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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:
Revelation 7:2-4,9-14;
Psalms 24(23);
1 John 3:1-3;
Matthew 5:1-12a

This Week: 1st – 8th Nov 2026 Psalter Week 1	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 1st November Solemnity of All Saints Ordinary Time Year A Second collection for Johnson Association	8:30am Deceased members of Leason Family (MB) 10:30am Marie Brumant RIP (TK) 6:00pm People of the Parish	After 8:30am Mass, tea & coffee in the Parish Hall
Monday 2nd November The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed	8:55am Morning Prayer 9:15am All the faithful departed	
Tuesday 3rd November Feria	8:55am Morning Prayer 9:15am Private Intention (SG)	11:00am Private Church Tour
Wednesday 4th November Memorial of St Charles Borromeo	8:55am Morning Prayer 9:15am Ursula Matthews RIP (MB)	After Mass, Adoration until 6pm
Thursday 5th November Feria	8:55am Morning Prayer 9:15am KD Mathew	
Friday 6th November Feria	8:55am Morning Prayer 9:15am Healing for Richard (C&GP)	After Mass, Novena to the Sacred Heart
Saturday 7th November Feria	11:00am Alan Remedios RIP (AK)	10:15-10:45am Confession
Sunday 8th November Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A	8:30am Anne Hynes RIP (KB) 10:30am Lyam Ryan RIP (GF) 6:00pm Private Intention (SG)	After 8:30am Mass, tea & coffee in the Parish Hall Children's Liturgy during 10:30am Mass 2:30pm SVP Afternoon

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**PARISH HALL
BOOKINGS**

Please contact Sally at
volunteers.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8:30am & 10:30am

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

6:00pm

Let the Lord enter in, He is the King of Glory.

Let the Lord enter, let the Lord enter, enter into your heart!

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 Thomas Houlton who has recently died. Please also keep his family in your prayers. The Requiem Mass for Thomas will take place on Monday 23rd November at 10:30am. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

JOURNEY IN FAITH

The next Journey in Faith session will take place Monday, 9th November 2026, at 6.30 pm. The theme of the session will be: **"Getting to know God: The Creed 1"**. If you would like to deepen your understanding of Jesus and explore your personal relationship with Him, you are warmly invited to join us for this session.

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.

**ENCOUNTER EN-ROUTE – NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION –
JESUS YOUTH UK**

Jesus Youth UK is organising a National Eucharistic Procession from 1 to 30 November 2026, travelling through various parishes and university chaplaincies across the UK. As part of this beautiful initiative, the procession will visit Sacred Heart Church, Droitwich, on Tuesday, 17 November, at 9.45am, following the morning Mass.

All parishioners are warmly invited to come along and take part in this special occasion of prayer and devotion to the Eucharistic Lord. Let us join in praying for a renewed love for the Holy Eucharist and for the re-evangelisation of our families and our country.

POPE'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

"Faith can be embodied in all cultures, because it does not identify itself with any of them in a specific one. It dwells within them, shaping them from within according to the 'form' of Jesus Christ; that is, through charity, service and the filial recognition of God's fatherhood. In this way, the Church draws from the various cultures all that is good, beautiful and true, in order to embody and transmit the message of the Gospel."

Pope Leo XIV via Twitter 28th October 2026

GIVING TO OTHERS THIS CHRISTMAS

This Christmas the SVP will again be putting up a Giving Tree in St Richard's Chapel on the 21st November so that parishioners can donate presents to children in need. This year some will again be going to Father Hudson's Homes and the others will be going to the Salvation Army who are distributing presents to local children.

Both have requested new unwrapped gifts including gift vouchers for older children but if you wish you can put your present into a gift bag. To ensure that all the gifts are with the families in time for Christmas we would ask that your donations are back in church by the 5th December.

At Masses from 22nd Nov to the 6th December Christmas cards to be sent to prisoners will be left on the pews. We would ask that you write something in them to give seasonal greetings and hope to those in prison but please **do not** put any personal details even your name in them. We will then arrange delivery to Long Lartin.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE UPDATE – 28th NOVEMBER 2026

Thank you to everyone who has already pledged raffle prizes. If you would like to sponsor a prize, please write your name on the clipboard at the back of the church. **Raffle Tickets are on sale after all Sunday Masses from today.** Planning is well underway and the stalls are almost sorted. Again, the focus will be family-friendly with activities specifically for children. There will also be a variety of food available, a licensed bar and live music.

We are now looking for items for the Tombola and 'Secret Santa' (where children can buy gifts for their parents) stalls.

We are also keen to hear from anyone else who would like to join the team and help on one of the stalls. There is a clipboard at the back of church to add your name.

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:

£246.44

Gift Aid: £174.05

Late collection for

Missio: £5

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

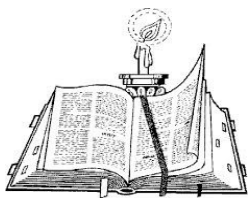
**Mass attendance
last Sunday: 231**

**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
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Next Sunday's

Mass Readings

Wisdom 6:12-16;

Psalms 63(62);

1 Thessalonians

4:13-18;

Matthew 25:1-13

There is a beautiful story about a little boy who grew up going regularly to an old, historic cathedral that was famous for its magnificent stained-glass windows depicting various holy men and women from Church history. One day at school his teacher asked the class a simple question: "Can anyone tell me what a saint is?" The little boy thought about those magnificent cathedral windows on a bright Sunday morning, with the rainbow colours of sunlight shining through the stained glass. He raised his hand and confidently answered, "A saint is someone who lets the light shine through." My dear brothers and sisters, today we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints. Today is not just a feast day for famous figures in the church immortalised in stained-glass windows, statues or marble. It is the feast day of the vast, countless multitude of holy men and women, including our parents, grandparents, neighbours and friends, who lived a life of quiet holiness, served their families, endured hardships and allowed the light of Jesus Christ to shine beautifully through their ordinary lives.

In our First Reading, from the Book of Revelation, St John presents a breathtaking vision of a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before God's throne. They wear white robes and hold palm branches, praising God and Jesus Christ, the Lamb. This reading reminds us of two important truths. First, the saints are not a small, exclusive group of perfect superheroes. They are an enormous family of human beings who knew what it meant to suffer, face difficulties and struggle. Second, they did not reach heaven through their own perfection or sheer determination. They reached heaven because they allowed themselves to be cleansed by the mercy and blood of Christ. They are victorious because they remained faithful to the Lord till the end. But what about us? We look at that heavenly multitude and think, "That is beautiful, but I am still here on earth, struggling with my failures, stress and sins". St John speaks directly to this feeling in our Second Reading: "Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are." He does not say that we will become God's children only after we die and pass a test. Rather, he tells us that we are God's children right now. The seed of sainthood was planted in each of us on the day of our Baptism. We are already saints in the making. The world might not recognise our worth, our silent sacrifices or our faithful prayers. But the world did not recognise Christ either.

If we are children of God, destined to join that heavenly multitude, how should we live our lives today? Jesus gives us the perfect blueprint in today's Gospel: the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes present the ultimate paradox of Christian life. Standing on the mountain, Jesus turns the world's understanding of success completely upside down. They are not impossible ideals but a roadmap to sainthood. Although they may seem unrealistic in a world driven by competition, power and personal success, the lives of the saints remind us that another way of living is possible. Today, we are invited not merely to admire the saints but to follow their example. Can we forgive those who hurt us, defend those treated unfairly and bring peace where there is division? While the world measures success through wealth, power and popularity, Jesus measures it through love, justice, mercy and faithfulness. The Beatitudes are both a promise and a mission for every Christian. My dear friends, The Solemnity of All Saints is not a day to look back at history with nostalgia. It is a day to look forward to our destiny with hope. The saints are a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, interceding for us and constantly reminding us that the path they walked is a path we too can follow. Let us, then, go forth renewed in our identity as children of God. Do not be afraid of the trials or darkness of this world. Keep the windows of your hearts clean. Rely completely on the grace of Jesus Christ and allow His light to shine through you. May God bless you all.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ