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Today's Mass Readings

Isaiah 56:1.6-7;
Psalms 66;
Romans 11:13-15.29-32;
Matthew 15:21-28

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

This Week: 20th - 26th Aug (Psalter Week 4)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 20th August Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	8:30 am Jean Grieves (LD) 10:30 am Franciszk Gruszka & the Family members. RIP (BS) 6:00 pm For the people of the Parish	After 8:30 am Mass: Tea and Coffee in the Hall 2.30-4.30 pm SVP Afternoon
Monday 21st August Memorial of St Pius X, Pope	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Ann Dermody RIP (CP)	12.30pm Community Meal
Tuesday 22nd August Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Mr. Penny Glossop RIP (BB)	
Wednesday 23rd August Feast of St John Wall, Priest, Martyr	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Kate for healing (CP)	10:00 am until 6:00 pm: Adoration
Thursday 24th August Feast of St Bartholomew, Apostle	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Holy Mass	
Friday 25th August Feria	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Fr. Alex Rebello (AR)	After Mass: Novena to the Sacred Heart
Saturday 26th August Feast of St Mariam Bauardy (of Jesus Crucified)	11:00 am Barbara Glossop RIP (BB)	10:15 - 10:45 am: Confession
Sunday 27th August Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	8:30 am Holy Mass 10:30 am For the people of the Parish 6:00 pm Holy Mass	After 8:30 am Mass: Tea and Coffee in the Hall

“Those who love do not stand around doing nothing. Those who love serve. They hurry to reach others to serve in the name of Jesus. We love through our deeds and love makes us happy!”

Pope Francis via Twitter 17th August 2023

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**8.30 am, 10.30 am 6:00 pm Let the peoples praise you, o God; let all the
peoples praise you.**

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, Frank Fawcett, 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 & Msgr. Graham
Wilkinson, Fr. Brian Boyle, Mrs. Roma.

**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 the Parish Office Please note that the
newsletter is also placed on the parish website. Thank you for your
understanding.**

FR. BRIAN BOYLE SCJ

Due to his ill health Fr. Brian has been getting frail day by day in the last two
years. He has reached a stage that a full-time care needed for him. At the
advice of the medical team who looks after his health condition, we have
moved him to Brindley Manor Nursing Home at St. Peter's Walk, Droitwich.
If you would like to visit him, please contact Brindley Manor Nursing Home.
Please keep Fr. Brian in your prayers.

SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

The Summer Garden Party yesterday was a great success. Thank you to all
those who supported the Summer Garden Party, either by making cakes,
advertising the event, helping set up the stalls, being a stall holder, selling
raffle tickets, providing refreshments, clearing up afterwards, donating
raffle prizes and items for stalls, counting the takings and/or attending on
the day and supporting the event. The Raffle was the biggest attraction. A
list of the winners of the Raffle are on the notice board at the back of the
church. Please check the notice board if you have won a prize. The Raffle
prizes can be collected from the Parish Hall after each Mass. The total
money raised for the parish will be announced in due course.

SVP BUNK BED APPEAL:

The Sacred Heart SVP is looking for a set of bunk beds for one of their clients, if anyone has usable bunk beds to give away, please contact the SVP on 07772927535 or droitwichreferrals@svp.org.uk

JOB VACANCY AT BLESSED EDWARD OLDCCORNE CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Midday Supervisor – required for October 2023 Closing date: 10.00am Tuesday 5 September 2023

Business Manager – required for Autumn 2023 Closing date: 10.00am Tuesday 5 September 2023

Please see the Blessed Edward Oldcorne website for details and an application form; <https://www.blessededward.co.uk/about-us/vacancies/>

JOURNEY IN FAITH

Are you looking to explore the Catholic faith? Are you wondering about your relationship with God and not sure where to start? Join us on a journey and see if the Catholic Church can help your relationship grow. This may be the right path for you. It may even help you take the next steps towards coming into the Church. The parish will be organising a Journey in Faith programme from September onwards. If you are already a Catholic and would like to learn more about your faith, or if you want to become a Catholic, now is the time to start exploring your faith. More updates about the programme to follow.

WORCESTER CIRCLE NEWMAN ASSOCIATION-SECRETARY/TREASURE

The Worcester Circle of the Newman Association urgently needs a secretary/treasurer. Duties include booking the hall, contracting speakers, dealing with enquiries from prospective members and head office and maintaining simple accounts. The duties are not actually too onerous and the tasks can be very rewarding. The Circle has been a part of Catholic life in this area for the last 50 years and meetings attract good numbers but without someone to fill this office we cannot continue. It would be possible to split these two roles and all assistance will be given to whoever takes this on.

If you are at all interested please contact John Duddington at duddingtonjohn@gmail.com

REFUGEE KNITTING

Thank you once again for your continual support of this worthy cause, particularly for the variety of exquisite sets so thoughtfully packaged.

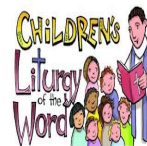
Thank you also for the vast quantity of baby girl clothes and the other miscellaneous items, which will bring such joy to the recipients.

Please continue knitting and store items at home until requested because of storage problems.

Donations of wool would be gratefully accepted to help defray costs and can be placed in the cupboard at the back of the church.

COMMUNITY MEAL

The next Community Meal is on Monday 21st August at 12.30 pm in the Parish Hall.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be no Children's Liturgy during the 10:30 am mass

YOUTH GROUP

PARISH YOUTH GROUP

The youth group runs during term time on Friday evenings from 6.30 pm for children aged 9-14 years. All young people are welcome to attend.

PARISH HALL BOOKINGS

Please contact Sally at volunteers.
sacredheart.droitwich@rcaob.org.uk or 07891144870

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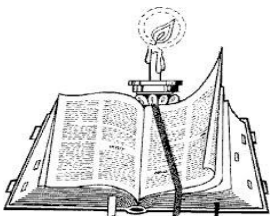
**Mass attendance
last Sunday: 217**



**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 20th August 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 or on Facebook, SVP Sacred Heart Droitwich.



**Next Sunday's Mass
Readings**

Isaiah 22:19-23;

Psalms 137;

Romans 11:33-36;

Matthew 16:13-20

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.

Today's readings speak to us strongly about universal salvation: the hope that every person will be saved. This was a huge controversy at times in the early Church and even today. Many have said: If everyone is going to be saved, why should we do anything? First, we must recognize that there is never anything "automatic" about being saved. Otherwise, there is no need for any salvation! Then what is salvation? Salvation is to be taken out of this situation of sinfulness by a power greater than us. Ultimately, we come to know this power as God and His love at work in our lives in Christ Jesus!

The Prophet Isaiah in today's first reading speaks of God's salvation for all those who honour the name of God, joining themselves to the Lord and becoming His servants. This was a huge breakthrough in the history of understanding God's love for us. Even those who were not "the chosen people" could be saved. This insight continues to be developed even in our own time. What a joy it is to live in a time when we can believe that Hindus, Moslems, Buddhists and all other believers in many systems of "religion" can be saved! We are encouraged to have respect for all such "religious systems" and to particularly respect all who seek truth in any form at all. That does not mean that the teachings of Christ are just one among other religious teachings and Christ is just like any other founders of religions. The CCC (Catechism of the Catholic Church) paragraph 846 clearly affirms this. "All salvation comes from Christ the Head through the Church which is his Body." Even though we can find elements of truth in every religion, Christianity possesses the complete truth because Christ is 'The Truth'.

In the Gospel we see Jesus refusing the appeals of the Canaanite woman at first. The response of Jesus might appear fulfilling at first glance. He seems to dismiss her appeals that his mission is primarily to the lost sheep of Israel. However, she is so humble that he could resist her appeals for the life of her daughter. This woman's faith shines even brighter; she persists in her plea falling at Jesus's feet and begging for help. What happens next reveals a deep lesson about faith and humility. We are challenged to have the faith of this woman who was not "of the chosen people". In our daily lives we meet people at times who seem to have no obvious faith and yet seem to trust more in God than we do! We meet people who have other religious systems and have given their lives over completely to the teachings of those systems, while we are lukewarm in our faith in Christ. This is exactly Jesus' point: 'What great faith we find in others!' The Canaanite woman approach Jesus with the kind of faith that truly pleases him. In doing so we shall certainly experience the transforming power of His grace in our lives and become witnesses to his boundless love in a world that's so desperately needs it. As we go home, let us carry the example of the Canaanite woman in our hearts. Let us be inspired to live out a faith that perseveres, humbles and trusts knowing that our saviour is ever ready to respond to the cries of his beloved children. God Bless us all.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ