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

Today's Mass Readings
Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16;
Psalm 147
1 Corinthians 10: 16-17;
John 6: 51-58

This Week: 11th June – 17th June (Psalter Week 2)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 11th June Solemnity of the Most Holy Body And Blood of Christ Year A Appeal & Second Collection for the Spiritans	8:30 am Isabella and Kevin Read RIP (MM) 10:30 am Michael Webb RIP (PW) 6:00 pm People of the Parish	After each Mass: Novena to the Sacred Heart After 8:30 am Mass: Tea and Coffee in the Hall 2:30pm - 4:30pm SVP Afternoon
Monday 12th June Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Mrs. Kate Hobday (GM)	After Mass: Novena to the Sacred Heart
Tuesday 13th June Memorial of St Anthony of Padua	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Catherine & Charles McGlinchey RIP (GM)	After Mass: Novena to the Sacred Heart
Wednesday 14th June Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Mr. Francis McCabe RIP (GM)	After Mass: Novena to the Sacred Heart 10:00 am until 6:00 pm: Adoration
Thursday 15th June Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Happy Birthday Agnes May (EK)	After Mass: Novena to the Sacred Heart
Friday 16th June Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	6:00 pm Holy Mass	After Mass: Novena to the Sacred Heart 7:00 pm Social in Parish Hall NB No Youth Group
Saturday 17th June Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	11:00 am Maryakutty Paulose RIP (J P)	10:15 am - 10:45 am: Confession Anointing of the Sick will take place during mass
Sunday 18th June Eleventh Sunday in 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

"It is necessary to accelerate the change of course in favour of a culture of care that is centred on human dignity and the common good, one nourished by an alliance between human beings and the environment that must mirror God's creative love."

Pope Francis via Twitter 7 June 2023

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.00 pm: O praise the Lord Jerusalem!

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.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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 organising 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) so that we will be able to print the tickets well in advance with the first three prizes. If you would like to bring some flower plants to the garden party, now is the time to start preparations.

Sacred Heart Feast: The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart will be celebrated on Friday 16th June with a Concelebrated Mass at 6pm. Canon Brian McGinley, the Dean of Kidderminster and Worcester, will be the main celebrant. This will be followed by a social in the Parish Hall. In preparation for the Feast, the novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will continue straight after each Mass.

MISSION APPEAL

Today the Holy Ghost Fathers (The Spiritans) will be having a Mission Appeal to raise fund for their mission activities. During all Masses Fr. Remigius Ndubuisi will be sharing information about their Missions and there will be a second collection for the Holy Ghost Fathers' Mission.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

This year the First Holy Communion mass will be on Saturday 17th June at 11am. There will be a rehearsal on Monday 12th June at 6:30pm. Let us keep the children who are making their First Holy Communion, and their families, in our prayers.

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

If you have any complete but unwanted jigsaw puzzles the prisoners at Long Lartin prison would love to have them, along with colouring and puzzle books. Donations can be left in the box at the back of church. Thank you all for your support. Contact for SVP is 07772927535 or DroitwichReferrals@svp.org.uk

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

Teacher of RE – Maternity Cover required for Sept 2023
Closing date: 10.00am Monday 12 June 2023

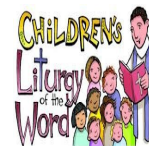
Teaching Assistant TA1/TA2 – required asap
Closing date: 10.00am Thursday 22 June 2023

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 on 18th June 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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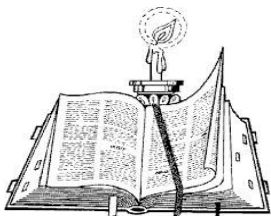
Mass attendance
last Sunday: 255



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 this Sunday 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

Exodus 19:2-6;

Psalms 99;

Romans 5:6-11;

Matthew 9:36-10:8

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 become what we eat. Today we celebrate the solemnity of Corpus Christi—the Body and Blood of Christ. This feast is part of the great unfolding of the Church's year, in which we celebrated the resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday, his Ascension into heaven, the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and the Holy Trinity just last Sunday. We have been doing a lot of celebrating. So why is today special? Precisely because today, we celebrate the fulfilment of a promise: the promise Jesus made when he said, "Behold, I am with you until the end of the age." I'm talking about the Eucharist—the real and tangible presence of Jesus Christ with us.

How Many of us really believe that the Eucharist (Holy Communion) is truly the Body and Blood of Jesus? During the Last Supper Jesus took bread and said, "This is my body, eat it" and took the cup and said, "This is my blood drink from it". St. Thomas Aquinas wrote that we sing at the end of Adoration, 'Tantum ergo sacramentum/ veneremur cernui/ et antiquum documentum/ novo cedat ritui/ praestet fides supplementum/ sensuum defectui'. These last five words mean: faith supplies (evidence) where the senses fail. When we receive the Eucharist, sure, it looks like bread and wine, tastes like bread and wine. But faith supplies what is lacking in the senses. If the bread and wine transubstantiate into Jesus' Body and Blood, then what does that mean to us? It means that the Eucharist is the most intimate encounter we can have with Jesus Christ on this side of death. It is mind-blowing to think that I can take Jesus, my God into my person, into my heart, flowing through my veins.

In our first reading from the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses reminds the people that God who led them out of Egypt, from slavery to freedom, fed them with manna to give them courage and strength in the wilderness. St. Augustine says, "If you receive the Eucharist well, you are what you eat". Therefore, Eucharist is the nourishment to us for what we already are. We are already united to Christ through faith and baptism. Each time we receive this sacrament we grow in that shared life of Christ. We become more of the person that we already are. So, what then should this mystery of the Eucharist do for us? How should we change as we receive the Eucharist from week to week? The Eucharist should give us more courage and more confidence. It helps us to deal with the trials of our own life. It gives us strength to deal with rejection, with sickness, even with death. When we receive the Eucharist, we receive the very courage of Christ, the strength through which Christ was able to face his passion. The very breaking of bread is symbolic of the breaking of the body of Christ who now sits at the right hand of the Father, the Christ who is leading the world into God's kingdom, who is limitless power and of limitless love. Therefore, we can receive this Christ in confidence, because his power and his strength will be with us. Today then, on this Feast of Corpus Christi, let us bring the issues of our life, whatever they may be, to this table. We bring here the things that trouble us, the things that hurt us, the things that we are afraid of, all the things that preoccupy our mind and believe in the power of the presence of Jesus always. Amen.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ