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Today's Mass Readings

Acts 4: 32-35;
Psalm 117;
1 John 5: 1-6;
John 20: 19-31

**Welcome to this House
of God:
Talk to God before Mass
Listen to God during Mass
Talk to others after Mass**

This Week 11th April - 18th April Psalter Week 2	Mass Intentions	Other Events
Sunday 11th April SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER Year B	8.30 am Colum McCourt RIP (BB) 10.30 am Colum McCourt RIP (C & PI) 6.00 pm Colum MacCourt RIP (I & MM)	5.30 pm: Divine Mercy Prayer (Live Streamed only)
Monday 12th April Easter Feria	9.15 am Joanna Jay RIP (P & CI)	
Tuesday 13th April Easter Feria	9.15 am Special Intention (P & CI)	
Wednesday 14th April Easter Feria	9.15 am PatJoe Collings RIP (K & PG)	6.00 pm: Adoration & Benediction (Live Streamed only)
Thursday 15th April Easter Feria	9.15 am Fr. Edwin Cowcwey's Special Intention (AP)	
Friday 16th April Easter Feria	9.15 am Dominic Lewehaw & Mary Lewehaw RIP (AP)	6.00 pm: Novena to the Sacred Heart (Live Streamed only)
Saturday 17th April Easter Feria	11.00 am Minimole Mathew (KM)	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 18th April THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Year B	8.30 am Peter Doran RIP (LH) 10.30 am Cruncher family (P & CI) 6.00 pm Annamma Mathew RIP (SM)	

“Global society is suffering from grave structural deficiencies that cannot be resolved by piecemeal solutions or quick fixes. Much needs to change, through fundamental reform and major renewal. Only a healthy politics, involving the most diverse sectors and skills, is capable of overseeing this process. An economy that is an integral part of a political, social, cultural and popular programme directed to the common good could pave the way for “different possibilities which do not involve stifling human creativity and its ideals of progress, but rather directing that energy along new channels”.(Laudato Si’)

Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti (paragraph 179)

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am:

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no
end.**

PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Please pray for all our parishioners, and/or their friends and relatives, who
are unwell:

Mary Arulandhu, Barbara Conway, Eileen Dalton, Delores Delaney, Frank
Fawcett, Sheila Ferriter, Alan Francis, Joan Graham, Beryl Hill, Alan Hurst,
John Jennings, Sheila Manion, Zita McConnell, Sally McCool, Andrew
McDermott, Stella McDermott, Jackie McLean, Michael Sheridan, Jacky
Smith, Paul Smith, Margaret Steward, Angela Wardle, Breda Wightman,
Mark Wightman, Richard Wightman & Monsignor Graham Wilkinson.

**Due to the new data regulations (GDPR), the Archdiocese have requested
that we do not list names unless we have the consent of the individual. If
you would like your name to be included in this list please contact
Fr. George SCJ or Kate Dalglish. Please note that the newsletter is also
placed on the parish website. Thank you for your understanding.**

RECENTLY DECEASED

Your prayers are asked for **Peter Doran** who died recently. May his soul
and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in
peace Please keep his family and friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

LIVE STREAMING

Live streaming from the Sacred Heart Church has been installed. The link is
[https://mcnmedia.tv/camera/sacred-heart-st-catherine-of-alexandria-
droitwich-spa](https://mcnmedia.tv/camera/sacred-heart-st-catherine-of-alexandria-droitwich-spa). For those who are helping in the Sanctuary, your images will
be visible via the live stream. Consent forms have been distributed via
email and are also available from either Fr. George or myself. These will
need to be completed prior to the first Mass you help at. Please could
those involved in helping at Masses please let Fr. George know as soon as
possible if you are not happy to give your consent. The front pew may be
visible, if you do not want your image to be part of the live stream then
please sit further back in the church.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP

The Parish is aiming to start a youth group in the summer. The purpose of
the group will be to create a community where young people can enjoy
themselves, develop new skills and further their spiritual development.
There are many ways that we can contribute towards the creation of this
group. This could range from helping with admin., finance and fundraising
to being present at meetings and overseeing some of the activities. All
contributions will be most welcome. If you would like to be a volunteer
Youth Worker, the Archdiocese has also offered to provide a six week (2
hours per week) intensive course into Youth Ministry. If you are interested
in contributing please leave your name and email address on the sign up
sheet at the back of the Church.

COVID-19

Mass continues to be open to the public. We would like to remind all parishioners to ensure that you fully observe the rules that are in place at the Sacred Heart Church. It is especially important that you keep your distance from those not in your household or bubble and leave promptly after Mass. We appreciate your co-operation in helping us keep those who attend Mass safe from Covid-19.

COUNTING THE SUNDAY COLLECTION

If you can count and if you can spare half an hour once a month, you would be a great help to us if you'd join the rota of counters. The task is not onerous and becomes even less so when there are more of us and the half hour comes around only once in six or seven weeks. For more information contact Kevin Larkin on 01905 776122 or at kevin.elizabeth@btinternet.com.

SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

Spring is nearly here! Let us celebrate, have some fun and grow a sunflower! A competition for everybody young and old, for all the family. No experience needed, just a patch of soil, water and love. All you have to do is register the growers name, contact number or email address and donate your £1 towards St. Joseph's building fund. You will be supplied with sunflower seeds and growing instructions. Updates on progress/growth can be given by using the email address supplied and I will update a chart located at the back of church. On Wednesday 1st September you will submit the height of your sunflower and diameter of the seed head. A prize, donated by the Droitwich Catenians, will be awarded to the tallest sunflower and the biggest seed head. The judges verdict will be final. Everyone will receive the same variety of sunflower so it's fair for all. Please Contact Paul Clancy at church or by phone on 01905 771716.

MASS INTENTIONS

We make every effort to accommodate Mass Intentions on the dates requested unless there are prior bookings. Due to GDPR regulations, with the exception of deceased individuals, we are unable to publish names unless the Request for Mass Intention Form is completed. This form is available from the Parish Office via email and can now be found on the parish website at the following link: <http://www.sacredheartdroitwich.org.uk/services/request-for-mass-intention-form/>. If we do not have a form the Intention will be listed in the newsletter and stated at Mass as Private Intention. Please note that the next available date for Mass Intentions is currently Saturday 8th May.

ACCOUNTS 2020

The accounts for the Financial Year ending on 31st December 2020 have been emailed with this newsletter. If you would like a paper copy of these accounts, please could you contact the parish office and a copy will be printed for you.



FOODBANK

There is a new wish list that is on the website. Donation points are listed on the poster. Thank you for your generosity.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSE & CATHOLIC TIMES

To our Catholic Universe and Catholic Times readers in the parish, at the moment you are unable to collect your paper at Mass, but you can get it delivered direct to your home every week with free postage. Please call 0161 820 5722 and they will arrange this for you. The annual cost for the print copy only is £99.00 with free postage and the annual cost for the digital copy only is £55.00.

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**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday (church
capacity with social
distancing 1m + = 80)**

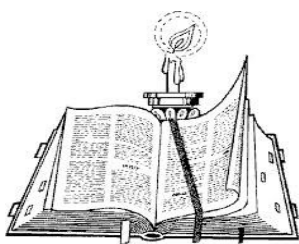
8.30 am: 85

10.30 am: 99

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Gift Aid envelopes for
the 2021/2022 Tax
Year are now
available to collect
from the back of
church.



Next Sunday's Mass Readings

Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19;

Psalm 4;

1 John 2: 1-5;

Luke 24: 35-48

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.

Do not Doubt but believe!

We are on the Second Sunday of Easter and we have two important themes for our reflection: first, the faith proclamation of St. Thomas the apostle and secondly, reflections on the feast of Divine Mercy. Without mentioning the word "mercy", the readings of today illustrate mercy in action. What does this mercy mean to us? It comes from the Latin word misericordia, which is composed of two words - miseri and cordia. Put together it means to possess a heart for those who suffer or more precisely, to have a heart willing to suffer for others.

The first reading of today from the Acts of the Apostles presents an ideal situation that we all dream of, a situation where the early Christians translated mercy into action. They were so filled with the Holy Spirit that "no one claimed any of his/her possession as his own. Rather they sold everything and brought the proceeds to the apostles who in turn distributed to it to the members according to their need."

In the Gospel we see that Jesus shows a great act of mercy and love towards St. Thomas. After Thomas angrily expressed his doubt about the resurrection. Jesus did not dismiss him, nor did He tell him off, rather Jesus came back and offered him tangible proof that He has risen. "Put your finger here and see my hands, bring your hands and put it in my side, do not doubt but believe" said Jesus. We encounter a God who is with wounds and scars, a God who endures pain. This invitation to Thomas also is an invitation to all of us. See I have experienced all pain, so I understand it. He walks with us, struggles with us, falls with us, shed His blood with us. He showered mercy on Thomas and offered him the gift of faith and Thomas humbly accepted it. Christ does that with all of us and he wishes us to break through the locked doors of human hearts. He knows only too well of the human condition. As Thomas discovered, He has wounds to show us, and He wants to give us too another opportunity. Will we let Him break through the locked doors of our hearts?

It is the time to fulfil the promise of the resurrection, the glorious hope of Easter. Christ has left the tomb. If we choose to, so we can be. If we set out of the locked rooms of our heart, we can see the light of the resurrection and invite Him to our hearts as we receive Him in the Blessed Sacrament and thus to practice the Acts of Mercy in our daily life. The Acts of mercy calls us to corporal works of mercy like to Feed the Hungry, Clothe the Naked, Shelter the Homeless, and spiritual works of mercy like to Convert the Sinner, Counsel the Doubtful and bear the Wrongs of others patiently.

May God bless us to be an agent of God's mercy to our brothers and sisters.