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Today's Mass Readings

Wisdom 7:7-11;
Psalm 89;
Hebrews 4:12-13;
Mark 10:17-30

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

This Week: 13th-20th Oct 2024 Psalter Week 4	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 13th October Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B Second collection for SVP	8:30 am James Megan RIP (BB) 10:30 am Margaret & Michael Cronin RIP (GF) 6:00 pm Mary Ryan (DR)	After 8:30 am Mass: Tea & Coffee in the Hall 10.30 am Children's Liturgy 2.30 pm SVP Afternoon
Monday 14th October Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Thanks Giving 75 Years :Worcestershire Royal Hospital (BB)	
Tuesday 15th October Memorial of St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Maggie Matthews RIP (BKF)	
Wednesday 16th October Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Thanks giving: 400 Years. (BB)	10:00 am to 6:00pm Adoration
Thursday 17th October Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Jeremy & Maria (C&PI)	7.00 pm "Understanding the Mass" organised by the Droitwich & District Catenians 7.00 pm Journey in Faith
Friday 18th October Feast of St Luke, Evangelist	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Mr. M J Ravi RIP	After Communion Service Novena to the Sacred Heart. 6.30 pm Youth Group
Saturday 19th October Feria	11.00 am Alan Remedios RIP(AK)	10:15-10:45 Confession 11.00 am Anointing Mass
Sunday 20th October Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B Second collection for Missio	8:30 am Paddy Rochford RIP(BM) 10:30 am Neil Duffy RIP (JD) 6:00 pm People of the Parish	After 8:30 am Mass: Tea & Coffee in the Hall

*"Let us pray the Rosary daily, entrusting ourselves confidently into the hands of Mary!
We entrust to her the sufferings and desire for peace of people suffering because of war,
especially martyred Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, Myanmar, and Sudan. "*

Pope Francis via Twitter 9th October 2024

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PARISH HALL BOOKINGS

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.00am, 10.30am Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

6.00 pm Abba Father you are always our refuge and our joy.

So we thank you and we worship, we worship you in song 26 AK

PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

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

Barbara Conway, 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.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Parish Fair is the time we all can come together as a Parish Family apart from liturgical services to meet and greet our fellow parishioners twice a year. Also, though small, yet it is one way of raising some additional fund for the parish to cope with the massive increase of gas and electricity bill this winter. The Christmas Fair this year will be on Saturday 30th November from 11.00am till 3pm. To add colour to its social aspect, we have Christmas Raffle. If you would like to sponsor a raffle prize, please give your name to Terry Poulten as soon as possible or write your name on the clipboard in the narthex. Please keep this day in your diary.

YOUTH GROUP RETREAT

The Parish Youth Group will be going on a weekend retreat to Alton Castle from 8th - 10th November. The weekend will be an opportunity for our young people to explore their faith more deeply and take part in a range of fun indoor and outdoor activities. The cost is £50 and, if your child would like to attend, please contact Matthew Hartley on 07483237225 to book their place. Additionally, if you have the means and want to support the trip financially by offering subsidies to those who will otherwise struggle to attend, please contact Matthew.

YOUTH GROUP VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for additional volunteers to be added to a rota to help support our Parish Youth Group. The Youth Group meets on Friday evenings in term time and is a fun space for our young people to grow in faith, build friendships and engage in meaningful activities. If you can spare some time on a Friday evening and would like to be added to the volunteer rota, please contact Matthew Hartley on 07483237225.

NEXT SUNDAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio, his charity for world mission, through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate, use Missio envelopes, call 02078219755 (office hours) or visit mission.org.uk to give a gift, set up a direct debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

OPEN MORNING AT ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL DROITWICH

Open Morning and Afternoon at St. Joseph's Catholic school will take place on Thursday 14th November at 9.00am and 4.00pm.

FR. GEORGE MATHEW SCJ

Fr. George will be away for a Mission Talk this Sunday. We thank Fr. Justin from Oscott Collage and Fr. Stephen for celebrating Masses in his absence.

HARVEST MASS LAST SUNDAY

We thank the staff and the students at St. Joseph's school for beautifully organising the Harvest Mass at 10.30 last Sunday and for offering food items and fresh produce at the offertory. Thank you also to Sacred Heart SVP for distributing them to the families in need.

"UNDERSTANDING THE MASS—A PERSONAL JOURNEY"

"Understanding the Mass - a Personal Journey" organised by the Droitwich & District Catenians will be held on Wednesday 16th October in the Sacred Heart Church, Droitwich, at 7pm to 8.30 pm and is open to all Parishioners in the Deanery

SVP APPEAL

There will be a second collection at all Masses on 13th October for Sacred Heart SVP. There will be SVP members at the back of church after each Mass if you wish to find out more about what they do and how you can help.

TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE FOR 10.30 AM MASS

An elderly lady Parishioner has requested help to get to and from 10.30 Mass on Sundays. She lives in the Tagwell Road area of Droitwich. She is mobile and walks with a stick. She has been unable to attend Mass for several years and would like to return to see some familiar faces. If you are able to help this lady, Fr George has her details. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE

The SVP annual Family Quiz will take place in the Parish Hall on the evening of Saturday 1st Feb 2025. This will be a free evening for everyone to come together for some friendly competition and to have fun. Further details nearer the time.

SACRED HEART DROITWICH SVP CONFERENCE APRIL 2023-MARCH 2024

Please see the annual statement of activities for the SVP at the back of the Church.

JOURNEY IN FAITH

The next Journey in Faith session will be on Wednesday 16th October at 7pm in the Elgar Room. On this day we will be discussing the topic Getting to know God: The Creed.

CASH4COINS

The holiday season is coming to an end. Perhaps you have some foreign coins and notes from a trip abroad. SVP would like to take these off your hands and have them converted into cash to help local people in need. The last collection was very successful. The collection box is at the back of Church after every Sunday Mass....every little coin is gratefully received. Thank you.

COMMUNITY MEAL

Monday **21st October** at 12.30 pm in the Parish Hall.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be Children's Liturgy during the 10.30 am mass on 13th October.

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.

29/09/2024

Main collection

£353.93

Gift Aid: £186.50

06/10/2024

Main collection:

£312.77

Gift Aid: £ 212.00

Second collection for
CAFOD: £122.91

Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.

Mass attendance
last Sunday: 347

**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 13th October 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 53:10-11;

Psalms 32;

Hebrews 4:14-16;

Mark 10:35-45

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.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Jesus Christ. On this beautiful Sunday, the readings remind us that we do not possess anything in our life that we refuse to surrender to the Lord. From the ancient to the contemporary time, humankind have transformed the face of the earth through their achievements and inventions. Technological advancement has made human life easier. Invention of smart technology and AI (artificial intelligence) have made life more luxurious than ever. In the face of all these modern innovations, humanity seems to be much more withdrawn from God. The secularists will say, man has conquered the world! therefore, God has no place in it anymore. The increasing sophistication of modern life with its attendant extravagance has doubled the spirit of possessiveness in the hearts of people. Today people are working round the clock no longer to satisfy necessary human needs, but to maintain a superficial standard of living they opted for themselves. No one has time for others, because we have activities, debts, bills and what have you to meet up with. Things have taken up the place of persons in the hearts of people. In this current social context, the first reading from the Book of Wisdom advises us to use the God-given virtue of prudence and to seek true wisdom in preference to vanishing realities like riches or political and social influence. Solomon chose wisdom before everything else. But, when he accepted wisdom, he received everything else along with her. Since Jesus is Wisdom Incarnate, when we put following Jesus ahead of everything else, we receive everything else along with Jesus.

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us what it takes to be a righteous person. Holiness does not consist in keeping all the commandments or avoiding sin but in doing something good for others. Many would say that Jesus made an unfair or impossible demand of the wealthy young man. But my question is, what is the difference between what God asked Abraham to do with his only son and what God asked the rich man to do with his wealth? In Abraham, we saw a man who values the person. Detached from his possessions. In the rich man, we saw a man who is attached to his possessions. Abraham was willing to let go "a person", the rich man was unwilling to let go "a thing". The problem is not in having but in letting go. Part of the fears of this rich man may be the fear of becoming poor, but he never knew what providence has in store for him. Being rich is no evil. God does not condemn riches but condemns our attitude to them. It is a sin against the first commandment when we give to wealth the place of God in our lives. Jesus was so generous that he gave us his very self. God does not ask us to give up our time, talents and riches, but he does ask us to use them wisely in His service. We must manage our possessions wisely so that they do not gain control over our hearts. Anger, holding grudges, drugs, lust, apathy, lies, unfaithfulness, theft, or fraud, these are all obstacles to possess God. Even though man has grown to conquer the universe, yet. When God takes back that life-breath (which He infused in him) from him, the man becomes a handful of ashes and dust. How finite we are! Let us invite God into our lives and into our efforts to face and remove that one obstacle to holiness and possess God who is infinite.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ