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Today's Mass Readings

Jeremiah 20:10-13;

Psalms 69(68);

Romans 5:12-15;

Matthew 10:26-33

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

This Week: 21st - 28th Jun 2026 Psalter Week 4	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 21st June Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Second collection for Droitwich SVP	8:30 am Mary Hitchon (AM) 10:30 am For speedy recovery of Maxine Ballet (MS) 6:00 pm Sandor Budai RIP (AB)	After 8:30am Mass - Tea & coffee in the Parish Hall Children Liturgy during 10:30am Mass
Monday 22nd June Feast of Ss John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Mary Leason RIP (MB)	10:00am - 3.00pm Private Church Tour
Tuesday 23rd June Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Judith Cussen RIP (BB)	
Wednesday 24th June Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Rene, Howard, Boris, Hanna Johnson & Alicante Judge (KW)	After Mass, Adoration till 6pm
Thursday 25th June Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Janet Goodwin RIP (BB)	After Mass, Church cleaning
Friday 26th June Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 6:00 pm Pat Whaley (AP)	After Mass, Novena to the Sacred Heart 11:30am Private Church Tour
Saturday 27th June Feria	11:00 am Breda & Richard Wightman Wedding Anniversary (RW)	12:00-5:00 pm Visitor Centre in the Romero Room, Parish Hall 12:00 noon Wedding 2:00 pm Public Church Tour NLHF
Sunday 28th June Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul Second collection for Peter's Pence	8:30 am Fr. Terry Luxon RIP (MM) 10:30 am Elizabeth Silvester RIP (GF) 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

"The Lord is refuge for the poor (cf. Ps 14:6). In Christ, we are called to become poor and to be a refuge for the poor. The Christian community cannot remain indifferent to the many who stand at the door but remain invisible to those who are shut within their own walls."

Pope Leo XIV via Twitter 14th 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

In Your great mercy, answer me, O Lord.

6:00pm

**In your love remember me,
in your love remember me,
in your great goodness O Lord remember me.**

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, Michael James, Frances Varney, Ernst Vonzatovski, Michael McCorry and Shane Healy.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Of your charity please pray for Stella Turner, Josephine Gylee and Dr Jesmond Xuereb who have recently died. Please also keep their families in your prayers. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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

The summer fayre is now planned for Saturday 1st August 12pm to 3pm. The Raffle Tickets are available to buy after each Mass.

1st Prize: £500 cash,

2nd Prize: £300 cash,

3rd Prize: £150 cash. Many more prizes.

Please do buy some tickets for yourself and for your friends and family. 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. Thanks to all who sponsored Raffle Prizes. Could you please bring the Raffle Prize as early as possible? Now we are looking for items for Tombola Stall. Please start bringing items for the Tombola . More details to follow in the next few weeks.

MARBLE CLEANING & RESTORATION - SIDE CHAPELS

The final part of the project to restore the mosaics in the church will start on Tuesday 23rd June. This should last for two weeks and will be confined to the Lady Chapel and St Catherine's Chapel. Hopefully the disruption to Wednesday Adoration and Confessions will be minimal. Thanks to The Droitwich Preservation Trust for funding this project.

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 here at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall. 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.

LIBRARY

Following a recent Fire Risk Assessment, it has been decided to clear the Choir Loft of as much flammable material as possible. The library at the Choir Loft is to be disposed of. If anyone would like any of the books or literature that is in the library, please take it (free of charge), over the next couple of 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

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 **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:

£338.00

Gift Aid: £167.5

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**Mass attendance
last Sunday: 267**



**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 July**
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
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**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings**

Acts 12:1-11;

Psalms 34(33);

2 Timothy

4:6-8, 17-18;

Matthew 16:13-19

There is a touching story about a little girl who was travelling with her mother on a plane. As the flight was flying at around 40,000 feet over the Atlantic Ocean, suddenly the aircraft experienced great turbulence, caused by a violent jet stream. The seatbelt signs were switched on. The passengers began to panic. Some started crying, while others prayed in fear. Yet amid all the chaos the little girl sat peacefully reading her favourite book. The turbulence stopped after a few minutes. The passenger sitting next to her asked "Weren't you afraid?" She smiled and replied, "No, because my father is the captain of this aircraft, who is an experienced pilot and I know he will keep us safe". Brothers and sisters, life itself is often like a journey going through turbulence. We go through sickness, failures, financial struggles, misunderstandings, loneliness and uncertainty about the future. At times the turbulence of life seems too strong to balance. But the readings of this Sunday remind us that we need not be afraid because our heavenly Father is the captain of our lives.

In the first reading we encounter the prophet Jeremiah experiencing rejection and insults because he courageously spoke God's word. Even his friends turned against him. Humanly speaking, Jeremiah had every reason to give up. Yet, amid suffering, he made a profound profession of faith. He says, "The Lord is with me like a mighty champion". He teaches us that faith is not the absence of suffering but the experience of God's presence amid suffering. Many of us know what it means to be misunderstood, criticised or hurt by those closest to us. Sometimes we ask, "Lord, why me?" But Jeremiah shows us that, when God is with us, no trial can destroy us. In the second reading, taken from St. Paul's letter to the Romans, St Paul explains the reality of sin and the greatness of God's grace in a simple but powerful way. He says that sin entered the world through one man, Adam, and, because of sin, death came into the world. This means that all human beings are affected by sin; it is part of our shared human condition. Paul is trying to show how deeply sin has affected humanity. We see this in our own lives - in selfishness, broken relationships and wrong choices. Sin separates us from God and from one another. But the heart of this passage is not about sin, it is about grace. Paul introduces a contrast between Adam and Christ. While Adam's one act of disobedience brought sin and death, Jesus Christ's one act of obedience brought forgiveness and life.

In the Gospel Jesus says three times "Do not be afraid". Why? Because He knows the human heart. He knows our hidden anxieties and sleepless nights. Parents worry about their children. Young people fear an uncertain future. The elderly fear about loneliness and declining health. Many carry silent burdens that no one else knows. Jesus gives us three reasons not to fear. First, He says, "Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed". Lies and injustice seems winning for a while, but in the end God's truth will shine forth. Secondly, Jesus reminds us that human power is limited. People can harm the body, but only God holds our eternal destiny in His hands. Therefore, our greatest concern should not be what people think of us but whether our lives please God. Thirdly, Jesus reveals God's tender love. He points to the sparrows and says that 'not one of them falls to the ground without the Father's knowledge'; even the hairs of your head are all counted. What an amazing assurance. There is not a single tear that has fallen from our eyes that God does not notice, not a pain He does not know, not a prayer He does not hear. St. Padre Pio wisely said, "Pray, hope and don't worry". God is merciful and will hear your prayer. Friends, many of our fears arise from the fear of loss of health, loved ones, security or reputation. Yet the Gospel assures us that our lives are in the hands of a loving Father. Jesus also calls us to be courageous witnesses of our faith. In a world that often forgets God conveniently, we must not be ashamed to live as Christians. Our faith must be seen in the way we live our Christian lives, even when we have to journey through turbulence and yet confident that our Lord will safely land us. God bless us.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ