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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:

Isaiah 45:1,4-6;
Psalm 96(95);
1 Thessalonians
1:1-5b;
Matthew 22:15-21

This Week: 18 th – 25 th Oct 2026 Psalter Week 1	Holy Mass & Services		Other Events
Sunday 18th October Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Second collection for Missio	8:30am	Kathleen Cassidy RIP (MT)	After 8:30am Mass, tea & coffee in the Parish Hall
	10:30am	Jadwiga & Jan Kasperski RIP (BS)	
	6:00pm	Joseph Mason RIP (TC)	
Monday 19th October Feria	8:55am	Morning Prayer	10:00am Private Church Tour 12:00 noon Requiem Mass of Lyam Ryan 2:30pm Private Church Tour
	9:15am	Ita McDonald (LH)	
Tuesday 20th October Feria	8:55am	Morning Prayer	
	9:15am	Alice Noely Ricardo RIP 1st Anniversary (ST)	
Wednesday 21st October Feria	8:55am	Morning Prayer	After Mass, Adoration until 6pm
	9:15am	Celina Hodgetts, her family and friends (CH)	
Thursday 22nd October Feria	8:55am	Morning Prayer	10:45am Private Church Tour 1:30pm Requiem Mass of Jacquie Sutton
	9:15am	<u>Communion Service</u>	
Friday 23rd October Feria	8:55am	Morning Prayer	After Mass, Novena to the Sacred Heart
	9:15am	Special Intention (C&PI)	
Saturday 24th October Feria	11:00am	Anthony Ringer RIP (PR)	10:15-10:45am Confession
Sunday 25th October Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A	8:30am	Margaret, John & Paul Harding RIP (MM)	After 8:30am Mass, tea & coffee in the Parish Hall
	10:30am	Deceased members of Turner & Ingram family (C&PI)	
	6:00pm	Private intention (JD)	

**SACRED HEART
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**PARISH HALL
BOOKINGS**

Please contact Sally at
volunteers.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8:30am & 10:30am

Ascribe to the Lord glory and power.

6:00pm

**Sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord all the earth!
Sing a new song to, sing a new song to the Lord: bless his name.**

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 Liam Ryan and Jackie Sutton who have recently died.
Please also keep their families in your prayers.

The Requiem Mass for Liam will take place on Monday 19th October at 12:00 noon.

The Requiem Mass for Jackie will take place on Thursday 22nd October at 1:30pm.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.

SCJ SPONSORED WALK 2026

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the Walk by sponsoring
it, as well as to all those who offered their spiritual support. Thanks to your generosity,
we raised a total of **£1,515**.

JOURNEY IN FAITH

The next Journey in Faith session will take place on 26th October 2026 at 7:00pm and
the topic will be: 'Who do people say I am? Who Jesus is for me?'

CHRISTMAS CARDS & 2027 CALENDARS

Our beautiful Christmas cards are now available to purchase.

A pack of 8 Christmas Cards:

- A6 – £5.00
- A5 – £7.00

2027 Calendar – £12.00

These make lovely gifts for family and friends, while also helping to support our parish.
All cards and calendars are available at the back of the church.

POPPIES

Please can any poppies that have been knitted, crocheted or sewn be put into the box
at the back of church by 1st November giving us a week to assemble them into a suitable
arrangement/ display for Remembrance Sunday. Thank you for all your efforts.

POPE'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

"Prayer becomes effective when it reaches out to others. The charity born of the Holy Spirit is God's love poured into our hearts: a love that takes shape in a commitment to life and service. This love must become the goal, the way, and the meaning of our lives."

Pope Leo XIV via Twitter 12th October 2026

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the latest Parish Council Meeting are available at the back of the Church on the notice board.

OCTOBER: THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

Throughout October, the Rosary will be prayed in St. Catherine's Chapel after the morning Mass or Communion Service each weekday. On Saturdays please join us for the Rosary at 10.30 am in the main body of the church. All are welcome to join us in prayer, seeking the intercession of Our Lady.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Today is World Mission Sunday when Parishes worldwide celebrate the Pope's charity for world mission – Missio. We stand united as God's global family in prayer, solidarity and action. The Holy Father has chosen the theme 'One in Christ, united in mission' to celebrate 100 years of World Mission Sunday and encourages us to unite with missionaries as they strive to reach out with God's love to communities in need. Please pray for the work of mission and give what you can to this vital collection.

SAVE THE DATE

Following the success of our family-oriented summer fayre, planning has now started for the Christmas fayre. This will be on Saturday 28th November and will be a similar format.

A plant stall is planned. Hopefully this gives any gardeners time to prepare suitable plants we can sell. The summer raffle was even more successful than usual, so we are looking again for cash donations, to be consolidated into significant prizes. We are also hoping to produce a programme for the fayre, with the opportunity for local businesses to advertise, for a small donation. If you are interested in contributing prizes or sponsorship, please speak with Fr George or email volunteers.sacredheart.droitwich@rcaob.org.uk

More details to follow soon.

We are planning to print the raffle tickets as soon as possible. If you would like to donate a raffle prize, please write your name on the clipboard at the back of the church.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy will resume after half term on 8th November.

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 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:

£251.48

Gift Aid: £230.00

**Second collection
for Pact: £189.10**

**Second collection
for CAFOD on
4.10.2026: £343.44**

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**Mass attendance
last Sunday: 236**

**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 **8th
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
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Sacred Heart
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Next Sunday's

Mass Readings

Exodus 22:21-276;

Psalms 18(17);

1 Thessalonians

1:5c-10;

Matthew 22:34-40

Today we celebrate the World Mission Sunday, a powerful reminder of our shared responsibility to proclaim the Gospel to all nations. It is a day when Catholics around the world unite in prayer and solidarity to support the missionary work of the Church. In His final words before ascending into heaven, Jesus told us, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" (Mt 28:19). This call, often referred to as the Great Commission, defines the purpose of the Church. What is this Great Commission? It is to proclaim the Gospel of Christ to all peoples, serve the poor and marginalised, build communities rooted in love, and accompany humanity on its journey towards salvation. This is the core of Church's mission. In other words, the Church exists not for itself but for the world. This mission of the Church is not limited to priests, religious, or missionaries serving abroad, as is often thought. Rather, it is shared by all the baptised, you and me. This mission is lived out when we practise Christian charity and solidarity, defend human dignity in all its forms regardless of social background or ethnicity, care for the vulnerable, and share the Good News of the Gospel. Whether in a classroom, a hospital, a refugee camp, or a family home, the Church's mission becomes visible wherever love and compassion are put into action.

Why the Mission of the Church still matters today? We are living in a time of global crises in such scale that world has never been before. A recent survey done by ICRC (International Committee of the Red Cross) reveals that an estimated 2 billion people-roughly one-quarter of the global population live in countries directly affected by fragility, violence, and war. The "economic race" typified by global polarization, geo-economic fragmentation, trade wars, and the weaponization of supply chains, directly compounds this suffering. As a result, thousands of people pushed back to poverty, forced migration, loneliness, and social division. In this world the mission of the Church is more relevant than ever. It offers a message of hope in a fragmented world. The Church's mission calls us to look beyond borders and differences. It draws Christians to the wounded Christ in the suffering of others. In this way, we can all participate actively in building a more faith-filled and compassionate world. Last two millenniums the Church has been at work in this task and we are far from finished! Two-thirds of the humanity that is about 5.5 out of 8.3 billion, still have no relationship with Christ or His Church. Bringing people to Jesus is the work of the Church, and all of us together have a part to play. Therefore, our challenge is to live the mission together by understanding the mission of the Church that invites each of us to reflect on our own role within it. The Church's mission is shared; lived locally and globally, quietly and boldly, every day.

How do we live this in our everyday life. For World Mission Sunday in 2023, Pope Francis chose the theme: 'Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move' reflecting on the disciples' encounter with Jesus on the road to Emmaus, as recounted in Luke's Gospel (24:13-35). The Holy Father writes that 'their encounter with Christ in the Word and in the breaking of bread sparked in them the enthusiastic desire to set out again towards Jerusalem and proclaim that the Lord had truly risen. Their hearts burned within them, their eyes were opened, and their feet set out on the way.' Today our mission field is not a stage for actors but a platform for witnesses. We are not called to perform religion; we are called to live the Gospel! Jesus, before ascending into heaven, said, "You are witnesses of these things" (Luke 24:48). St. Paul in Ephesians 3 reveals that his mission was a "grace given", not a personal achievement. God doesn't call the qualified; He qualifies the called. That means, even our weakness can become a witness when surrendered to grace. The secret of mission is not strength but surrender in trust. Late Pope Francis reminds us that "every Christian is called to be a missionary of hope, carrying the light of Christ into the world's darkest corners." Our world is wounded by fear and indifference, but through prayer, compassion, and witness, we become living signs of God's mercy and hope among all peoples. The mission continues through you and me. We are God's witness, not His actor. Do fewer things and speak less of Jesus but live more like Him. Let us pray; Lord Jesus, make us true missionary of hope. Fill us with your Spirit, convert our heart, and use our life as your message to the world. Amen.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ