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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

2 Kings 5:14-17

Psalms 98(97);

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Luke 17:11-19

This Week: 12th– 19th Oct 2025 Psalter Week 4	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
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
Monday 13th October Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am The Maxfield Family (LM)	7.00 pm Journey in Faith
Tuesday 14th October Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am James Sexton RIP (BB)	
Wednesday 15th October Memorial of St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Paddy McCoughlin RIP (BB)	Adoration after Mass till 6.00pm.
Thursday 16th October Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Jeanne Lynam RIP (N&CL)	
Friday 17th October Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Fr. Tom (LM)	Novena to the Sacred Heart after Mass
Saturday 18th October Feast of St Luke, Evangelist	11.00 am Joseph Mason RIP (TC) 11.00 am Anointing Mass	10.15-10.45 Confession 12:00-5:00 pm Visitor Centre in the Romero Room, Parish Hall
Sunday 19th October Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C Second collection for Missio	8:30 am Arthur Blizzard RIP (RB) 10.30 am Jacob & Teresa (TS) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 am Mass: Tea & coffee in the Hall

“The Risen Lord walks alongside each of us, as we journey every day. With infinite care, he asks to let Him warm our hearts. He waits patiently for the moment when our eyes will open to see His friendly face, so He can transform our resignation into hope.”

Pope Leo XIV via Twitter 8th October 2025

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PARISH HALL BOOKINGS

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am and 10.30 am

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

6.00 pm

Sing a new song unto the Lord.

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.

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'.

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.

REFUGEE KNITTING

Please bring any articles you have to church by Sunday November 2nd for
despatch to GAIIN. I can also take any articles of clothing, toiletries and small
soft toys (no batteries). Thank you as ever for your continual support.

THE JOURNEY OF GLOBAL AID NETWORK (GAIIN)

In 2025, GAIIN UK is celebrating ten years! Join them on a journey through
the past decade as they share stories and highlights from their work.

Year 2025 Bulgaria

Currently in Bulgaria, there are no social services for appropriate temporary
accommodation and no functioning guardianship system for unaccompanied
and separated children in Bulgaria. This has led to rampant abuse and
neglect of children. There are also very few supports available for adults
living in poverty leading to a large homeless population. With a growing
need for services for separated children and homeless adults, St Sofia and St
Dimitar were opened to give temporary shelter to those in need. There are
currently over 125 children and over 450 adults living in these shelters. Both
shelters are in desperate need of food, clothes, and shoes as the residents
often arrive with very little and cannot move on without appropriate
supplies. A truck carrying 24 pallets of aid left on 1st October for our partner
in Sofia, and another shipment is planned for December.

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

World Mission Sunday, 19th Oct. Next Sunday, along with Catholics everywhere, we are asked to support the Pope's charity Missio with a special collection. Donations from this appeal go directly to missionaries and local churches in mission dioceses, and are used to support their requests for help to bring lasting change to the communities they serve - whether it's help to build a simple chapel, provide vital healthcare, set up a school or create a safe space for children. This support encourages those communities to grow in faith, dignity and self-reliance. Catholics everywhere will be united in prayer and giving - finding new ways to make God's love visible in the world.

SUNDAY LITURGY BY THE STUDENTS FROM BLESSED EDWARD OLD CORNE

As part of the initiative of strengthening existing ties between our Catholic parishes and schools, the students and staff from Blessed Edward Oldcorne College Worcester will join us to celebrate Mass with us on Sunday 19th October at 10.30 Mass. The college choir will lead the liturgy on that day. We welcome the staff and students from Blessed Edward Oldcorne to our lovely parish.

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 buy the Christmas Cards from the town, please hold on, we will have beautiful Christmas cards for you.

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

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 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 **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:**£336.84****Gift Aid: £222.00**

Second Collection
For CAFOD Fast Day
£366.20

Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.

Mass attendance
last Sunday: 293

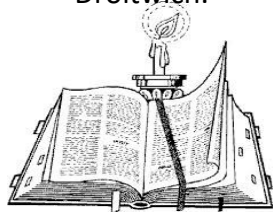
ST. VINCENT DE
PAUL SOCIETY:
TEA & COFFEE
AFTERNOON

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 DroitwichReferrals@svp.org.uk or on
 07772 927535 or on
 Facebook, SVP
 Sacred Heart
 Droitwich.



Next Sunday's
Mass Readings

Exodus 17:8-13

Psalms 121(120);

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Luke 18:1-8

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.

On His way to Jerusalem, Jesus encounters 10 lepers who approached him from a distance and cry out, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us". Their cry is both desperate and full of faith. In biblical times, leprosy was not only a physical disease, but also a social and spiritual exile. Hence, they could not enter villages; they were kept at a distance, isolated and consigned to the margins of social and even religious life. By walking together, these lepers indicted a society that excluded them. We should also note that the Samaritan, although considered a heretic, "a foreigner" by the Jews, is part of their group. Whenever disease and fragility are shared, barriers fall and exclusion is overcome. Jesus does not heal them immediately. Instead, He gives them an instruction. Go and show yourselves to the priests. Lepers obey even though nothing has yet changed. Their healing takes place as they go on their way. This detail is deeply significant for us today. Faith often means walking forward before we see results. God's grace often unfolds gradually along the road of obedience and trust. These men believed in the word of Jesus and in that act of faith, they are healed. But the story does not end there; the nine lepers did what Jesus told them to do, but they missed a deeper moment of encounter. The Samaritan alone recognizes not only the gift, but also the giver. His gratitude brings him back to Jesus. And there he receives something more profound than physical healing. The difference between being healed and being saved lies in gratitude. All 10 were healed. But only one entered a relationship of love and faith with Jesus. His grateful attitude, then, is no mere act of courtesy, but the start of a journey of thanksgiving: he falls at Jesus' feet (Lk 17:16) and worships Him. He recognizes that Jesus is the Lord, that Jesus is more important than the healing he received. Gratitude in this sense is not just polite emotion, but a spiritual act, the foundation of faith itself. To live with gratitude is to live in constant awareness that everything we have is a gift from God. Our life, our talents, our families, even our struggles. Gratitude transforms a gift into communion. It changes a blessing into worship.

There is a further interesting aspect to the journey of the lepers: they move together. The Gospel tells us that, "as they went, they were made clean" (v. 14). The verbs are in the plural. Faith means also walking together, never alone. Once healed, however, nine of them go off on their own way, and only one turns back to offer thanks. Jesus then expresses His astonishment: "The others, where are they?" (v. 17). It is as if He asks the only one who returned to account for the other nine. It is the task of us, who celebrate the Eucharist as an act of thanksgiving, to take care of those who have stopped walking, those who have lost their way. We are called to be guardians of our distant brothers and sisters, all of us! We are to intercede for them; we are responsible for them, to account for them, to keep them close to heart of Jesus.

On this Jubilee year, we are given a model, indeed the model, to whom we can look: Mary, our Mother. After hearing the message of the Angel, she lifted up her heart in a song of praise and thanksgiving to God: "My soul magnifies the Lord..." Let us ask our Lady to help us recognize that everything is God's gift, and to be able to say, "Thank you". Then, I assure you, our joy will be complete. Only those who know how to say, "Thank you", will experience the fullness of joy.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ