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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 Maccabees 12:43-45;

Psalms 63(62);

Philippians 3:20-21;

Luke 7:11-17

This Week: 9th-16th Nov 2025 Psalter Week 4	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 9th November Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Year C	8:30 am Christopher Fitzpatrick RIP (SC) 10:30 am Maurice Meehan RIP(LB) 12:00 noon Baptism 6:00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 am Mass: Tea & coffee in the Hall Children's Liturgy during 10.30 am Mass 2.30 pm SVP afternoon
Monday 10th November Memorial of St Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Mildred Paling RIP (MB)	10:00 –12:00 noon School Church Tour
Tuesday 11th November Memorial of St Martin of Tours, Bishop	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Deceased Members of the Clapham family (MB)	
Wednesday 12th November Memorial of St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Deceased family & friends of the Ringer family (PR)	Adoration after Mass till 6.00pm.
Thursday 13th November Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Holy Mass	10.30 am Private Church Tour
Friday 14th November Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Arthur Leason RIP (MB)	Novena to the Sacred Heart after Mass 10:15-12:00 noon School Church Tour
Saturday 15th November Feria	11:00 am Alan Remedios RIP(AK) 11:00 am Anointing Mass	9.30 am Confirmation session in the Hall 10.15-10.45 Confession 12:00 noon Baptism 12:00-5:00 pm Visitor Centre in the Romero Room, Parish Hall
Sunday 16th November Thirty - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C	8:30 am Deceased Members of the Van der Heijden Family (MB) 10:30 am Jose and Mini 12:00 noon Baptism 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 am Mass: Tea & coffee in the Hall Children's Liturgy during 10.30 am Mass

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PARISH HALL BOOKINGS

Please contact Sally at
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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am and 10.30 am **The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place, the abode of the Most High.**

6.00 pm

I rejoiced when I heard them say.

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 ON HOLIDAY

Fr. George will be away for his holiday and visiting his family from
10th November till 26th November. In his absence Fr. Andrew SCJ who will
be with us for his parish experience will be covering most of the Masses
during the week and Fr. Justin from Oscott Collage will also help weekend
Masses. Any emergency funerals please contact Canon John at St. George's
Worcester.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Your prayers are asked for Michele Russo who died recently. May his soul
and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in
peace. The funeral of Mr Russo will held on 18th November at 11.30 am.
Please keep his family and friends in your prayers.

JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA)

The next Journey in Faith will take place on 24th November at 7.00 pm and
the topic will be 'Mary Mother of God and Marian Devotion'.

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 the
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 2.00pm. 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 down your name and the prize you would like to
sponsor. Raffle tickets are available to buy from the parish hall after each
Mass.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

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 from November. So, if you have plans to buy Christmas Cards from
the town, please wait. We will have beautiful Christmas cards for you.

RESPONDING TO THE CALL OF CREATION

November's Responding to the Call of Creation Newsletter is on the notice
board.

VOCATIONS MONTH:

In our Deanery the month of November is dedicated to "Vocations".

Deanery Day of Prayer: 24 Hours of Prayer at George's –

Friday 14th to Saturday 15th November 2025.

Friday 14th 10 am: Holy Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till 11.45 am

12 Noon: Mass (anointing of the sick) followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till 5.45 pm

6.00 pm: Holy Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till 10.30pm

8.00 pm to 9 pm – Praise and Worship

10.30 pm to 11.30 pm – Holy Hour in Malayalam followed by silent adoration till midnight

12 Midnight; Holy Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till (15th November) **Saturday 12 noon** : Benediction.

CONFIRMATION

Next Confirmation class will be on Saturday 15th November at 9.30am in the Romero Room in the Parish Hall. The children should be accompanied by a parent.

MISSIO RED BOX COLLECTIONS

If you are a holder of a Missio Red box, please can you bring it to the Church to be emptied and counted between now and the 7th December. If you are a new box-holder, before you hand it in do make sure that your name is on the label at the bottom of the box. Please do not leave a box with money in it at the back of the Church. Either give it in at the Presbytery, or hand it to Father George or Brother Patrick for safe keeping. (If you attend the 08.30 Mass on Sundays - Maddie will also be happy to accept it!) The empty boxes will be returned to you, hopefully by the next weekend. They will left at the back of the church for collection.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 31st January 2026 The SVP Family Fun Quiz

This is a FREE event for everyone in our parish. It will take place early evening on Sat 31st January and teams will be made off no more than six people. There will be a variety of questions including special ones for children, and the Mini Vinnies will be there. This has now become an annual fixture, and we are sure it will be just as much fun as the previous ones.

PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY AND LOOK FORWARD TO A GREAT NIGHT OUT.

NATIONAL LOTTERY PROJECT – PUBLIC TOURS & CHILDREN'S WORKSHOPS

The next public church tours (with a café) will take place on Saturday 27th December @ 2pm. The next public children's workshops (mini church tour & mosaic-making session) will take place on Saturday 10th January @ 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 **9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th November and on 7th, 14th December.**

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:**£343.24****Gift Aid: £231.25****Second collection****for Johnson****Association****£141.11****Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.****Mass attendance
last Sunday: 320****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

9th November 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
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**Next Sunday's****Mass Readings***Malachi 4:1-2a;**Psalms 98(97);**2 Thessalonians**3:7-12;**Luke 21:5-19*

A priest used to see a young visitor wandering about the church staring all around...as if he were lost. The man always appeared very sad. One day the priest decided to approach him. "What brings you here?" he asked. The young man looked up at the priest and said: "I'm here to find God". The priest thought for a moment, then asked, "Where did you lose him?" The man thought even longer, then laid his hand over his heart, and replied, "In here". The Priest said, "Then that is where you'll find Him". The world is filled with many beautiful churches. One only has to think of a place like Notre Dame in Paris, St. Peter's in Rome, the Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul. Among those beautiful churches is the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome.

Dear Friends, today we celebrate the dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome. This is one of the oldest of the four major basilicas in Rome and the official ecclesiastical seat of the Holy Father. St. John Lateran was built in the time of Emperor Constantine and was consecrated by Pope Sylvester in 324 AD. Originally it was consecrated to Christ the Redeemer, but in the year 896 it was destroyed by a massive earthquake. Later it was rebuilt by Pope Sergius III (904-911), and he dedicated it to Saint John the Baptist. During the early reign of Emperor Constantine it was illegal to be Christian and profession of faith was an act of treason. In the year 313, through the Edict of Milan, Christians were given freedom to practise their faith, and Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire. The land on which St. John Lateran was built formerly belonged to the Laterani family and was given as dowry of Fausta the wife of the emperor Constantine. The Basilica of St. John Lateran is called the mother and the head of churches of the world, because it was the first legalized Christian Church in history, a visible sign of the unity of the Church. But this feast is not about admiring architecture or stained glass or vaulted ceilings. Yet even this great basilica is only a signpost pointing to the deeper mystery: that God chooses to dwell not in stone but in His people, the living Body of Christ.

In the Gospel we see Jesus cleansing the Temple. The Temple was no longer a place of silence and awe. The cries of merchants, the clatter of coins, the restless movement of animals filled the courts where once the psalms of pilgrims had risen like incense. Into this din walked Jesus. He was not a stranger here; this was the place where, as a boy of twelve, He had declared to His parents that He must be in His Father's house. Now, as a man, He stood again in that house, not to listen and learn but to cleanse and to claim it as His own. With cords twisted into a whip, He overturned the tables, scattering coins across the stones, and, with a voice that carried both authority and sorrow, He cried, "Take these things away; you shall not make my Father's house a house of trade!" What unfolds here is not simply a dramatic gesture of anger but a revelation of Identity. Jesus is not defending a building; He is unveiling the truth that the dwelling place of God is shifting from stone to flesh, from temple walls to His own body. The Temple had always been a sign, a symbol of God's presence among His people. But Jesus reveals that the true Temple is Himself, the Word made flesh, the one in whom heaven and earth meet. His zeal is not for architecture but for communion, for the purity of relationship between God and His people. The feast invites us to reflect on what it means to be the Father's house. St. Paul reminds us, "Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?" This is not a metaphor to be taken lightly. It is a profound truth that demands reflection. If we are temples of the Spirit, then our lives are sacred spaces. And just as Jesus cleansed the Temple in Jerusalem, He desires to cleanse the inner courts of our hearts. The clutter of distractions, the idols of self-interest, the compromises we make with sin, these are the tables He longs to overturn. His zeal is not to condemn but to restore, to make us once again houses of prayer where God's presence is welcomed and cherished.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ