



Societas Presbyterorum
Sacratissimi Cordis Jesu
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Today's Mass Readings

Isaiah 53:10-11;
Psalms 32;
Hebrews 4:14-16;
Mark 10:35-45

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

This Week: 20th-27th Oct 2024 Psalter Week 1	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
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
Monday 21st October Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am James Sexton RIP(BB)	12.30 pm Community Meal
Tuesday 22nd October Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Peace in the Middle East	
Wednesday 23rd October Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Thomas Taylor (CP)	10:00 am to 6:00pm Adoration
Thursday 24th October Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Ben Ward RIP	After Mass - Church cleaning
Friday 25th October Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Holy Mass	After Mass - Novena to the Sacred Heart. 6.30 pm Youth Group
Saturday 26th October Feria	11.00 am Gladys Remedios RIP(AK)	10:15-10:45 Confession
Sunday 27th October Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B	8:30 am Margaret, John & Paul Harding RIP (MM) 10:30 am People of the Parish 6:00 pm Holy Mass	After 8:30 am Mass: Tea & Coffee in the Hall

“May the Holy Spirit always keep alive in us the fire of His divine love, which makes us His children. God’s love makes us able to love Him and our neighbour and thus attain eternal life. If you don’t know what to ask for in prayer, ask for the Holy Spirit!”

Pope Francis via Twitter 16th October 2024

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PARISH HALL BOOKINGS

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.00am, 10.30am

May your love be upon us,

O Lord as we place all our hope in you

6.00 pm

The word of God is more desired than gold;

the word of God is sweeter than honey.

Light to our eyes, the Lord's command is clear;

greater than gold the message of eternal life. (11 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 and 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.**

RECENTLY DECEASED

Your prayers are asked for Ben Ward who died recently. May his souls and
the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in
peace. The Requiem Mass of Ben Ward will take place on Friday 1st
November at 1.30pm. Ben will be brought to the Church on the evening
before at 5.15 pm. Please keep the family and friends of Ben in your prayers.

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.

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting
Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, we stand united as God's global
family, in prayer, solidarity and action. We are called to 'go and invite
everyone to the banquet' for the joy of Christ's Resurrection is a gift meant
to be shared with the entire world. Please pray for missionaries and give
what you can to this vital collection, bringing God's compassion, peace and
justice to those in need. To donate, use Missio envelope, call 02078219755
(office hours) or visit mission.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and
Gif Aid your declaration 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.

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.

SPONSORED WALK

I take this opportunity to thank you all for your generous support for the SCJ sponsored walk. The total money we raised from the parish was £ 1301.00.

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.

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.

OCTOBER ROSARY MONTH

Month of October traditionally dedicated as month of the Holy Rosary. So, starting from Tuesday the 22nd till Thursday the 31st of October, we will have Rosary at 9.00 am followed by Holy Mass. During these 10 days, we will be pray for peace in this troubled world through the intercession of Our Lady Queen of Peace. Please do come and join us for the Rosary in the morning.

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.

JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA)

The next Journey in Faith (RCIA) session will be on Wednesday 30th October at 7pm in the Elgar Room. On this day we will be discussing the topic "Getting to know God through the Creed" second part.

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.

COMMUNITY MEAL

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy
will resume
after half term.

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
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or alternatively the
Diocesan
Safeguarding team
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6240/safeguarding@
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have any concerns.

Main collection

£326.31

Gift Aid: £232.00

Second collection for

SVP: £463.50

Additional collection

for Fr. Hudson Society:

£10.00

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

Mass attendance

last Sunday: 242

**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 10th

November 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 31:7-9;

Psalms 125;

Hebrews 5:1-6;

Mark 10:46-52

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.

In the gospel taken from Mark we have James and John requesting Jesus for seats of power. In doing so, the sons of Zebedee seem to have missed everything Jesus had said and done. They were expecting a political and spiritual battle while being loyal to Jesus, ready to stand with Him. They do not yet realise that His way is not the way of status or entitlement and that their call as disciples and as leaders of the new community has nothing to do with privileges. It has more to do with enduring the suffering associated with commitment to their mission and with setting others free to be their best selves.

Responding to His disciples, Jesus draws their attention to the Roman authorities who regularly "overpower" and "intimidate" others. They rely on coercion and control to maintain their dominance and privileges. In absolute contrast, greatness among Jesus' followers is counter-cultural. It is measured by their ability to live as servants, even if that life means suffering oppression at the hands of those who wield power. To demonstrate this, Jesus offers an unpalatable alternative: 'to be slave of all'. He sustains the slavery metaphor and goes on to summarise his own mission with an image that comes out of the world of his time: 'not to be served but to serve and give life as a ransom for many'. The 'ransom' was the payment made to free someone from slavery or captivity. To substitute oneself for a slave was to give one's life as a ransom for that slave. Reading the gospel from beginning to end helps us to understand the ultimate self-giving of Jesus in death as the climax of a lifetime's outpouring of love, a love that draws forth loving and liberating action in others.

Jesus has a unique role in the plan of salvation. He draws on two metaphors that James and John would have understood too well: He says, "Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" In the Old Testament, "cup" often refers to blessings, judgment or death. While James and John are thinking of the cup and baptism as wonderful blessings, Jesus knows that they will involve pain, sacrifice and death. One may ask – Why should we follow the way of Jesus? It eventually led one to death on the cross? What we see in our world today, is precisely the upshot of not following the teachings of Jesus. Problems are attempted to be solved through strength and force, extremism and radicalism and the result is that the world is on the brink of a Third World War. Power struggles and upheavals are nothing out of the ordinary now. However, it is very clear that this is not the way to deal the problems we face in the world. Because this mode of resolving the problem will only breed more violence, revenge and a chain of vengeance one after the other, somebody has to break this chain of vengeance! It's only love and forgiveness that can solve problems and bring reconciliation. Being a Christian is not about reaping rich rewards. Instead, it is about total obedience to the will of God and humbling oneself. I will conclude with a quotation of St. Theresa of Kolkata, "The fruit of silence is prayer; the fruit of prayer is faith; the fruit of faith is love; the fruit of love is service; the fruit of service is peace." This peace is what today's world desperately in need of. So, let us pray for peace in the world.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ