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BETHARRAM

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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

Isaiah 66:10-14

Psalms 66(65);

Galatians 6:14-18;

Luke 10:1-12,17-20

This Week: 6th– 13th July 2025 Psalter Week 2	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 6th July Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C Second collection for Red Box	8:30 am People of the Parish 10.30 am Mariyakutty Francis RIP (MF) 12.00 noon Baptism 6.00 pm Elke Schmitt RIP (P&JL)	After 8.30 am Mass: Tea & coffee in the Hall 10.30 am Children's Liturgy
Monday 7th July Feria	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Vibha Thomas (JT)	
Tuesday 8th July Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am For the terminally ill and the house bound	12.45 pm Private Church Tour
Wednesday 9th July Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Mary Leason RIP (MB)	After Mass– Adoration till 6.00 pm.
10th July Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am For the departed souls who have no one to pray for them.	
Friday 11th July Feast of St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Holy Mass	Sacred Heart Novena after Mass 6.30 pm Youth Group
Saturday 12th July Feria	10.30 am Rosary 11.00 am Holy Mass	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's Workshop Tour
Sunday 13th July Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C Second collection for Apostleship of the Sea	8:30 am Milbrough Blizzard RIP(RB) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm Holy Mass	After 8.30 am Mass: Tea & coffee in the Hall 10.30 am Children's Liturgy 2.30 SVP Afternoon

**“ Let us pray together that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose path of
life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.”**

Pope Leo XIV via Twitter 3rd July 2025

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PARISH HALL BOOKINGS

Please contact Sally at
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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am , 10.30 am & 6.00 pm

Cry out with joy to God, 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, Josephine Gylee & Michael James.

SACRED HEART SUMMER FAIR 19TH JULY 2025

FROM 11.00AM to 2.00PM

The Parish Summer Fair will be on Saturday 19th July. We are hoping and
praying for delightful sunny weather for our Summer Fair. We are also
hoping to have a BBQ, International food stalls, games organized by Youth
Group and much more.

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.

RED BOX APPEAL 6TH JULY

This week we welcome Fr Joseph Thangaraj Balaswamy MHM to give an Red
Box appeal. Thank you to parishioners who already give to Missio, the
Pope's charity for World Mission. Your generous donations either through
the Red Box or Direct Debit support the Church around the World where it is
young or in need. There will not be a second collection as the appeal is for
membership to the Red Box scheme. Please keep the work of Missio and the
Mill Hill Missionaries in your prayers. To find out more: www.missio.org.uk

JOB VACANCY

Blessed Edward Oldcorne Catholic College has a vacancy for a Teaching
Assistant TA2.

Application closing date: 10.00am Wednesday 16 July 2025 Start date:
September 2025. Please see the school website for information and an
application form: <https://www.blessededward.co.uk/about-us/vacancies/>

INVITATION TO UPCOMING SCHOOL MASSES

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School would like to warmly invite the
parishioners to two upcoming school Masses, which will take place at
10:30am in the school hall:

Thursday, 10th July – a school Mass (not the mass of the day)

Thursday, 17th July – Leavers' Mass (not the mass of the day)

All are very welcome to join us in prayer and celebration with the school
community.

**70TH BIRTHDAY AND 40TH YEARS
OF RELIGIOUS LIFE OF PATRICK LEIGHTON SCJ**

The Fathers and Brothers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus of Betharram cordially invite you all for the 70th Birthday and the Ruby Jubilee of the Religious Profession of Br. Patrick on Monday 21st of July 2025, 6pm Jubilee Mass here at Sacred Heart church and followed felicitation and buffet. Please keep this day in your diary.

MOSAIC RESTORATION UPDATE

The restoration of the mosaics in the church is coming close to completion. The Lady Chapel is still to be started and there are some repairs to do in the main body of the church - chiefly on the panel depicting the death of St Richard. The crane will be removed on Monday 7th July and the current aim is for the work to be completely finished on Friday 25th July.

It is to everyone's credit that we have managed to keep the church open and functioning throughout; many thanks are due to the restoration team for their patience and understanding. Also to the parishioners, particularly those who attend weekday Masses, for their tolerance of the disruption.

But special thanks must go to National Lottery players for the restoration work is wholly funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund.

NET (NATIONAL EVANGELISATION TEAMS) MINISTRIES

NET (National Evangelisation Teams) Ministries USA is a Catholic Missionary Organisation in America whose mission is to serve young people and help them encounter Christ in a personal way and help them grow in their faith. They do this by conducting retreats in schools throughout the US. I, Vibha Thomas, an 18 year old parishioner, will be serving as a missionary with them for the 2025 - 2026 Mission year, starting in August and ending in May. To do this year of mission, I'll need to fundraise seven thousand pounds, which will fund my expenses while there. Your support and prayers would be greatly appreciated! Here is the link to support my mission. give.netusa.org/vibhathomas. If you'd like to support me via bank transfer instead, please contact me! My contact info: vibha.thomas@netusa.org, 07872929457

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

6th and 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:

£369.50

Gift Aid: £128.00

Second collection for

Peter's Pence:

£116.10

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**Mass attendance
last Sunday: 319**

**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 **13th July** 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**

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Psalm 69(68);

Colossians 1:15-20 ;

Luke 10:25-37

Today the liturgy calls us to reflect on God's care and the call to discipleship. Through the readings we see the joy of trusting in God, the importance of humility and the hope found in sharing His love with others. These themes encourage us to rejoice in God's blessings, rely on Jesus and embrace the mission He has given us. In the second reading St. Paul reminds us about the true glory that was revealed to us by the Cross of Christ. For us Christians, the Cross is the symbol God's unconditional love for us. It reminds us of who we are, and it is humbling to realise how much God loves us and brings salvation to the world. This reflection on the Cross invites us to live unpretentiously, trusting in God's plan rather than our own achievements. Paul's message shows us that our lives should centre on Jesus and His sacrifice, not on seeking approval or power from others. When we focus on the Cross, it changes our outlook on our lives and others. It helps us to embrace faith, hope and love, even in the face of challenges.

The Gospel reading from Luke (10:1-9) portrays a glimpse of life with Jesus and His disciples. As the disciples are sent on a mission, preaching and healing in Jesus's name, their work brings joy, even though it involves hardship. They are learning and growing, becoming more like Jesus through their actions. Discipleship brings both challenges and hope. So, who is a disciple and what is discipleship? A disciple is one who sits by the master and learns from him. The goal of a disciple is to become like Jesus the Master, who is the prototype of the first Adam whom God created in His own image and likeness. When the first Adam revolted against God and tried to become like God, he lost his original grace and beauty. As a result, we all inherited this natural endowment of human nature which was contaminated by sin. Since we human beings are too weak and fragile, God took the initiative to restore His own image and likeness in us by sending Jesus into the world so that we will learn from Him and one day become like Him. This is the purpose of discipleship and the goal of a disciple. This is not always easy. It involves commitment and dedication, but at the end of the day it is rewarding. We can find joy in following Jesus when we remember that He is with us and gives us the strength we need. As disciples journeying with Jesus, we ought not to rely on anything but God alone, who is our ultimate reliance. We ought to focus on the mission of love and peace, which emanates from Christ and flows through us to others - this is our mission.

As I am talking to you now, there are still many people out there who have not known the Lord and His truth, His teachings and salvation. And even among many of those who have heard about the Lord, many still do not truly know Him, and there are still even those who have the wrong ideas and impressions about our Christian faith and about God. Within the Church itself, amongst our own fellow brothers and sisters, there are many who still have not truly believed in the Lord or have a strong and genuine faith in Him. That is why it is up to us to reach out to them all and to show our true faith to them, not just with mere words but also through genuine actions and interactions. Let us all therefore renew our commitment to the Lord to be active participants in our faith in the Lord and in our membership of the Church of God, in our various respective communities and within our own families and circles of friends. May the Lord continue to strengthen us in our resolve and journey and help us all to persevere in faith, in being great beacons of light and hope for others around us and be the genuine bearers of God's love for all, now and always.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ