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Today's Mass Readings
Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14;
Psalm 50;
1 Timothy 1: 12-17;
Luke 15: 1-32

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

This Week 11th September – 18th September (Psalter Week 4)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 11th September Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C Retiring Collection for the DEC Pakistan Floods Appeal	8.30 am Marie & Frank Webb RIP (PW) 10.30 am Thanksgiving for the Richter Family (MR) 6.00 pm Kevin O'Hara RIP (BO'H)	After 8.30 am Mass: Tea and Coffee in the Hall During 10.30 am Mass: Children's Liturgy 2.30 pm: SVP Afternoon
Monday 12th September Feria in Ordinary Time	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Stella & Hugh McDermott RIP (GM)	
Tuesday 13th September Memorial of St. John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Bridie Pringle RIP (AM)	
Wednesday 14th September Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Betty Parry RIP (SVP)	10.00 am until 7.00 pm: Adoration
Thursday 15th September Feria in Ordinary Time	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am SCJ Brothers on their Diaconate Ordination	
Friday 16th September Memorial of Ss. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Betty Parry RIP (J & GP)	9.45am: Novena to the Sacred Heart (soon after Mass)
Saturday 17th September Feria in Ordinary Time	11.00 am Alan Remedios RIP (KA) Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 18th September Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C Retiring Collection for Catholic Evangelisation	8.30 am People of the Parish 10.30 am Patricia Glover RIP (CL) 6.00 pm Holy Mass	After 8.30 am Mass: Tea and Coffee in the Hall During 10.30 am Mass: Children's Liturgy Home Mission Day

“Deeply saddened to learn of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, I offer heartfelt condolences to Your Majesty, the Members of the Royal Family, the People of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth.”

A message from Pope Francis to King Charles III, 8th September 2022

(Vatican News Website)

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**8.30 am & 10.30 am: I will leave this place and go to my
father.**

**6.00 pm: A pure heart create for me O my God: a spirit of love
within me (X2).**

PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Please pray for all our parishioners, and/or their friends and relatives, who
are unwell:

Barbara Conway, Finbarr Cronin, Eileen Dalton, Delores Delaney, Frank
Fawcett, Joan Graham, Bob Grant, Bev Griffiths, Beryl Hill, Alan Hurst, John
Jennings, Sally McCool, Andrew McDermott, Jackie McLean, Michael
Sheridan, Jacky Smith, Paul Smith, Margaret Steward, Breda Wightman,
Mark Wightman, Richard Wightman & Monsignor Graham Wilkinson

**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.**

HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II: 21 APRIL 1926 – 8TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Royal Family following the
announcement of the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday
8th September. May Her Majesty rest in peace. If you would like to sign a
local book of condolence, the Heritage & Information Centre in Droitwich is
open during its usual office hours. There is also an online book of
condolence at <https://www.royal.uk/>.

DEC PAKISTAN FLOODS APPEAL: SUNDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

Devastating floods have hit Pakistan, leaving millions in urgent need of help
to survive. A third of the country is now underwater (that's an area almost
the size of Great Britain). A second collection for the DEC Pakistan Floods
Appeal will be held on Sunday 11th September. Your donation will help
CAFOD's local partners support communities with clean drinking water,
food, emergency medical assistance and shelter. Please pray for those
affected. Donations can be made via the second collection, the cashless
device, online via the parish website or at cafod.org.uk/give. The planned
second collection for the Catholic Education Service will be postponed until
Sunday 16th October 2022.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

This year the Parish will be organising a Christmas Raffle. Your support
would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to donate a raffle prize,
please give your name to Terry as soon as possible so that we will be able
to print the tickets well in advance. Thank you.

SACRED HEART SPONSORED WALK

The Sacred Heart sponsored walk will be on Saturday 24th September. Your
generous support would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to
sponsor the walk please write your name on the clipboard at the back of
church. If you would like to join the walk you are most welcome to join the
Sacred Heart Fathers and Brothers. The walk will be held in Nottingham -
the place and time will be announced in due course.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy will resume today. If your child is 4 years old or older, they are welcome to attend at the 10.30 am Mass. It is an opportunity for your child to learn about our faith, liturgy of the day and Jesus in a friendly way. We need volunteers to help to run the children's liturgy. If you would like to help the children's liturgy it will be great help for the faith formation of our children. Thank you to all volunteers for all your continued help.

FR. HUDSON'S CARE ANNUAL PARISH COLLECTION

On Sunday 25th September the second collection will be for Father Hudson's Care to support their mission of supporting vulnerable people throughout the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Father Hudson's reaches out to people of all ages who need support many of whom will be badly affected by the cost-of-living crisis. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

REFUGEE KNITTING/DONATIONS

Thank you so much for the beautiful items left recently, they really were exquisite and will bring such joy to the recipients. Wool, needles, buttons and patterns are available in the cupboard at the church entrance to help defray costs. Donations of the same are very welcome. Knit anything you feel would benefit the refugees of all ages particularly with the onset of autumn and winter. We are also seeking donations of walking boots (just over ankle height) in sizes 37, 38 or 39 that are no longer needed for the Ukrainian Refugees in the local area. Any donations would be gratefully received and can be left in the box at the back of church. Many thanks.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

If you would like some company, a drink, chat and cake then please come and join us today from 2.30 pm to 4.30 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.

MISSION RED BOXES

Would Red Box holders please note that it is now time for counting and banking of contents. If your box can be left in the sacristy, it will be dealt with as promptly as possible. Thank you.

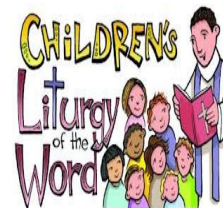
Job vacancy. Parish Red Box Secretary. If there is anyone out there, who is younger and more able than I am and, perhaps, willing to take on this very worthwhile task, I would happily introduce them to its few simple rules. kevin.elizabeth@btinternet.com

COVID-19 GUIDANCE

Face coverings are now advised rather than mandatory. Please sanitise your hands on entrance and exit. Holy Communion will continue to be under one kind. Social distancing is not required but please be sensitive to the needs of others in church. Please **avoid** attending church if you, or someone in your household, has symptoms of COVID. Thank you for your co-operation.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION - WORCESTER CIRCLE

Please see the poster on the noticeboard and sent with this newsletter for details of the Newman Association talks from September until November 2022. The next talk is on Thursday 22nd September at 7.30 pm, St George's Parish Hall, Worcester, Car Park post code WR1 1UT.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be Children's Liturgy on Sundays 11th, 18th and 25th September.

COMMUNITY MEAL

The next Community Meal is on Monday 3rd October at 12.30 pm in the Parish Hall.



FOODBANK

There is a new wish list that is on the website. Any donations would be gratefully received.

Thank you.

Main Collection

£281.14

Gift Aid last Sunday:

£181.00

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**Mass attendance
last Sunday: 225**



Next Sunday's Mass

Readings

Amos 8: 4-7;

Psalms 112;

1 Timothy 2: 1-8;

Luke 16: 1-13

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Welcome to everyone at Mass today, especially if you are new to our church or haven't been to Mass for some time. If you are of another Christian denomination or non-Christian you are warmly invited to approach the priest or minister and ask or signify your wish for a blessing.

You are Precious in the Eyes of God!

The word 'lost' can be understood differently. When you shed a few grams or kilos or litres of fat, you joyfully proclaim that you have lost weight. Sometimes people say that they have lost track of something. In other words they no longer know what is happening. Or they may say that they have lost their way, when they can't find the destination they are looking for. Or they may say they have lost heart, when they give up hope.

The Pharisees and the scribes in the Gospel seemed to feel that Our Lord Jesus had lost it, because he was associating with sinners and tax collectors and prostitutes. Society treated these as lost, as unwanted. But Our Lord reaffirmed his commitment to look for the last, the least and the lost by narrating the parables of the Lost Sheep and the Coin thereby presenting the tender image of God who is loving, forgiving and compassionate. In the first reading itself, Moses serves as the mediator for the people of Israel who seemed to have lost the plot completely as they began to worship false Gods as a retaliation to the difficult circumstances they were undergoing in the desert and all this even after God had freed them from slavery. In the second reading St. Paul, while writing to Timothy, reiterates that his negative behaviour towards the early Christians was all thanks to his ignorance of the mercy of God received through Jesus. The Church is a fellowship of lost sinners who constantly seek God's mercy and tender compassion and you and I are equal members of this fellowship. And sometimes we tend to get lost in the crowd. We tend to lose track of the beauty of our faith and the ways and means of strengthening it. We tend to lose heart when we are experience difficulties and struggles and begin questioning the very existence of God. And this results in reliance on superstitious rituals and practices and worshipping of false representations of God. People can get lost by the way that has been set before by Our Lord and Saviour Jesus by indulging in attitudes and behaviour that only destroy our relationship with him. God's lost and found department works round the clock. How do we find God and how does God find us? We find God in our reading of scripture when we discover what an awesome God he is. We find God in our prayer as individuals and as a community especially when we celebrate the Sacraments. We find God in our relationships where love and forgiveness abides in the home and in the community. We find God in the service we render to the Church and society, when we utilize our God-given talents and skills as well as share our resources with those who are struggling and suffering. On the other hand, we can also lose God when we replace him with other priorities, when we fail to make time for prayer and worship, when we ignore Him in the needy and the less fortunate of society and when we try to find him in the conveniences of the material world.

Let us rejoice then in the knowledge of a God who is compassionate, who loves and forgives and is even ready to look for us when we are lost. And on our part let us lose ourselves in knowing God, in worshipping Him, in loving Him and serving Him. Amen.