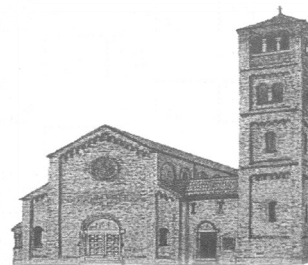




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**Welcome to this House
of God:**

**Talk to God before Mass
Listen to God during Mass
Talk to others after Mass**

Today's Mass Readings

Acts 7:55-60;

Psalms 97(96);

Apocalypse 22:12-14,16-17,20;

John 17:20-26

This Week: 1st –8thJun 2025 Psalter week 3	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 1st June Seventh Sunday of Easter Year C Second collection for Catholic communication	8:30 am Christopher Fitzpatrick RIP (SC) 10.30 am McGinley Family (DM) 12.00 noon Baptism 6.00 pm Chinnamma George RIP (SD)	After 8.30 am Mass: Tea & coffee in the Hall
Monday 2nd June Easter Feria	9.45 am Morning Prayer 10.00 am Private Intention (P&CI)	
Tuesday 3rd June Memorial of Ss Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs	8:50 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am For peace in the world	
Wednesday 4th June Easter Feria	8:50 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Private Intention (P&CI)	After Mass– Adoration till 6.00 pm.
Thursday 5th June Memorial of St Boniface, Bishop, Martyr	8:50 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Fr Ronald Cosslett RIP	After Mass-Church cleaning 2.00 pm Private Church Tour 5.30 pm Reception of the body
Friday 6th June Easter Feria	8:50 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Daniel Georgeovich RIP (GS)	After Mass Triduum prayer to the Holy Spirit. 11.00 am Requiem Mass for Liam Christopher Kinnally
Saturday 7th June Easter Feria	10.30 am Morning Prayer 11.00 am Alan Remedios RIP (AK)	10.15-10.45 am Confessions After Mass Triduum prayer to the Holy Spirit 12:00-5:00 pm Visitor Centre in the Romero Room, Parish Hall
Sunday 8th June Solemnity of Pentecost Year C	8:30 am Isabella & Kevin Read RIP(MM) 10.30 am Moses Hodgetts RIP and all lost infants (CH) 12.00 noon Baptism 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 am Mass: Tea & coffee in the Hall After Masses Triduum prayer to the Holy Spirit 10.30 am Children's Liturgy 2.03 SVP Afternoon

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**PARISH HALL
BOOKINGS**

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am & 6.00 pm

The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Please pray for all our parishioners, and/or their friends and relatives, who
are unwell:

Beryl Hill, Alan Hurst, John Jennings, Andrew McDermott, Michael Sheridan,
Jacky Smith, Paul Smith, Margaret Steward, Richard Wightman, Mrs. Roma,
Judy Lynam Pyper, Peggy Garvey and Josephine Gylee.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Your prayers are asked for Liam Christopher Kinnally, Fr. Ronald Cosslett
and John Edwin Dugmore who died recently. May they soul and the souls of
all faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

The Requiem Mass of Fr. Ronald Cosslett will be on Thursday 5th June at 12
noon at St. George's Church Worcester.

The Requiem Mass for Liam will be on Friday 6th June at 11.00 am. His body
will be brought to the Church on the evening before at 5.30 pm.

The Funeral Service of John Edwin Dugmore will be on 19th June at 11.00
am.

Please keep their family and friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

SACRED HEART SUMMER FAIR 19TH JULY 2025

The Parish Summer Fair will be on Saturday 19th July. As part of the Summer
Fair 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 are available to buy
from the parish hall after each Mass. Please buy some tickets for yourself
and for your friends and family. In addition, there will be stalls such as cakes,
bric-a-brac, tombola, toiletries, toys and books. Please start bringing items
for these stalls, especially items for tombola and toiletries.

REFUGEE COLLECTION

Thank you once again for the wonderful selection of adult and baby knitted
items, so exquisitely crafted. The care that has gone into producing these
items is so heartwarming.

Also thank you for the miscellaneous items of clothing. A special thank you
once again to the person who packs and labels items so thoughtfully.

Wool and other related items are available in the cupboard at the church
entrance, and donations of the same would be gratefully accepted to help
defray costs. Please continue knitting and I will collect again in a few
months.

JOHN & GINA PILLEY— SUPPORTING ST RICHARD'S HOSPICE

John and Gina have signed up to support St Richard's Hospice by doing a 3-day trek in the Alps 13/17th June 2025. There are leaflets at the back of church giving a QR code should you wish to donate to our Just Giving page. We will also be at the back of church after each Mass on 1st and 8th June should you wish to sponsor us and help St Richard's Hospice to help those in need. Thank you for your support. John and Gina.

'MISSIO' THE POPE'S CHARITY IN ENGLAND AND WALES FOR WORLD MISSION

As you know, every year there is a second collection for 'Missio', usually in October. However, some parishioners contribute throughout the year by using a Red Box to save small change, or regular Direct debits to donate to the charity. In 2024 our Parish raised £267.41 through these means. A big Thank-you to all of them! If you would like to contribute through the Red Box scheme or take out a Direct debit please leave your name with Fr.George, Bro.Patrick or the Parish secretary for further information.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI

Kidderminster and Worcester Deanery are organising a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi, including the tomb of Bl. Carlo Acutis, who may be a saint by then. The pilgrimage is from 22nd - 27th November 2025. This is an opportunity to see the new Pope, Leo XIV. The total cost of the ticket, including travel, food and lodging, is £850 for adults and children over 9 years and £805 for children below 9 years old. If you are interested, please contact Fr. George or Parish office for more information.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION WORCESTER CIRCLE

The summer outing to Harvington Hall will be on Saturday June 28th and we will be having a guided tour of Harvington Hall starting at 1.30pm. We need to arrive by 1.15. The cost will be £12 per person. Transport can be arranged for those who do not have access to a car. Note that, although the Hall, as a medieval building, has chairs in most rooms, it cannot accommodate walking frames or wheelchairs.

If you are interested, please let John Duddington know by 20th June at the latest by emailing him on duddingtonjohn@gmail.com

PUBLIC CHURCH TOUR

As part of our National Lottery Heritage Fund project we continue to run activities for the local community. Church tours will be conducted on one Saturday each month. To book, visit the website:

<http://www.sacredheartdroitwich.org.uk/the-church/church-tours/>

One Saturday a month children's mosaic workshops and mini tours will run. To book, visit the website:

<http://www.sacredheartdroitwich.org.uk/news-and-events/upcoming-events/>

Thanks to all our volunteers who continue to make this work possible.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be Children's Liturgy during 10.30 am mass on **8th, 15th, 22th, 29th June and 6th, 13th July.**

PARISH YOUTH GROUP

Runs during term time on Friday evenings from 6.30 pm for children aged 9-14 years.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Clare Tomlinson, Carla Tucker and Bogusia Koniszewska-Fijolek. They can be contacted by email: sg.sacredheart.droitwich@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

Main Collection:**£328.96****Gift Aid: £215.00**

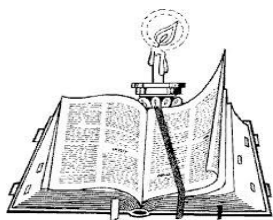
**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**Mass attendance
last Sunday: 261**



**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 **8th June** from 2.30 pm to 4.00 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**

Acts 2:1-11

*Psalms 104(103);**Romans 8:8-17;**John 14:15-16, 23b-26*

Dear brothers and sisters, three days ago we celebrated the Ascension of Jesus, the physical separation of Jesus from the apostles. So, what is the meaning of Ascension for us today? "While He blessed them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven" Luke 24:52. In simple language He went into the sky. The Bible and tradition use the sky to symbolize the transcendent, which goes beyond our ordinary world of space and time, our ordinary experience. It's the realm that's proper to God. So, for example, we speak about God being eternal. We don't mean that God just goes on and on: that's not what we mean. Eternity is that which is outside of time, above time. Or we speak of God as being everywhere. It doesn't mean God is like oxygen that's everywhere on earth. It means God is above space, He transcends space. So, when we speak of Jesus ascending to heaven, we're not talking about a space journey, Jesus travelling millions of light years away, which will be too far from us and unreachable to us. But we are talking about the translation of Jesus from this dimension of space and time now into the dimension of God. He has gone into a higher realm where He is actually closer to us, more available to us than He was before.

To clarify this idea, think of a square, a triangle and a circle on a two-dimensional plane. Now, if I were to introduce a third dimension, that square becomes a cube and that triangle becomes a pyramid and the circle becomes a sphere. It's not as though the square, the triangle and the circle have been lost; rather they have now been brought up to a higher pitch of existence. Another dimension has been introduced, which makes its being richer. That's a way of getting at what the Church means when it speaks of Jesus now ascending into heaven. So, taking this human nature, our humanity, it is now translated into this higher pitch of existence. Again, it is not the escape of the soul from the body but rather the resurrection of the body, the elevation of this lowly body to be a spiritual body, as Paul says. It's a spiritual body, like the square that's become a cube, now at a higher pitch of existence. Where the Lord has gone, we hope to follow. That's why the Ascension is a feast of hope for us as we look forward to this resurrection of the body. So the biblical vision of Ascension is not "let's get rid of the earth" or "let's escape from the earth as quickly as we can." That might be Plato's idea. The Biblical idea of the Ascension is heaven and earth meet.

John's chapter 17 gives us the Priestly Prayer or The High Priestly Prayer of Jesus. There is a fourfold prayer in the gospel reading: One: "Keep them in Your name that You have given Me, so that they may be one just as We are" (verse 11). Jesus prays that we remain united in His name. We, therefore, pray for Christian unity and unity in our homes, communities, churches, and country instead of suspicion and antipathy. Two: "I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely" (verse 13). It is the prayer of Jesus that we share in His joy. Jesus prays in John 15:11 that His joy may be in us and that our joy may be complete. May nothing take away the joy we have received from the Lord. Three: "I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one" (verse 15). Jesus encourages us, "In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world" (John 16:33). Four: "Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth" (verse 17). Jesus prays that we are consecrated or sanctified in the truth. God's word is the best cleansing agent for our soul and body. Therefore, if we 'soak' ourselves in God's word, we will be sanctified. Jesus says, "You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:32). Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday when we will celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit. We are all encouraged to be drawn to the wonderful celebration. Everyone is invited to participate in the Triduum Prayer to the Holy Spirit starting on this Friday as part of the personal spiritual exercise to prepare for the Feast of Pentecost. May God, who is close to us, always bless us.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ