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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

Habakkuk 1:2-3;2:2-4

Psalms 95(94);

2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14

Luke 17:5-10

This Week: 5th– 15th Oct 2025 Psalter Week 3	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 5th October Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C Second collection for CAFOD Harvest Day	8:30 am Anthony Hynes RIP(KB) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm Thomas Payyanat (JT)	After 8.30 am Mass: Tea & coffee in the Hall Children's Liturgy during 10.30 am Mass
Monday 6th October Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Mary & James McDonnell RIP (B+N)	
Tuesday 7th October Memorial of St Our Lady of the Rosary	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am <u>Communion Service</u>	11.30 am Private Church Tour
Wednesday 8th October Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am <u>Communion Service</u>	
Thursday 9th October Feast of Saint John Henry Newman, Priest	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am <u>Communion Service</u>	After Communion Service—Church cleaning
Friday 10th October Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am <u>Communion Service</u>	After Communion Service—Novena to the Sacred Heart
Saturday 11th October Feria	11.00 am Alan Remedios RIP(AK)	10.15-10.45 Confession 12:00-5:00 pm Visitor Centre in the Romero Room, Parish Hall 12.30-3.00 pm Children's Workshop Tour
Sunday 12th October Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C Second collection for SVP	8:30 am Fr. Tom Kelly 90th Birthday (BB) 10.30 am Mr. K Devasia RIP 6.00 pm Mary Ryan (DR)	After 8.30 am Mass: Tea & coffee in the Hall Children's Liturgy during 10.30 am Mass 2.30pm SVP Afternoon

**"Let us pray together that believers in different religious traditions might work together
to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity."**

Pope Leo XIV via Twitter 30th September 2025

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PARISH HALL BOOKINGS

Please contact Sally at
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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am , 10.30 am and 6.00 pm

O that day you would listen to His voice! 'Harden not your hears.'

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.

FR. GEORGE MATHEW SCJ

Fr. George will be away on his annual retreat this week. Therefore, from
Tuesday to Friday, there will be no Holy Mass, but there will be a
Communion Service instead.

JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA)

The next Journey in Faith will take place on 13th October at 7.00 pm and the
topic will be 'Getting to know God: The Creed 1'.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2025

Children who are in Year 6 or above in September and are not at St. Joseph's
Catholic Primary School can be prepared to receive the Sacrament of
Confirmation on 3rd December at 7.00 pm. If you would like your child to be
part of the parish preparation group please could you contact Fr. George or
the parish office, the last day to give the names for the confirmation is
Sunday the 12th of October. Confirmation sessions will start on 11th
October at 9.30am in the Hall.

CHRISTMAS FAIR 29TH NOVEMBER

The Parish Fair is a time when we can all come together as a Parish Family,
apart from liturgical services, to meet and greet our fellow parishioners,
twice a year. Although small, it is one way of raising some additional funds
for the parish to cope with the massive increases in energy costs during
last three years, though this winter is likely to be better than the last couple
of winters. The Christmas Fair this year will be on Saturday 29th November
from 11.00am till 2pm. Please keep this date in your diary. There is a
clipboard at the back of the church, if you would like to sponsor a Raffle
Prize, please write your name and the prize you would like to sponsor.

HERITAGE OPEN DAY

The event on 13th September was a phenomenal success. There were 159
visitors to the church on that day and on average each visitor spent 42
minutes in the church itself. Most of them also went into the Visitor Centre
and to the café in the parish hall. The café ran out of cake... This is an annual
event which takes place across the country every September. Feedback
from visitors was very complimentary. Many thanks to all who supported
the event.

NEW KEYHOLDERS

Are you free one morning or afternoon to open and close the Parish Hall? If
you are working during the day, would you be free one evening? Opening
and closing the Parish Hall is a simple routine that doesn't require much of
your time. If you are able to help, please contact the parish secretary
01905773258 or email to sacredheart.droitwich@rcaob.org.uk

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL THIS HARVEST

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 03033033030. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year.

SVP APPEAL

There will be a second collection at all Masses on 12th October for Sacred Heart SVP. There will be SVP members at the back of the church after each Mass if you wish to find out more about what they do and how you can help.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2025

This year World Mission Sunday is on October 19th and on that day every Catholic parish around the world celebrates Mass together and has a special collection for Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission. The second collection that Sunday will be for Missio.

CHRISTMAS CARD

Soon it will be Christmas: This year we are planning to make some Christmas Cards with the picture of the Mosaic which we aim to make available for you to buy by November. So, if you have plan to by the Christmas Cards form the town, please hold on, we will have beautiful Christmas cards for you.

CHRISTMAS MOSAIC WREATH WORKSHOP

Join us for a friendly afternoon of mosaic inspired crafts. Expert mosaic artist Anne Tyson of Flowerpot Mosaics will teach you the basics of mosaic making. You will make your own Christmas wreath to take home. When: Saturday 15th November 2-5pm. Where: Church Hall. Cost: £40 (£36 for project volunteers) The ticket price includes unlimited hot drinks and mince pies. Spaces are limited to 15 people. Pre-booking and payment prior to the event is essential. To book your place email the church office: sacredheart.droitwich@rcaob.org.uk

NATIONAL LOTTERY PROJECT – PUBLIC TOURS & CHILDREN'S WORKSHOPS

The next public church tours (with a café) will take place on:

Saturday 25th October @ 2pm

Saturday 22nd November @ 2pm

The next public children's workshops (mini church tour & mosaic-making session) will take place on:

Saturday 11th October @ 12:30 & 2:30pm

Saturday 8th November @ 12:30 & 2:30pm

In December (due to other bookings for the church & parish hall) there will be one, family-oriented event to include a church tour aimed at children, carol singing, a mini mosaic-making session (for the children) and free festive refreshments (tea, coffee, hot chocolate, mince pies...). This will take place on Saturday 6th December @ 3:30pm. All of these events can be booked on Eventbrite, links can be found on the parish website. Or by contacting the Hall Booking Secretary.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be Children's Liturgy during 10.30 am mass on **5th and 12th October.**

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:**£257.29****Gift Aid: £193.80****Second Collection****For Fr Hudson's****Caritas £191.20**

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**Mass attendance
last Sunday: 249**

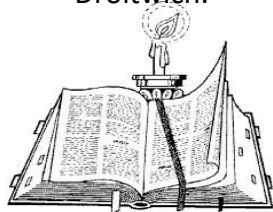
**ST. VINCENT DE
PAUL SOCIETY:
TEA & COFFEE
AFTERNOON**

If you would like
some company, a
drink, chat and cake
then please come
and join us on

Sunday 12th

October 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 DroitwichReferral
s@svp.org.uk or on
07772 927535 or on
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**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings**

2 Kings 5:14-17

Psalms 98(97);

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Luke 17:11-19

The Readings on this Sunday reminds us to trust God, even when life feels unfair or unclear. The readings speak of faith that waits with hope, worship that listens, and service that does what is needed. The first reading is taken from the prophet Habakkuk, who lived in Judah around the late 7th century BC, a time when Babylon was rising in power and would soon invade Judah. People were suffering, leaders were corrupt, and violence seemed to go unchecked. Amidst of this fear uncertainty Habakkuk speaks to God from his heart. He is troubled because the wicked appear to prosper while the innocent suffer. He cannot understand why a just God allows evil to continue. His words sound very much like the questions we ask today when we see war, corruption and pain in our own world. God's answer, however, is unexpected: He tells: "The righteous shall live by faith". that God's justice will come and that evil will not win forever. A father once lost his job unexpectedly and was anxious about how he would provide for his family. Each day he worried about rent, school fees and food on the table. One evening his little daughter noticed his troubled face and said, "Daddy, let's just pray for today's bread. Tomorrow we can pray again". Her simple trust struck him. He didn't need to solve every problem at once; he only needed to trust God for today. In the same way, the disciples in today's Gospel ask Jesus, "Increase our faith!" They think they need a bigger faith to follow Him faithfully. But Jesus tells them that even faith as small as a mustard seed a tiny seed barely visible can uproot a tree and plant it in the sea.

So, what is this little faith? The classical definition of faith is, "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things unseen" (Hebrews 11:1). When someone judges something to be true either because it is evident to their senses or because it is evident to their reason, the judgment is not a matter of faith. It is a matter of knowing these things. However, one believes something not because it is evident to one's own senses or reason, but because someone else sees it and testifies to it. Believing something on the word or testimony of another person is called faith. Faith, then, is not a case of believing something without any evidence or reason at all, but a case of believing something with another kind of evidence besides one's own senses or reason. The articles of our faith cannot be completely verified and scrutinised in a science laboratory. We need a certain amount of faith to believe even the scientific discoveries. The scientists have discovered the existence of black holes in the universe which has such extreme gravity that not even light can escape from within their event horizon. We believe this not that we ourselves have seen and testified it, but we trust the testimony of the scientists. In fact, human beings will take tremendous risks on the faith we have in one another. All these shows just how crucial faith is to human life. Faith is a natural and inescapable part of life, and without it neither individuals nor societies could function. Now what does all of this have to do with Christian faith? What we have been discussing so far is human faith, the faith that human beings naturally and ordinarily have in each other's testimony. But from the earliest days, Christians saw a comparison between that natural and ordinary human faith and the supernatural gift of faith in God and Jesus Christ. We see in the first letter of John: "If we believe the word of men, how much greater is the word of God". In other words, if it is a reasonable thing for human beings to have faith in the word of merely human witnesses even though humans are fallible and often mistaken, how much more reasonable is it for us to have faith in the word of God who is infallible and cannot either deceive or be deceived. In the First Letter to the Thessalonians, St. Paul shows how conscious the early Christians were of believing not only human testimony, but divine testimony the Word of God. So, too, it should be with us. What we believe by faith is not merely human testimony, but the Word of the Living God. Christian faith is not born from merely rational reflection upon evidence or signs. It is a gift of God born from the Spirit of truth at work within our souls and illuminating everything. The Spirit moves us, in coordination with the whole Church, to believe everything that God has revealed. God bless us.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ