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Today's Mass Readings

2 Kings 4:42-44;
Psalm 144;
Ephesians 4:1-6;
John 6:1-15

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

This Week: 28th July-4th Aug 2024 Psalter Week 1	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 28th July Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B	8:30 am Victims of drug abuse RIP (BB) 10:30 am Thomas & Theresa Donohoe (NH) 6:00 pm John and Mary Ryan (DR)	After 8:30 am Mass: Tea & Coffee in the Hall
Monday 29th July Memorial of Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Chris Dennis (MD)	
Tuesday 30th July Feria in Ordinary Time.	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Ashley Smith RIP(VS)	
Wednesday 31st July Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am KJ Mathew RIP (BJ)	10:00 am until 6:00 pm Adoration
Thursday 1st August Memorial of St Alphonsus Mary de' Liguori, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Ashley Smith RIP(VS)	After Mass– Church cleaning.
Friday 2nd August Feria in Ordinary Time	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Sean Cronin (SC)	After mass– Novena to the Sacred Heart
Saturday 3rd August Feria in Ordinary Time	11.00 am Ian Martin RIP(BB)	10.15 am –10.45 am Confession
Sunday 4th August Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B	8:30 am Stephen Marshall RIP 10:30 am Michael & Katharine Sekovski RIP(BS) 6:00 pm Dorina Emanuel-speedy recovery (MW)	After 8:30 am Mass: Tea & Coffee in the Hall

"We need a new bond between the young and the elderly. Many those with more life experience water the shoots of hope of those who are still growing. May we come to know the beauty of life and build a fraternal society."

Pope Francis via Twitter 24th July 2024

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PARISH HALL BOOKINGS

Please contact Sally at
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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30am & 10.30am You open wide your hand, O Lord,
And grant our desire.

6.00pm The promises of the Lord are true and loving are all his deeds,
I will give you glory O God my king and praise your name for ever,
and praise your name forever. (AK38)

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 Marie Carlton, John Blackman & Eileen Morgan
who died recently. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Please keep the family and friends
of Marie, John and Eileen in your prayers. Funeral Service for Marie Carlton
will take place on Tuesday 6th August at 1pm. The Requiem Mass for John
Blackman will take place on Tuesday 6th August at 12 noon at St. George
Church in Worcester.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

The work of the SVP is needed now more than ever and thanks to your help
and support we have been able to help even more families this year. As a
thank you to you all you are invite to an afternoon tea on Saturday 31st
August between 2.30 and 4.00pm. So please come along and enjoy a cuppa
and a piece of cake while finding out what we have been up to. Thanks

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.

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.

MARCH FOR LIFE UK

March for Life UK is happening in London on Saturday 7th September. The theme for this year is "Abortion isn't Healthcare". Join thousands at this family-friendly event. There is a coach leaving from St George's Church, 1 Sansome Pl. Worcester WR1 1UG at 8am (departs London at 5pm). Cost is £25 per seat, payable in advance. To book a seat contact Isabel on 07773501721. Find out more about the day at marchforlife.co.uk

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 organizing a Journey in Faith programme from September onwards. If you are already a Catholic and would like to explore more about your faith, or if you want to become a Catholic, now is the time to start exploring your faith. The first Session of Journey in Faith will start on Wednesday 11th September at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

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 1st August soon after morning Mass.

COMMUNITY MEAL

Monday **19th August**
at 12.30 pm in the
Parish Hall.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy
will resume
in September.

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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or alternatively the
Diocesan
Safeguarding team
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have any concerns.

Main collection

£260.43

Gift Aid: £253

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supporting your
Parish.

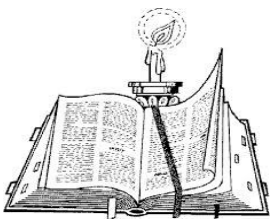
Mass attendance
last Sunday: 229



**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 18th 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**

Exodus 16:2-4.12-15;

Psalms 77;

Ephesians 4:17.20-24;

John 6:24-35

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 first reading and Gospel are closely connected. They speak of God's compassionate feeding of the people in their times of need. It is also a reminder of God's desire for us to offer our gifts, resources and talents for the good of others. We offer these gifts to God, through our care for each other. The gifts we have, we are given to share. We are very mindful of the many areas in the world where there are huge numbers of people who do not even have enough of the basics of life: food, water, shelter, healthcare, education, safety and freedom. We are inspired to work to help them, through the caring help of missionary and charitable groups who meet these essential needs. And the ideal is those groups who follow the example of Christ and meet people on the ground, in their own situations.

In the Gospel we see Jesus was motivated by compassion and by concern for the real needs of his people. He calls on his disciples, (us too!), to do everything we can, to use all the resources we have available to be real "food for the hungry. And help for those most in need". It is so reassuring to remember that God is the one who gives us what we need in due season. God has our concerns in his heart. God works to give us what we need, and he calls upon others to assist in the meeting of the real human needs of others. When we are tempted to lose hope or to question, then the words of the Scriptures remind us that God is completely faithful and desires that we are fed. God is generous, but God does not want us to waste this generosity even a crumb of the graces and blessings he gives us. Our Lord calls us to give -- and keep giving, without counting the cost; without expectation of return. Our Lord promises to transform this heartfelt but humble offering of ours, into things of grace.

There is a beautiful reflection, attributed to Saint Teresa of Kolkata, It goes like this: "People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centred; forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; be kind anyway. If you are honest and sincere, people may deceive you; be honest and sincere anyway. What you spend years creating, others may destroy overnight; Create anyway. If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous; be happy anyway. The good you do today will often be forgotten; do good anyway. Give the best you have, and it may never be enough; give your best anyway..." The Gospel does not make 'judgement' or 'self-justification' into the common bond between us, but rather God makes 'love' and 'goodwill' and 'generosity' as the true bond that unites us. We "love our neighbour" precisely because God's presence is in everyone around us, whether the others recognise it in return, whether or not they recognise the beauty of God's indwelling Spirit in themselves or in their own actions.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ