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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 Samuel 5:1-3;

Psalms 122(121);

Colossians 1:12-20;

Luke 23:35-43

This Week: 23rd-30th Nov 2025 Psalter Week 1	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 23rd November Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Second collection for Catholic Youth Service	8:30 am Kevin McCorry RIP (MM) 10:30 am Maureen Weaver RIP (CL) 6:00 pm Deceased members of the Martin & Quigley families (MM)	After 8.30 am Mass: Tea & coffee in the Hall Children's Liturgy during 10.30 am Mass
Monday 24th November Memorial of St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Anthony Ringer RIP (PR)	7.00pm Journey in Faith
Tuesday 25th November Feast of St Catherine of Alexandria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Mary Leason RIP (MB)	5.30 pm Wedding Rehearsal
Wednesday 26th November Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Private Intention (A&J)	Adoration after Mass till 6.00pm in St Catherine's Chapel 1.15 pm School Church Tour
Thursday 27th November Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Arthur Leason RIP (MB)	1.00pm-2.30pm Wedding
Friday 28th November Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Private Intention (A&J)	Novena to the Sacred Heart after Mass
Saturday 29th November Feria	<u>10.30 am Michael Donovan (BD)</u>	10.00-10.25 Confession 11.00am -2.00pm Christmas Fair 12.00-5:00 pm Visitor Centre in the Romero Room, Parish Hall
Sunday 30th November First Sunday of Advent Year A	8:30 am Deceased Members of the Baldry family (MB) 10:30 am Cathy and Greg (GP) 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

"A synodal Church, which journeys through the furrows of history and confronts emerging challenges in evangelization, must be continually renewed."

Pope Leo XIV via Twitter 20th November 2025

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am and 10.30 am Let us rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

6.00 pm

I rejoiced when I heard them say:

Let us follow the path to the house of 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 and Michael McCorry

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. 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. There will be tea, coffee & cake available too. Paper plates are available after Mass today. Please take one and fill it with a contribution, home made or bought, to the cake stall at the Christmas Fair. All cakes will be very gratefully received.

KNITTED CHRISTMAS ANGELS

Are you interested in knitting Christmas Angels? At this Christmas season the Churches together in Droitwich organising a Knitted Christmas Angels to spread the message of Christ at this Christmas. The knitted Christmas Angels will be placed in various parts of the town with a message on it for people to take home. There are for different patterns of angels at the back of the church. Please take those patterns home, knit the angels and use the label sheet with Christmas message, make a hole with a hole-punch and attach one to each angel with string/ribbon. We'll gather the angels together and meet on Saturday December 20th, 7.30am at CVS office, for stealth distribution around town. There's still plenty of time to make lots more angels!

ADVENT JOURNEY/PARISH DIARIES

The "Walk With Me" booklet and calendar for the Advent Journey are available at the back of the church. The booklet is to help focus on our relationship with God and with people during Advent. Please consider taking a copy to home to help prepare for Christmas. Also 2026 Parish Diaries have arrived and are available to collect from the Narthex. The diaries, "Walk with me" booklet and calendar are free but any donation would be appreciated and will be given to the Sacred Heart Mission.

GIVING TO OTHERS THIS CHRISTMAS

Christmas Giving Tree: SVP will be putting up a Christmas Giving Tree for parishioners to donate gifts for children. Fr Hudson Care have asked that donated gifts change this year, according to the ages of the children: **11- 15 yrs: Amazon Gift vouchers.** These should be put in an envelope with the amount written IN PENCIL on the front. The envelopes can be decorated. **7-10 Yrs:** gifts as usual but placed in **GIFT BAGS not wrapped**, with ages written on the angel tags. **0-6 yrs:** Gifts for this age group **are not needed** as another Parish and a corporate are taking care of this age group. The Tree will be ready on **30th November** for you to take an Angel tag, an envelope, or both. Please put the age range on the tag. Gifts can be left under the tree. Please leave your gift bags and envelopes under the tree on Sundays. They will be put in a safe place after each Mass. Fr Hudson Care will be collecting the gifts on **December 15th.**

Christmas Cards for Prisoners Christmas Cards for Prisoners in Long Larten will be available at all Masses on 23rd and 30th November. If you wish to write a card, DO NOT put any money in the card and DO NOT add your name. "From Sacred Heart Parish" is acceptable. Leave the envelope open as all mail has to be checked at the Prison. Leave your card in the appropriate box at the back of the Church. A 50p donation towards the cost of the card would be appreciated.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Christmas card will be available to buy from the Parish Hall. A pack of 8 cards costs you only £5. Please consider buying some cards for this Christmas.

SAVE THE DATE - THANK YOU EVENING FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER

To thank all of you and the parish volunteers who are involved in different areas of parish life both spiritual and temporal, this year the Thank You Evening will be on Friday 5th December. The Evening will start with Holy Mass at 6pm followed by a meal and entertainment in the Parish Hall. Please keep this date in your diary. Please help the catering team by letting us know if you would like to join the meal and social in the Parish Hall after Mass.

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Christmas Carol Concert Saturday 13th December at 3:00 p.m. followed by seasonal refreshments in the church hall approximately 4:15 to 5:00 p.m.

Following last year's popular and delightful concert, Quinborne Choir will be returning to sing carols old and new in our stunning church. Come and get the Festive Season off to a great start! Tickets £10, under 18s free, available from Jenny Leonard 07874 323260 and after all Masses on 23rd November. Please see the poster on the notice board.

NATIONAL LOTTERY PROJECT – PUBLIC TOURS & CHILDREN'S WORKSHOPS

There is a flyer included in this week's newsletter giving further information regarding the mosaics project. 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**. The monthly public church tours (with a café) will resume in January and take place on: **Saturday 24th January @ 2pm** & **Saturday 28th February @ 2pm**. The monthly public children's workshops (mini church tour & mosaic-making session) will also resume in 2026 and take place on: **Saturday 11th January @ 2:30pm** & **Saturday 14th February @ 2:30p**. All of these events can be booked on Eventbrite, links can be found on the parish website. Or by contacting the Hall Booking Secretary.

SAVE THE DATE

Christmas Fair

29th November

Thank you Evening

5th December

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be Children's Liturgy during 10.30 am mass on **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:

£303.78

Gift Aid: £245.00

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**Mass attendance
last Sunday: 280**



**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

14th December 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**

Isaiah 2:1-5;

Psalms 122(121);

Romans 13:11-14a;

Matthew 23:37-44

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.

In the middle of St Peter's Square in Rome, there stands a great obelisk. It is about four and half thousand years old and it originally stood in the Temple of the Sun in the Egyptian city of Heliopolis. But it was brought to Rome by the dreadful Emperor Caligula and it was set right in the middle of Circus of Nero, on the Vatican hill. It was in that circus that St Peter was martyred. On top of the obelisk there now stands a cross and on the pedestal of the obelisk there are two inscriptions. The first of them in Latin, "Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat", which translated means, Christ conquers, Christ rules, Christ reigns supreme. The other inscription, "The Lion of Judah has conquered". Pope Sixtus V repurposed a pagan monument into a symbol of the Church's triumph over the Roman Empire. It represented the victory of the Church, early Christians, and St. Peter himself and here in the middle of St Peter's Square stands the obelisk bearing those triumphant inscriptions as a constant reminder of the blood spilled and the endurance of the early Christians.

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King which marks the end of Church's liturgical year. Instituting this Feast of Christ the King in 1925, Pope Pius XI proclaimed: "Pax Christi in regno Christi" (the peace of Christ in the reign of Christ). This feast was established and proclaimed to reassert the sovereignty of Christ and the Church over all forms of government and to remind Christians of the fidelity and loyalty they owed to Christ, who by His incarnation and sacrificial death on the cross had made them both adopted children of God and citizens and heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven. Although emperors and kings with real ruling power exist today only in history books, we nevertheless honour Christ as the King of the Universe and the King of our hearts by allowing Him to take control of our lives. In thousands of human hearts all over the world Jesus still reigns as King. The Cross is His throne and the Sermon on the Mount, His rule of law. What is the Kingdom of God? What is the Kingdom of Christ the King? Here is a beautiful explanation given by Gerald Darrin (St. Louis University: Center for Liturgy): The Kingdom of God is a space. It exists in every home where parents and children love each other. It exists in every region and country that cares for its weak and vulnerable. It exists in every parish that reaches out to the needy. The Kingdom of God is a time. It happens whenever someone feeds a hungry person, or shelters a homeless person, or shows care to a neglected person. It happens whenever we overturn an unjust law or correct an injustice or avert a war. It happens whenever people join in the struggle to overcome poverty, to erase ignorance, to pass on the Faith. The Kingdom of God is present in the work of the Church and in the efforts of many others to create a world of goodness and justice.

As we celebrate the Kingship of Christ today, let us remember the truth that Christ is our King and we belong to His Kingdom only when we try to walk with Him, when we try to live our lives fully in the spirit of the Gospel and when that Gospel spirit penetrates every facet of our living. If Christ is really King of my life, He must be King of every part of my life, and I must let Him reign in all parts of my life. By cultivating in our lives the gentle and humble mind of Christ, we show others that Jesus Christ is indeed our King and that He is in charge of our lives. We pray today that God may free all the world to rejoice in His peace, to glory in His justice, to live in His love.

Fr. George Mathew SCL