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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

Micah 5: 1-4;

Psalms 79;

Hebrews 10: 5-10;

Luke 1: 39-44

This Week 23rd December - 30th December (Psalter Week 4)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 23rd December Fourth Sunday of Advent Year C	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MF) 10.30 am Brenda O'Keeffe (JC) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall
Monday 24th December Advent Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Jim Tustain RIP (D & MM) 5.00 pm First Mass of Christmas 8.00 pm Christmas Mass (Midnight Mass) with carols from 7.30 pm	
Tuesday 25th December Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord	9.30 am Christmas Mass during the day	Christmas Offering for the Parish Priest
Wednesday 26th December Feast of St. Stephen, the first Martyr	10.00 am Special Intention (P & CI)	
Thursday 27th December Feast of St. John, Apostle, Evangelist	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mr. & Mrs. Turner RIP (ST)	
Friday 28th December Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Michael Trow RIP & Family (MM)	
Saturday 29th December Feast of St. Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Ints. of Peter Doran	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 30th December Feast of the Holy Family Year C	8.30 am Rose Family RIP (BB) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm Holy Mass	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall



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Cynthia Sharkey

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: God of hosts, bring us back; let your face
shine on us and we shall be saved.
6.00 pm: 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:

Ralph & Milly Arnold, Mary Arulandhu, Barbara Conway, Patrick Cussen,
Eddie & Eileen Dalton, Delores Delaney, Bernadette Duffy, Alan Francis,
Beryl Hill, Alan Hurst, John Jennings, Kevin McCorry, Rosemarie Preece,
Barbara Quigley, Michael Sheridan, Jacky Smith, David Veale,
Breda Wightman, Mark Wightman, Richard Wightman & Brigid Yates

**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.**



**Fr. George SCJ , Fr. Brian SCJ, Fr. Tom SCJ and
Bro. Patrick SCJ wish everyone in our parish community
a blessed and peaceful Christmas. May the blessings of
Christmas embrace you and your family. Sincere thanks
for your prayers, cards, gifts, support and help during
2018.**

CRIB OFFERINGS

Our parish will be donating crib offerings to Friends of the Holy Land. Every
penny will help the poorest Christian families, especially in and around
Bethlehem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel with education, employment,
health and housing initiatives. FHL is apolitical and ecumenical. Please keep
our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land in your prayers at this time.
Newsletters, leaflets and prayers cards are at the back of church.

CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

Once again this year we will need Readers and Special Ministers of the
Eucharist to assist with Christmas Liturgies, mainly to read and distribute
Holy Communion at the Christmas Eve Masses (5.00 pm and 7.30 pm) and
also at the Mass on Christmas Day at 9.30 am. A clipboard for signing up
has been placed in the Narthex. Thank you, Fr. George SCJ.

MASS INTENTIONS: 8.30 AM SUNDAY MASS

Please note that the 8.30 am Sunday Mass is currently fully booked for
Mass Intentions until the end of January 2019. In addition there are some
ad hoc dates also booked for this time. Sunday 3rd February is
currently the earliest date available. If you are requesting an intention for
the 8.30 am Mass please could you indicate on the form whether you would
like to wait for the next available Sunday or whether you would prefer a
weekday/Saturday Mass nearer the date requested. Many thanks for your
understanding.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN NOT AT A CATHOLIC SCHOOL

If your child is in Year 3 or above and you would like her/him to be prepared in the parish for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in June 2019, please make yourself known to Fr. George SCJ, Maria Jenkins or email sacredheartdroitwich@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible. There will be an initial meeting for parents on Tuesday 22nd January at 6.30 pm in the Parish Hall. The Commitment Mass will be held at 10.30 am on Sunday 3rd February. Preparation classes will start on the following Saturday morning every week from 9.30 am to 11.00 am in the church hall.

PARISH SECRETARY

I am out of the office, returning on Wednesday 2nd January 2019. I will also be out of the office on Monday 7th January 2019. I will be in the office on Friday 28th December to complete the newsletter only. Please could all items be submitted by 9.00 am on this date. For any urgent queries please contact Fr. George SCJ on 01905 773258. Everything else I will deal with on my return on Wednesday 2nd January.

FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN: ALTAR SERVERS

All Altar Servers and their families are invited to attend Mass at 10.00 am on Wednesday 26th December. New medals will be awarded and refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall after the Mass.

10.30 AM MASS TEA AND COFFEE ROTA

Is anyone able to help serve tea and coffee on the following dates: 17th March 2019, 26th May 2019, 30th June 2019, 4th August 2019, 8th September 2019, 13th October 2019 and 17th November 2019? Any help would be much appreciated. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to assist. For all other dates, if you are unable to take your turn, please could you make arrangements with others on the rota to ensure that there is cover in place. Thank you for your co-operation.

FOODBANK

A new wish list including items for Christmas is on the noticeboard. Foodbank are also in urgent need of the following items: tea bags (packet of 40 or 80), tinned fruit, tinned potatoes & carrots, coffee (small jars), long life fruit juice, jars of pasta sauce, cartons of custard, jam and biscuits. Items can be placed in the box at the entrance to church. Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH MILLENNIUM PROJECT : ASHRAY

John and Gina Pilley will be going to visit the Ashray project early in February 2019 and have been asked to take three old laptop computers for use in the school. Does anyone have such a thing that they are willing to donate? We have the means of cleaning the hard drive so that data will not be accessible once we take the computers to India. We would also like to take some children's stories on CD. If you have any suitable CDs that you can donate we would love to have them so that the CDs can be played to the children in school to help improve their English. Thank you for all the wonderful support for this worthwhile project. To contact John and Gina telephone 07914 920298 or email ashraydroitwich@gmail.com.



5.00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Children are invited to bring jingle bells to the 5.00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve to play for some of our carols.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM DIRECTORY 2019

We have seven copies of the new Archdiocesan Directory. These are available on a first come, first served basis from the Parish Office and are priced at £4.50.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY GIVING TREE

Thank you to all the parishioners who were able to leave presents for us to pass to Father Hudson's Homes and our local SVP families. It was a wonderful response to our appeal. Without your support we would not be able to help these families. Thank you all.

WEDNESDAY ADORATION

Please note that, because of the Christmas holidays, Adoration will resume in the New Year on Wednesday 16th January 2019.

Main Collection:

£224.32

Gift Aid: £520.00

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 259

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**



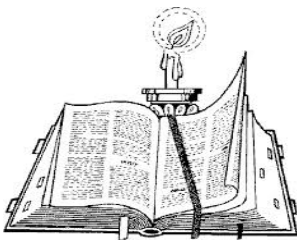
**The retiring collection
for Christmas Flowers
raised: £368.90**

**Thank you for your
generosity.**



DROITWICH SVP

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Next Sunday's Mass

Readings

*1 Samuel 1: 20-22,
24-28;*

Psalm 83;

1 John 3: 1-2,21-24

Luke 2: 41-52

RAFFLE PRIZES

There are a few unclaimed raffle prizes from the Christmas Fayre. If you have won a prize and have yet to claim it, these can be collected from the Parish Office. Please could all prizes be collected by the end of December.

REFUGEE KNITTING, UNDERWEAR & HAT, SCARVES & GLOVES APPEALS

Refugee knitting

Once again your generosity is overwhelming! The volume and diversity of the exquisite items donated was incredible. A particular thank you to the persons who knitted the carrier bags of hats and matching hat and scarf sets. Also the ladies who knitted hat, gloves and scarves sets and labelled them so thoughtfully. A further special thank you to the patient from the Great Witley Surgery who donated a vast quantity of beautiful knitting. Finally thank you for the large quantity of wool recently donated, which is located at the church entrance.

Refugee Underwear Collection

A huge thank you to the person who donated the vast amount of men's and boys' underwear, it will be so gratefully received.

Hat, Scarves and Gloves Appeal

Thank you so much to everyone who donated their surplus items to help the refugees cope with the cold. Once again your generosity knows no bounds!

The next collection date for all is Saturday 5th January. Once again thank you all for your continual kindness and generosity.

THANKSGIVING MASS

His Grace, Archbishop Bernard, will celebrate a Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage on Sunday 3rd February at 11.00 am at St Chad's Cathedral. Couples who will be celebrating a particular milestone anniversary (10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 50, 60 and every year over 60) are encouraged to attend as well as those newly married or preparing to marry in 2019. Please ask any couples celebrating a milestone anniversary to contact Lianne Pap via email at lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org with 'Marriage Mass' as the subject. Lianne is also trying to find the longest married couple in the Diocese and the Communications Team will be interviewing couples who get in touch to gather testimonies. To date the longest married couple to get in touch have been married for 62 years!

ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM NEWSLETTER

There are two copies of the latest newsletter from the Archdiocese at the back of church.

SAVE THE DATES

Please note the following dates in your diaries:

Saturday 16th February and Sunday 17th February 2019

Archbishop Deanery Visitation (Sacred Heart Parish)