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Today's Mass Readings

Exodus 19:2-6a;
Psalms 100(99);
Romans 5:6-11;
Matthew 9:36-10:8

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

This Week: 14th - 21st Jun 2026 Psalter Week 3	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 14th June Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A	8:30 am Mary Josephine McCorry RIP (MM) 10:30 am Siobahn Cronin RIP (GF) 6:00 pm Private Intention (D)	After 8:30am Mass - Tea & coffee in the Parish Hall Children Liturgy during 10:30am Mass 2:30 pm SVP Afternoon
Monday 15th June Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Jadwiga Fijolek RIP (BKF)	5:00 pm Reception of the Body
Tuesday 16th June Feast of St. Richard of Chichester	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Stella Tuner RIP (MM)	12:00 noon Requiem Mass for Philip Duffy
Wednesday 17th June Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Philip Duffy RIP (BB)	After Mass, Adoration till 6pm
Thursday 18th June Feast of Dedication of the Cathedral	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Richard Wightman (RW)	1:15 pm Private Church Tour
Friday 19th June Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 6:00 pm Stella Turner RIP (BB)	
Saturday 13th June Feria	11:00 am Shane Healy 11:00 am Anointing Mass	12:00-5:00 pm Visitor Centre in the Romero Room, Parish Hall 1:00 pm Wedding
Sunday 21st June Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Second collection for Droitwich SVP	8:30 am Holy Mass 10:30 am Maxine Ballet - speedy recovery (MS) 6:00 pm People of the Parish	After 8:30 am Mass - Tea & coffee in the Parish Hall Children Liturgy during 10:30 am Mass

***"At times we experience the night of faith, the weariness of believing, the fatigue of spirit,
a sense of inadequacy in the face of the Gospel's call, the bitterness of our failures.
These nights are a time of blessing and a place for rebirth."***

Pope Leo XIV via Twitter 9th June 2026

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**PARISH HALL
BOOKINGS**

Please contact Sally at
volunteers.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8:30am & 10:30 am

We are His people, the sheep of His flock.

6:00pm

**We are His people the sheep of His flock,
His people the sheep of His flock,
He made us, we belong to Him,
His people the sheep of His flock.**

PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Please pray for all our parishioners, and/or their friends and relatives, who are unwell: 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, Frances Varney, Ernst Vonzatovski, Michael McCorry and Shane Healy.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Of your charity please pray for Stella Turner, Philip Duffy and Dr Jesmond Xuereb who have recently died. Please also keep their families in your prayers. The Requiem Mass for Philip will take place on 16th June at 12.00am. His body will be brought to the Church on the evening before at 5pm. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA)

The next Journey in Faith session will take place on Monday 15th June at 6pm. The topic will be 'Catholic Worship and Devotions'.

**** SACRED HEART SUMMER FAYRE—POSTPONED ****

The summer fayre is now planned for Saturday 1st August 12pm to 3pm. If you previously signed up to assist on 4th July, and are now not available to help, please let us know. If you have not already volunteered and would like to join the summer fayre team, please add your name to list at the back of church. More details to follow in the next few weeks.

HARVINGTON HISTORY FESTIVAL (22-26 JULY)

The Harvington History Festival in Worcestershire returns from 22–26 July with a fascinating programme of talks, tours, and events exploring history at Harvington Hall, the Archdiocese's historic moated manor house well known for its priest hides. For more information and to book, please visit:
harvingtonhall.co.uk

DROITWICH SPA FOODBANK

'Thank you for your continued support of Droitwich Spa Foodbank. The use of the foodbank has been steady over the last few months feeding 200 people every month. Food donations are still lower than we need so we are purchasing up to 30% of the food and toiletries that we give out. We are concerned the demand is likely to rise with increasing fuel bills. If you can support us this summer with a food donation we would be very grateful.' Droitwich Spa Foodbank team.

A short shopping list poster is on the Church noticeboard.

DEANERY ALTAR SERVERS DAY: 11TH JULY 2026

The Kidderminster and Worcester Deanery is organising the Annual Altar Servers Day on Saturday 11th of July from 10.30am till 2.00pm. The day will begin with Mass, followed by the gathering of all altar servers and conclude with Adoration and Benediction. Lunch will be provided. We request all the altar servers to attend this day.

REFUGEE KNITTING

Thank you for the delightful knitted items donated so far. Thank you also for the new underwear (still so desperately needed), soaps and miscellaneous items of used clothing. There is a vast quantity of wool in the cupboard at the back of church, please help yourselves to help defray your costs. As ever thank you so much for your continual support.

NATIONAL LOTTERY PROJECT – PUBLIC TOURS & CHILDREN'S WORKSHOPS

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

Saturday 27th June @ 2pm

Saturday 25th July @ 2pm.

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

Saturday 11th July @ 2:30pm

Saturday 8th August @ 2.30 pm.

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 **14th, 21st, 28th June, 5th and 12th July.**

PARISH YOUTH GROUP

Hopefully this will resume as soon as possible and run 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 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

Main collection:

£295.93

Gift Aid: £247.50

**Second collection
for Missionary**

Sister: £379.56

Gif Aid:£158.00

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**Mass attendance
last Sunday: 279**

**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 June

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
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Sacred Heart
Droitwich.



Next Sunday's

Mass Readings

Jeremiah 20:10-13;

Psalm 69(68);

Romans 5:12-15;

Matthew 10:26-33

Dear Brothers and sisters. The first reading, taken from the Book of Exodus, speaks about the people of Israel who have been freed from slavery in Egypt and are now in the wilderness at Mount Sinai. This is not just a stop in their journey—it is a turning point where God forms them into a people with a mission. God begins not with commands, but with a reminder: “I carried you on eagle’s wings and brought you to myself”. Like an eagle that lifts its young above danger, God has protected and guided Israel. Their story is rooted not in their strength but in God’s faithful love. Then comes an invitation, not a demand: “If you obey my voice and keep my covenant...” God is offering a relationship built on trust. In response Israel is promised a beautiful identity—they will be God’s “treasured possession”, a “kingdom of priests”, and a “holy nation”. This means they are chosen not just for blessing, but for mission. As a “kingdom of priests” they are meant to reflect God’s presence to the world and lead others toward Him. Before asking anything of us, God reminds us of what He has already done. In our own lives too, faith grows when we recognize how God has carried us through struggles. It also reminds us of who we are. We are not meant to live only for ourselves.

During the moral education class, a teacher asked his students to look around the classroom and write a description of what they saw. Most listed desks, books, and the colour of the walls. But one student wrote, “Chris looks tired, possibly he didn’t have a proper breakfast. Mary seems worried, and Charles has tears in his eyes, perhaps at home his mom is not feeling well”. This student didn’t just look, he truly saw. Today, if we look around our society, we see people going through various forms of suffering such as physical, spiritual, emotional, social and economic suffering. People react to those sufferings in three different ways. The first category is the one which reacts with indifference; the sufferings of the other person do not affect them at all. The second category is the one which reacts to the people suffering with sympathy. They express their feeling of pity, sorrow or compassion for someone else’s misfortune or suffering. They care about another person’s difficulties and wish them well, without necessarily experiencing those same emotions themselves, sensing what they are going through from their own frame of reference. So they do not help others to alleviate the suffering. The third category is the one which reacts to the people suffering with empathy. They understand, share and experience the feelings and perspectives of another person. They “put themselves in someone else’s shoes” and sense what they are going through from the others person’s frame of reference and so try to help alleviate the suffering. This is the attitude of Jesus, the Christian attitude.

In today’s Gospel Jesus does exactly that. He looks at the crowd and sees beyond the surface. He notices their struggles, their confusion and their pain. The Scripture says, “when Jesus saw the crowd, He had compassion for them”. He feels with them, as if their suffering were His own. True compassion begins when we place ourselves in the shoes of others, when we stop judging from a distance and start understanding from within. Jesus does not stand at a distance; He enters their experience. He sees life from their side and that changes everything. When we begin to understand others from within their struggles, our hearts naturally move towards kindness and action. Do we truly see others, or do we only notice their outward behaviour and feel indifference or just feel sympathy? It challenges us to place ourselves in their shoes, to feel their struggles, fears and needs. When we do this, compassion becomes natural, not forced. Today let us ask for the grace not just to see but to feel. and not just to feel but to act. That which we have received freely, we are called upon to give freely. We are loved in our weakness and sent in compassion. May God bless us all.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ