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Sacratissimi Cordis Jesu
BETHARRAM

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Today's Mass Readings

Amos 7:12-15;

Psalm 84;

Ephesians 1:3-14;

Mark 6:7-13

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

This Week: 14th-21st July 2024 Psalter Week 3	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 14th July Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B Second collection for the Apostleship of the Sea	8:30 am Milbrough Blizzard RIP (RB) 10:30 am Brogan Whittle- expectant mother (MW) 6:00 pm Krzysztof Gawlik RIP (S)	After 8:30 am Mass: Tea & Coffee in the Hall 10.30 am Children's Liturgy 2.30 pm SVP Afternoon
Monday 15th July Memorial of St Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Ashley Smith RIP(VS)	
Tuesday 16th July Feria in Ordinary Time	8:40 am Morning Prayer 9:00 am Ashley Smith RIP(VS)	
Wednesday 17th July Feria in Ordinary Time	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Communion Service	10:00 am until 6:00 pm Adoration
Thursday 18th July Feria in Ordinary Time	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Iain Martin RIP(C&J family)	After Mass-Church cleaning.
Friday 19th July Feria in Ordinary Time	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Gladys Remedios RIP(AK)	After mass- Novena to the Sacred Heart
Saturday 20th July Feria in Ordinary Time	11.00 am Arthur Leason RIP (MB)	10.15 am -10.45 am Confession 11.00 am Anointing Mass
Sunday 21st July Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B	8:30 am Bill Drury- speedy recovery (LD) 10:30 am Pauline Sherwood 60th Birthday (LM) 6:00 pm Anna Sidoli Morris- Speedy recovery (MW)	After 8:30 am Mass: Tea & Coffee in the Hall

“Our world's problem is not the number of children born into it. The problem is selfishness, consumerism and individualism, which make people satiated, lonely and unhappy.”

Pope Francis via Twitter 11th July 2024

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PARISH HALL BOOKINGS

Please contact Sally at
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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30am & 10.30am

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.

6.00pm

Show to us your love and mercy,
give us your saving help X2 (AK 25)

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.**

CHURCH TOUR FOR PARISHIONERS

Further to the church tour which took place on 6th July, another
opportunity is available for parishioners on Saturday 20th July at 12.00 noon.
This free tour will be led by John Pilley and restricted to the first 20
parishioners who request a place. Please email the Parish Secretary, Bogusia
Koniszewska- Fijolek if you would like to join this interesting tour.

SUNDAY 14TH JULY

On Sea Sunday, which falls on 14th July this year, let us pray for seafarers, fishers,
and the work of Stella Maris.

When seafarers and fishers arrive in a foreign port, they are strangers, often
thousands of miles from home. Stella Maris' chaplains and volunteer ship
visitors welcome them, listen to their concerns, and help provide what they
need. Stella Maris' chaplains and volunteer ship visitors answer Jesus' call to
give hospitality to the stranger.

IGNITE' 2024-TEENS CONFERENCE

Jesus Youth UK invites all teenagers in school years 9 to 12 (starting
September 2024) to 'IGNITE' 2024, a Teens Conference centred around 2
Timothy 1:6 "I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you." It
will take place at Worth Abbey School in Crawley from Friday August 23rd to
Monday August 26th 2024 and it will be a time filled with exciting talks,
various workshops, personal testimonies, and plenty of time to interact with
other like-minded teenagers, eager to grow closer to the Lord. For more
details or to register, please visit [https://jesusyouth.co.uk/\(News/Events\)](https://jesusyouth.co.uk/(News/Events)) or
email teensministry@jesusyouth.co.uk. If you'd like to speak to someone
from the parish, please reach out to Vidya Thomas
at vidyann14@gmail.com.

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.

SACRED HEART SUMMER FAIR

Thank you to all those who supported the Summer Fair, either by making cakes, advertising the event, helping set up the stalls, being a stall holder, selling raffle tickets, helping with the games, providing refreshments, clearing up afterwards, donating items, attending on the day and supporting the event. The total raised for the parish was £2223.85. The list of the raffle prizes is at the back of the Church. Please have a look to see if you have won a prize. The raffle prizes can be collected from the Romero Room after each Mass.

NEW LECTIONARY

The Lectionary, which is the book that contains the scripture readings for Mass and the Sacraments, is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations. The process began with the Roman Missal in 2011 and has continued with all the other liturgical texts. The new Lectionary will use both the English Standard Version Catholic Edition of the Bible and the Abbey Psalter for the psalms. The changes are intended to make the biblical translations more faithful to the original languages, to reflect current biblical scholarship, and to provide a text for use in liturgical setting that is more proclaimable and, where appropriate, more inclusive. All through the year a set of 4 volumes used the total cost will be £960 including book of the Gospel. Thank you to all who have sponsored the Lectionary for the Church. The standard edition of the new Sunday missal for the people's use can be ordered. Hard back missal cost 19.95 there is 10% reduction for preorders.

HEAD TEACHER RETIRING

Mrs. Cath Brian the head teacher at St. Joseph's School is retiring after serving faithfully so many years. We as parish community take this opportunity to express our gratitude to Mrs. Brian for her dedicated service to the school. It was her hard work, leadership and teamwork that made our school one of the best schools in the area. We wish her all the very best and may God bless her.

THE FLAME OF LOVE

OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY MOVEMENT UK

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Movement invite you for their annual conference on 2nd-4th August in Ampleforth Abbey in Yorkshire, YO62 4EN.

Please see poster in the back of the Church or visit www.flameoflove.org.uk for more information and cost.

NEW AUXILIARY BISHOPS

The Holy Father Pope Francis has (25 April 2024) appointed Mgr Timothy Menezes, Dean of St Chad's Cathedral, and Canon Richard Walker, Vicar General, to be new Auxiliary Bishops to serve our Archdiocese. The Episcopal Ordination will be live streamed from St Chad's Cathedral at 12noon on Tuesday 16 July. Due to limitations on space the Mass of Ordination is by invitation only, but all are welcome to join online via the cathedral's live stream facility; <https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/> The booklet for the Ordination will be available on the website and it is hoped it will also be recorded.

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 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
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Tomlinson and Carla
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Diocesan
Safeguarding team
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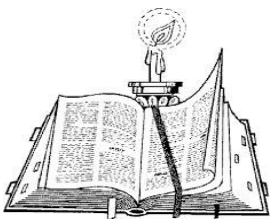
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supporting your
Parish.

Mass attendance
last Sunday: 277



**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**

Jeremiah 23:1-6;
Psalms 22;
Ephesians 2:13-18;
Mark 6:30-34

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.

"No, no, we are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters, and righteousness like a mighty stream." These words, taken from Martin Luther King Junior's famous speech 'I Have a Dream,' have their origin in the writings of the prophet Amos from where the first reading of this Sunday taken. The pre-exilic prophet Amos, also known as the prophet of social justice, sent to prophesy in the northern kingdom of Israel.

Today's Gospel readings is the continuation of last week's reflection that immediately after the rejection of Jesus by the people of his hometown, and this story is about the call of the 12 apostles. It's a brief episode from Mark's gospel, but obviously a very important one, with regard to the question of did Jesus found the church and what was the structures of authority that he gave to the community of disciples that he was going to leave in his wake after his passion, death, resurrection and ascension. So, let's look at this passage with the apostolic origins of the church and the structure of the church in mind. Mark 6:7 says this: And he called to him the twelve, and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. So, they went out and preached the Gospel of repentance and cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many that were sick and healed them. There are several aspects of this brief text that are worth highlighting. First, the idea of vocation. We can clearly see that 12 apostles did not choose Jesus, but that Jesus chose them. So, from the very beginning he is the one who initiates that call for them to become men who are set apart for His mission. "You did not choose me, but I chose you," that's the first point. Second point, the mystery of the Church. In 1962 Pope John the XXIII called the Second Vatican Council, which produced some of the longest and most extensive documents in the history of the ecumenical councils. The most important of the Vatican II documents was 'Lumen Gentium' which is the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church. It says, Church is the mystical body of Christ and He is the Head. This body is founded on Apostolic foundation and their teachings and each one of us are different parts of this mystical body.

In the Gospel, the instructions Jesus gave to his disciples would seem that they did not know how to pack for a trip. Incidentally most travellers do their best to anticipate needs and pack accordingly, yet the disciples of Jesus were to travel simple, with nothing to rely on except the companionship of another disciple 'two by two' and providence from God in whose name they were to preach repentance and heal the sick. The simplicity Jesus urged on his disciples was intended to help them focus on the needs of others and the task at hand. They were not to export or impose their own comfort but instead to share his mission and follow His lead. To be a true disciple means to sustain the original contact. Like Prophet Amos we are called to maintain the pace when executing God's agenda and indeed any valuable commitment. As true disciple always willing to succeed, we must remain connected to the sender. In this we shall treasure lifestyle of Christ, bearing witness to the truth that originates our Master Jesus Christ.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ