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### Today's Mass Readings

*Jeremiah 20:10-13;*  
*Psalm 68;*  
*Romans 5:12-15;*  
*Matthew 10:26-33*

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

This Week: 25h June – 1st July (Psalter Week 4)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
<b>Sunday 25th June</b> 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A	8:30 am Fr. Terry Luxon RIP (MM) 10:30 am Tony Bond RIP (J.B) 6:00 pm Marie Martin (BO)	After 8:30 am Mass: Tea and Coffee in the Hall During 10:30 mass Children's Liturgy
<b>Monday 26th June</b> Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am No Mass. Communion Service only	
<b>Tuesday 27th June</b> Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Holy Mass	
<b>Wednesday 28th June</b> Memorial of St Irenaeus Bishop, Doctor of the Church, Martyr	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am John Slater RIP (B.B)	10:00 am until 6:00 pm: Adoration
<b>Thursday 29th June</b> Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul, Apostles	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Jean Grieves (LD)	
<b>Friday 30th June</b> Feria	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Fr. Bryan SCJ	After Mass: Novena to the Sacred Heart 6.30-8.00 pm Youth Group
<b>Saturday 1st July</b> Feria	11:00 am Fr. Alex Rebello	10:15 am - 10:45 am: Confession
<b>Sunday 2nd July</b> Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A Second collection for Peter's Pence	8:30 am People of the Parish 10:30 am Holy Mass 6:00 pm Holy Mass	After 8:30 am Mass: Tea and Coffee in the Hall During 10:30 mass Children's Liturgy

*"To sow goodness is good for us. It brings a breath of gratuitousness into our lives and makes us more and more like God."*

*Pope Francis via Twitter 22nd June 2023*

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**8.30 am, 10.30 am** In your great love, answer me, O God.

**6:00 pm** In your love remember me, in your love remember  
me, in your great goodness O Lord remember me.

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

**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.

**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 this 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.

## 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.

## RETRouvaille: A PROGRAMME FOR COUPLES STRUGGLING IN THEIR MARRIAGES

Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 6 - 9 July 2023 or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 13-15 October 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

## 59TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Richard & Breda Wightman are celebrating their 59th Wedding Anniversary on Tuesday 27th June. Happy anniversary to both of you .

“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.” 1 Corinthians 13:13

## 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

## 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](mailto:michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk)

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## COMMUNITY MEAL

The next Community Meal is on Monday 24th July at 12.30 pm in the Parish Hall.



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy 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.

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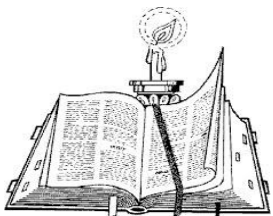
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**supporting your**  
**Parish.**

**Mass attendance**  
**last Sunday: 250**



**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](mailto:DroitwichReferrals@svp.org.uk) or on 07772 927535 or on Facebook, SVP Sacred Heart Droitwich.



**Next Sunday's Mass**  
**Readings**

*2 Kings 4:8-11.14-16;*  
*Psalms 88;*  
*Romans 6:3-4.8-11;*  
*Matthew 10:37-42*

*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.*

Gospel of Matthew Chapter ten speaks of the Mission of the twelve and in it Jesus states that the disciples are anointed with remarkable powers to heal, cast out demons, cleanse lepers, bring the dead to life. But he did not offer any economy package to his disciples. They are to embrace this noble mission in total vulnerability and dependence on God (10: 8-11), even knowing that they go as "sheep in the midst of wolves," face arrests and beatings, opposition even from family members, and hatred and persecution (10:16-23). What is DEPENDENCY on God? Our life depends on God: Our life is a precious gift from God. For we have been created in His own image God says to Jeremiah, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I set you apart and appointed you a prophet to the nations." And the Psalmists says, "For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well." (Psalm 139: 13-16). Our being gets its origin from God, in God alone. He takes every care of our life, provided we totally depend on him for our Christian way of living, for our both physical and psychological healing. It is also our responsibility to safeguard this valuable life, as a living sacrifice, pleasing in the eyes of the Lord.

As Christians we are invited to centre our life on Jesus, our Master and Lord. Our every thinking, action and deed must be animated by the Gospel, and our lives should always manifest the fragrance of Christ's love for us and for our neighbour. No matter what may come, "Do not fear" is the promising message in 10:24-31 (cf. 10:26, 28, 31). But first Jesus offers a warning: whatever fate awaits teachers or masters also awaits their disciples and slaves (10:24-25). If Israel's elites call Jesus "the prince of demons" (cf. 9:34, 12:24), the disciples should be ready for a similar response. "So have no fear of them" (10:26). Our presence in this world is to build God's kingdom of love, peace, joy, unity, forgiveness, reconciliation etc., and we need to withstand all difficulties for the mandate that has been entrusted to you and to me. "Hold your eyes on God and leave the doing to Him. That is all the doing you have to worry about," says St. Jane Frances de Chantal. Life's challenging situations, we depend on God: It is easy for us to depend on God in our ordinary life's situations. But our real faith lies when we totally depend on God in most challenging situations.

As Psalmist sings, "For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my deliverance and my honour; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God. Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. 'DO NOT FEAR' let it become foundation of our Christian calling, for Jesus is with us until the end of times. "Fear not, I am with you; be not dismayed; I am your God. I will strengthen you, and help you, and uphold you with my right hand of justice." Isaiah 41:10. God bless us.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ