We heard in our first reading that when God was giving the Israelites the covenant through Moses, he reminded them of all he had done for them: "You have seen for yourselves how I treated the Egyptians and how I bore you up on eagle wings and brought you here to myself" (Ex 19:4). Yet unfortunately when a hardship came their way, they forgot that God had borne them.

So, when Jesus was moved with pity for the crowds because they were like sheep without a shepherd, He appointed twelve apostles and sent them out on a mission to care for the people. Through the apostles, Jesus addressed the needs of the "shepherdless" crowds. The apostles were the specific way in which Jesus showed His love for His people. The church still continues this mission through her chosen instruments-the bishops, priests and lay ministers. In the gospel of today Jesus asks us to be compassionate and kind-hearted. How? That means knowing the ones who live with us in our family, society and those who are around us and like Jesus, cultivating a heart of compassion to those around us. Be aware of the spiritual and physical needs of others and seek opportunities to serve and help them (Matthew 9:36). One does not fulfil one's Christian responsibility by just attending a Mass on Sunday. It should go beyond merely attending Sunday Mass and trying to be involved in the pastoral life of the church by volunteering to do something in the church that needs a helping hand. That is what co-responsibility means. Jesus doesn't always call qualified people to carry out a task for Him. He calls and then he qualifies the one he calls. Therefore, I should not think that I am not qualified to do this job so I will not give a hand. When God calls you to a task or a specific ministry, respond in obedience and faith, trusting that He will equip and empower you (Matthew 10:1). Just as Jesus sent out His disciples to proclaim the good news, we are called to share the Gospel with others.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ