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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 2:1-11

Psalms 104(103);

Romans 8:8-17;

John 14:15-16, 23b-26

This Week: 8th-15th Jun 2025	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
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 10.30 am Children's Liturgy 2.30 pm SVP Afternoon
Monday 9th June Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Meerak RIP (GS)	
Tuesday 10th June Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Communion Service	
Wednesday 11th June Memorial of St Barnabas, Apostle	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Ellen Yoward RIP (JY)	After Mass– Adoration till 6.00 pm.
Thursday 12th June Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am For Vocations to the Priesthood	
Friday 13th June Memorial of St Anthony of Padua, Priest, Doctor of the Church	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Peter Servini speedy recovery (GS)	6.30 pm Youth Group
Saturday 14th June Feria	10.30 am Rosary 11.00 am John & Mercy (MM)	10.15-10.45 am Confessions 12:00-5:00 pm Visitor Centre in the Romero Room, Parish Hall 12.00-3.00 pm Children Tour & Workshop
Sunday 15th June Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity Year C Second collection for Day for Life	8:30 am Mary Josephine McCorry RIP(MM) 10.30 am Jadwiga Fijolek RIP(BKF) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 am Mass: Tea & coffee in the Hall 10.30 am Children's Liturgy

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PARISH HALL BOOKINGS

Please contact Sally at
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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am

Send for your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

6.00 pm

Send forth your spirit O Lord, that the face of the earth be renewed.

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 John Edwin Dugmore who died recently. May his
soul and the souls of all faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in
peace. The Funeral Service of John Edwin Dugmore will be on 19th June at
11.00 am. Please keep his family and friends in your kind thoughts and
prayers.

SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

As every year, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
as our parish feast. On Friday the 27th of June we as a parish
community solemnly celebrate the feast with Holy Mass at 5.30pm,
followed by a meal in the parish hall. We cordially invite you all for the
Solemn Mass and the meal afterwards. Please do come with your
family and friends to celebrate our parish feast. As part of the spiritual
preparation for the feast, we have a novena to the Sacred Heart after
Mass, starting on Thursday the 19th of June. All those who can, please
do come for the novena.

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.

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



THE JUBILEE LOGO 2025

The logo shows four stylized figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples. The figure at the front is holding onto the cross. It is not only the sign of the faith which this

lead figure embraces, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need. There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolising the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. Often the circumstances of daily life and events in the wider world require a greater call to hope. That's why we should pay special attention to the lower part of the cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into the waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. In maritime jargon the 'anchor of hope' refers to the reserve anchor used by vessels involved in emergency manoeuvres to stabilise the ship during storms. It is worth noting that the image illustrates the pilgrim's journey not as an individual undertaking, but rather as something communal, marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the cross. The cross in the logo is by no means static, but it is also dynamic. It bends down towards humanity, not leaving human beings alone, but stretching out to them to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope. At the bottom of the logo is the motto of the 2025 Jubilee Year: Peregrinantes in Spem (Pilgrims in hope), represented in green letters.

DAY FOR LIFE 2025

"Every year, the Church in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, jointly marks the Day for Life, as a reminder of the need to respect and protect the inherent value and dignity of each life. This year, it will be celebrated on Trinity Sunday, the 15th of June. The faithful are invited to join in prayer and promotion of the Day. Useful resources, including a message from the three bishops, and prayers, can be found on the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales' website. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/> On the 15th of June we will also hold a second collection for the Day for Life Fund. Every year, the fund allocates over £200,000 in grants, to organisations which promote the Christian respect for life from conception to natural death, in various ways. This has made a significant impact in local communities of England and Wales by, for example, providing mothers and children with necessary means. This would be impossible if it were not for your generous support to the fund. We therefore invite you to give as much as you can and encourage others to do so.

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:**£322.87****Gift Aid: £247.5**

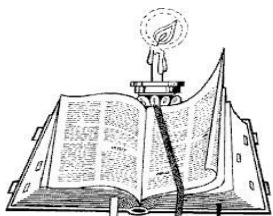
**Second collection
for Catholic
Communication
£69.82**

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**Mass attendance
last Sunday: 311**

**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**

Proverbs 8:22-31

Psalms 8;

Romans 5:1-5;

John 16:12-15

All of us go for our holidays to various places. Some curious explorers go to places they never visited before and countries with different cultures and languages. Have you ever experienced confusion and helplessness when travelling to those countries or places where no one speaks your language? And suddenly from nowhere you hear a voice that speaks your language. Doesn't that bring a sense of comfort and connection? The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, recounts a similar transformative moment in early Christianity. The Holy Spirit descended upon the gathered disciples during the Jewish festival of Shavuot, known to Christians as Pentecost. This event, occurring fifty days after Passover, was traditionally a time to celebrate the giving of the Torah at Sinai. Luke's narrative reinterprets this festival as the inauguration of a new covenant, marked by the outpouring of the Spirit and the birth of the church's mission to the world. The passage describes a sudden, dramatic event: a sound like a violent wind fills the house, tongues of fire rest upon each disciple, and they begin to speak in various languages. This phenomenon draws a diverse crowd of Jews from across the Mediterranean, each hearing the message in their native tongue. This multilingual proclamation signifies the universal reach of the Gospel and the inclusive nature of the emerging Christian community.

Before his Ascension Jesus had enjoined the apostles to remain in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, comes. The apostles and the other followers of Jesus very wisely huddled around Mary and "devoted themselves with one accord to prayer". They prayed together with Mary to learn from her how to get ready to receive the Holy Spirit, for it was she who was overshadowed by the Holy Spirit at Jesus's virginal conception and who continually lived as a Spouse of the Holy Spirit, receiving and responding to his inspirations in an exemplary way. United with her they prayed, and they waited until they all were filled with the Holy Spirit. It is crucial for us to ponder the role of the Holy Spirit in our Christian life. What does Pentecost mean to us today? For us to receive the Holy Spirit we must long for Him, long for Him like Mary and the apostles, and then we must allow Him to transform us. How does the Holy Spirit want to transform us as we receive Him? We can focus on four ways.

The first way is through our prayer. The Holy Spirit helps us to learn how to pray. To receive the Holy Spirit well means that we're ready to cooperate in our prayer and allow Him to change the way we pray and then we become what we pray. Secondly, He wants to transform us as we receive Him. The Holy Spirit is sent to guide us. To receive the Holy Spirit means that we want Him to help us to put to death in us whatever lives by the flesh so that we may totally live by His inspiration, His in-breathing, as Mary and the apostles did, and as the saints have ever since. Thirdly, He wants to transform us into missionaries and make us boldly and confidently share the faith with others. By baptism and confirmation we've all received the same Holy Spirit that the apostles received on Pentecost. So, we need to use every means we have and announce Christ's kingdom in and around where we live and move. Lastly, the Holy Spirit wants to transform us by making us aware of His gifts so that we might use them to transform ourselves and others. He has given each of us "spiritual gifts" so that we may carry out the "different forms of service" necessary to make Christ's Body, the Church, strong. He wants to help us to recognize what our gifts are and, just as importantly, to use them to build up our family, parishes and the Church as a whole and help it fulfil its mission in the world. The mission of the Church is not just for ordained or consecrated "specialists". To receive the Holy Spirit is to recognize that we are called to be contributors rather than consumers, givers rather than takers, co-responsible participants rather than seated spectators in the mission Christ has given to the Church. God bless us.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ