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BETHARRAM

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Today's Mass Readings

Ezekiel 17:22-24;

Psalm 91;

2 Corinthians 5:6-10;

Mark 4:26-34

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

| This Week: 16th-23rd June 2024 Psalter Week 3 | Holy Mass & Services | Other Events |
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| Sunday 16th June Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B Second collection for the Day for Life | 8:30 am Mary Josephine McCorry RIP (MM) 10:30 am Soibhan Cronin RIP (GF) 6:00 pm Carrie Sidoli speedy recovery (GS) | After 8:30 am Mass: Tea & Coffee in the Hall 10.30 am Children's Liturgy |
| Monday 17th June Feria in Ordinary Time | 8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Jennifer Brocks RIP (LM) | |
| Tuesday 18th June Dedication of the Cathedral | 8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Gladis Remedios RIP (KA) | |
| Wednesday 19th June Feria in Ordinary Time | 8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Private Intention (BB) | 10:00 am until 6:00 pm Adoration |
| Thursday 20th June Feria in Ordinary Time | 8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Mathew Devasiya RIP | After Mass– cleaning Church |
| Friday 21st June Memorial of St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious | 8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Iain Martin RIP (DG) | After mass– Novena to the Sacred Heart 6.30 pm Youth Group |
| Saturday 22nd June Feast of Ss John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs | 11:00 am Mary Leason RIP (MB) | 10:15 am-10:45 am Confession 11.00 am Anointing Mass |
| Sunday 23rd June Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B | 8:30 am Fr. Terry Luxon RIP (MM) 10:30 am Jadwiga Fijolek RIP (BKF) 6:00 pm Iain Martin RIP (BO) | After 8:30 am Mass: Tea & Coffee in the Hall 10.30 am Children's Liturgy |

*“In this Year of Prayer, we need to make the prayer of the poor our own
and pray together with them.”*

Pope Francis via Twitter 13th June 2024

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PARISH HALL BOOKINGS

Please contact Sally at
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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30am & 10.30am It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

6.00pm

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

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

Barbara Conway, Finbarr Cronin, Beryl Hill, Alan Hurst, John Jennings, Andrew McDermott, Jackie McLean, Michael Sheridan, Jacky Smith, Paul Smith, Margaret Steward, Breda Wightman, Richard Wightman, Msgr. Graham Wilkinson, Fr. Brian Boyle, Mrs. Roma & Pamela Wojciechowski

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Your prayers are asked for Iain Martin who died recently. May his souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Please keep the family and friends of Iain in your prayers. Requiem Mass for Iain Martin will take place on Tuesday 25th June at 11 am. The Iain will be brought to the Church the evening before at 5pm.

SACRED HEART SUMMER FAIR 29TH JUNE 2024

We are hoping and praying for delightful sunny weather for our Summer Fair! We are also hoping to have a BBQ, Indian Food Stall, Beer or Wine Tasting, Games organised by the Youth Group and much more. We just need you!! Could you please offer to organise one of these attractions or a different event just for this one occasion? Get together with a couple of friends or family to help us out! Please see Fr George to share your talents and skills.

To add colour to its social aspect, we have the Summer Raffle. If you would like to sponsor a raffle prize, please give your name to Terry Poulton as soon as possible or write your name on the clipboard in the narthex. Raffle tickets are available to buy from the parish hall after each Mass. Please buy some tickets for yourself and for your friends and family.

In addition, there will be stalls such as bric-a-brac, toiletries, toys and books. Please start bringing items for these stalls.

We are looking for volunteers for Summer Fair, if you can help please contact with Fr. George.

YOUTH GROUP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our parish youth group is eagerly seeking additional volunteers who are keen to contribute towards the youth group. If you are available on Friday evenings and would be interested in having a conversation about different ways that you could help please email the parish secretary or speak to Matthew Hartley directly.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our children received their First Holy Communion on Saturday 15th June. Please pray for them and their families.

FATHER'S DAY

We would like to wish all fathers a Happy Father's Day. We hope you enjoy your special day.

GIFT AID

If you are a taxpayer please consider signing a Gift Aid Form (blanks are at the back of the Church). The Church can receive the tax back on your donation. This is a very important part of the funding of the Parish.

CAR PARK DEVELOPMENT

Finally, twelve years after Planning Permission was granted, most of the car park at the back of the church is being sold for housing. The building work is likely to start in the autumn. Once the houses are built there will only be 66 spaces for the use of parishioners and hall users. But, during the build, this number will be reduced, inevitably leading to issues. When further details are available, including how the issues will be managed, these will be communicated.

COME AND SEE WEEKEND

Do you feel deep down in your heart that God is calling you to serve in His church as a priest or a religious? If so, this is the right time to discern. The Sacred Heart Fathers and Brothers (Betharram) invite you to a 'Come and See Weekend' to Explore the Gift of Vocation to the Religious Life and Priesthood from Friday 21st (Evening) until Sunday 23rd June 2024 at the Depuis Retreat Centre, St. Paul's Convent, 94 Selly Park Road, Selly Park, Birmingham B29 7LL. For more information please contact: Br. Andrew Ferris SCJ : andrewferris@hotmail.co.uk

CHURCH CLEANING

As you are all aware that we have beautiful church which is a gem in the town and in the country people of all faith and no faith admire its atmosphere of prayer and beauty. To preserve this richness of our church, we invite any parishioners of any age, skill, or level of mobility, with a little time to spare, to volunteer to join the Church cleaning group. Thanks to all those who came last time to clean the church. We need a few more hands. Would you like to help? That will be great appreciated. Next cleaning day is Thursday 20th June soon after morning Mass.

COMMUNITY MEAL

Monday 22nd July at 12.30 pm in the Parish Hall.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be Children's Liturgy during 10.30 am mass on 16th, 23rd, 30th June & 7th, 14th July

PARISH YOUTH GROUP

Runs 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 Gerry Ceclich, Clare Tomlinson and Carla Tucker. They can be contacted on 01299 851188 or email: sg.sacredheart.droitwich@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

Main collection

£278.10

Gift Aid: £193.00

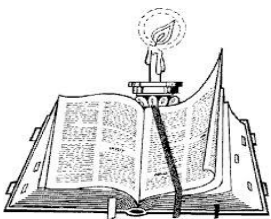
**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**Mass attendance
last Sunday: 255**



**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 14th July 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

Job 38:1-8-11;

Psalms 106;

2 Corinthians 5:14-17;

Mark 4:35-41

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.

Sometimes we think that if we have the biggest car, the biggest house, the biggest business, and so forth life is secured. But are they really true? Many don't think so. Including Jesus. In the Gospels we find Jesus giving high praise for just a cup of water, two copper coins, five tiny old barley loaves and two dried up fish, little children, crowds of only two or three being gathered together, and services rendered for even the least of our brothers and sisters.

Today's Gospel account has two brief parables, both about tiny things – little seeds. The first is apparently about wheat and the second about mustard seeds, the smallest of all seeds. The farmer, once he plants them, doesn't understand how the growth happens, he just knows that if he plants seeds, waters and nourishes them, he knows they will produce and produce abundantly, the tiny little mustard seed growing into an unusually large bush. He also knows he is not in control. Well, what does all this horticulture have to do with us this Sunday? The Gospel tells us that we ought not to confuse quantity with importance. Bigger is sometimes not better. Crowds have often been quite wrong. Public opinion polls are not necessarily gauges of what's right or what's wrong as the media seems to suggest. We can be sure of one thing. In spite of appearances, in spite of what a secularized world wants us to believe, God has not abandoned His world. God is at work in ways we cannot directly see. Our little faith, God can take it and make something wonderful out of it. God is always taking small and seemingly insignificant things and turning them into infinite worth. We may not be able to change the whole world, or we cannot stop wars. But we can be kind, compassionate and forgiving toward those around us. We cannot abolish prejudice, but we can be courteous and kind and have genuine respect toward those around us who are "different" from us. We cannot end crime and political corruption. But we can be honest in all our dealings. We cannot wipe out poverty, but we can help those in need by sharing what we have. All of these are mustard seeds, little things that God turns into very significant things, small things that in the divine economy become big things. God guides by planting and offering thoughts and inspirations in our minds and hearts. He guides; He doesn't take control of our free wills. God guides by planting seeds of thoughts; He guides subtly, indirectly, in our hidden aspirations. Which leads me point out the necessity of reflecting, in which we can become aware of those things from which our surrounding world diverts our attention and consideration. We must walk by faith in order to see what God will do.

Many a time we run into big problems for two reasons, first we do not have faith in starting small, we do not believe that it is the small things and efforts we take for granted that matters. Secondly, we fail to realize that it is God that gives the growth. We make a superman out of ourselves and think we can fix things our own way. Our world is a chaos simply because many of us are already forgetting that it is the little acts of selflessness, little acts of respect and regard for the other person, the little acts of love and consideration for the weak, the marginalized, the poor, those without a voice that helps in Nation building, not the huge national budget, the economic policies, financial policies, strength of the military etc. Psalm 33:16-17 sings to our ears: "A King is not saved by his army, nor a warrior preserved by his strength, a vain hope for safety is the horse, despite its power it cannot save.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ