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Today's Mass Readings

Malachi 3:1-4;
Psalms 24(23);
Hebrews 2:14-18;
Luke 2:22-40

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

This Week: 2nd-9th Feb 2025 Psalter Week 4	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 2nd February Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Year C Second collection for Life Charity	8:30 am Verona Gamble (SC) 10:30 am Chris Dennis RIP (AM) 6:00 pm Josephine Grant RIP (JP)	After 8:30 Mass: Tea & coffee in the Parish Hall 10:30 am Mass Children's Liturgy
Monday 3rd February Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Communion Service	
Tuesday 4th February Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Communion Service	
Wednesday 5th February Memorial of St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Communion Service	After Communion– Adoration
Thursday 6th February Memorial of St Paul Miki, and Companions, Martyrs	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Communion Service	
Friday 7th February Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Communion Service	After Mass: Novena to the Sacred Heart 6:30-8:00pm Youth Group
Saturday 8th February Feria	11.00 am Clifford Bowditch RIP (BB)	10:40-10.55am Confessions 12:00-5:00 pm Visitor Centre in the Romero Room, Parish Hall 12.00-3.00 pm Children's Workshop Tour
Sunday 9th February Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C	8:30 am Pat Whaley (AP) 10:30 am Special Intention (C&PI) 6:00 pm Alan Remedios RIP(AK)	After 8:30 Mass: Tea & coffee in the Parish Hall 10:30 am Mass Children's Liturgy 2.30pm SVP Afternoon

**“ The Word of the Lord cannot remain only a fine abstract idea
or stir up only a passing emotion. Scripture invites us to change our gaze
and allow our hearts to be transformed into the image of the heart of Christ.”**

Pope Francis via Twitter 28th January 2025

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**PARISH HALL
BOOKINGS**

Please contact Sally at
volunteers.

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07891144870

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30, 10.30am and 6.00 pm

The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory!

PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

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

Beryl Hill, Alan Hurst, John Jennings, Andrew McDermott, Michael Sheridan,
Jacky Smith, Paul Smith, Margaret Steward, Breda Wightman, Richard
Wightman, Mrs. Roma and Judy Lynam Pyper.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Your prayers are asked for Bridget Mary Beddall who died recently. May her
soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. The funeral service of Bridget will take place on Thursday 20th
February at 10.30am. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers.

FR. GEORGE ON HOLIDAY

Fr. George will be away for his holiday and visiting his family from
21st January till 11th February. While Fr. George is away priests from the
deanery and from Olton Friary will supply for the weekend masses. Any
emergency sick visit or funerals please contact Fr. Tomas (07391550817) at
St. Peter's Bromsgrove.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2025

If your child is Year 3 or above and doesn't go to a Catholic school and you
wish your child to be prepared to receive the Sacrament of First Holy
Communion this summer, please contact Fr. George SCJ or the parish office
before 23rd February. Holy Communion Mass will be on Saturday 21st June.
Holy Communion Sessions will start on Saturday 8th March at 9:30 - 11:00am
in the Parish Hall. There will be a meeting with the parents and children on
23rd February after 10.30 Mass in the parish hall.

WORD ON FIRE UK BIBLE CONFERENCE-FEBRUARY 2025

If you want to gain a deeper appreciation of the Bible and the Catholic faith
come and join Bishop Robert Barron and thousands of other Catholics from
across the UK for the national conference Evangelisation & Culture: The
CCCBible, which will take place from Friday 21st - Saturday 22nd February
2025, at the Excel Centre in East London. Further details about the
programme, speakers, and tickets can be found on the event
website: events.wordonfire.org/the-bible-event). Tickets are available for the
Friday and Saturday or just a day pass for the Saturday.

JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA)

The Journey in faith will take place on Wednesday 18th February and the
topic will be 'Mother Mary and Marian Devotion'.

WELCOMERS-10.30AM MASS

The 10.30am Welcomers are looking for new people to come and help. This
really doesn't take too much time and the more people we have the better.
We would welcome some new members, so please consider joining us to
welcome people into our beautiful church. If you interesting please contact
parish office 01905 773258.

CHILDREN'S MOSAIC WORKSHOPS

Last Saturday, the National Lottery Mosaics Team held the first mini church tour and children's workshop. Feedback was excellent. We are looking forward to running the next one on Saturday 8th February. To book this free event, please visit the website sacredheartdroitwich.org.uk/free-mosaic-workshops

A YEAR OF HOPE: INTRODUCTION TO THE JUBILEE YEAR

How can we respond to Pope Francis' call to be "tangible signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year? Find out by watching this inspirational event:

<https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/a-year-of-hope-an-introduction-to-the-jubilee-year> (find it and other Jubilee resources at cafod.org.uk/jubilee). Featuring Fr Jan Nowotnik, Director of Mission at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, CAFOD Director Christine Allen and more. Discover how we can act in faith and in love as pilgrims of hope this Holy Year.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

This year 2025, the Holy Father has announced as a Year of Jubilee for the universal church, a year to mark the 2025th anniversary of the manifestation of Our Lord. As pilgrims we know that prayer is at the very heart of our journey of faith as we allow ourselves to be drawn into the life of God through our encounter with His Son, Jesus Christ, with our personal prayer and setting up programmes for our renewal as individuals and a parish family. To help us to start this journey of hope, we have The Jubilee Companion Booklet available at the back of the church, priced at £1.50.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

'Friends of the Holy Land would like to thank all parishioners for £116.85 raised for Christians in the Holy Land, at a time when they desperately need our help. Please continue to remember our work in your prayers, giving our brothers and sisters strength to continue.'

AN INVITATION FROM THE BIRMINGHAM LOURDES HOSPITALITE

The Birmingham Lourdes Hospitalité warmly invites you to a special Mass celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on Saturday 8th February, at 4:30pm, in St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham. This celebration is a wonderful opportunity to come together in prayer, honour Our Lady, and seek her intercession for the sick and their carers. Refreshments will be served after Mass. We extend a special invitation to: All who have served in Lourdes, Schools, students, and Pilgrims planning to join our Diocesan Pilgrimage in May 2025. The Birmingham Lourdes Hospitalité is a religious confraternity affiliated with the Hospitalité Notre Dame de Lourdes. We are committed to supporting pilgrims, especially those staying in the Accueil, by providing meaningful experiences and financial assistance to those in need.

REFUGEE KNITTING

Thank you so very much for the numerous exquisite knitted and crocheted items recently donated. Also for the variety of clothing, both new and pre loved. Your generosity and continual support is so appreciated by Gain and of course the recipients whose lives you so uplift by your kindness. Please continue to make items and store them at home until requested because of storage. If you can do the same with clothing that would be so helpful. The need for your support is sadly more desperate than ever at the moment! Donations of wool to help defray costs can be placed in the cupboard at the church entrance. As ever thank you all very much, your kindness is overwhelming.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be Children's Liturgy during 10.30 am mass on **2nd & 9th February.**

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 Clare Tomlinson, Carla Tucker and Bogusia Koniszewska-Fijolek. 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

£279.43

Gift Aid: £162.00

Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.

Mass attendance
last Sunday: 257

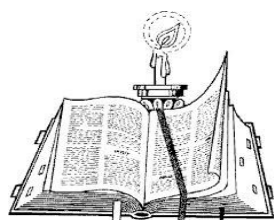


**ST. VINCENT DE
PAUL SOCIETY: TEA
& COFFEE
AFTERNOON**

If you would like some company, a drink, chat and cake then please come and join us on Sunday **9th February** 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 6:1-8;

Psalms 138(137);

1 Corinthians 15:1-11;

Luke 5:1-11

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.

Jubilee 2025 'Pilgrims of Hope' an opportunity to be renewed in hope.

Pope Francis officially declared 2025 a Year of Jubilee with a papal bull, titled "Spes Non Confudit," meaning "Hope Does Not Disappoint." Pope Francis opened the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica on Christmas Eve 2024 thereby officially inaugurating the 2025 Jubilee of Hope. "Hope is also the central message of the Jubilee that, in accordance with an ancient tradition, the Pope proclaims every twenty-five years," said Pope Francis in his papal bull. "My thoughts turn to all those 'pilgrims of hope' who will travel to Rome in order to experience the Holy Year and to all those others who, though unable to visit the City of the Apostles Peter and Paul, will celebrate it in their local Churches."

"Everyone knows what it is to hope," the Pope wrote in the introduction to the Bull. "In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future will bring." Expressing his desire that the Jubilee might be "an opportunity for us to be renewed in hope, Pope Francis recalled that pilgrimage is "a fundamental event of every Jubilee event," traditionally associated with the human quest for the meaning of life. The artistic masterpieces and the beauty of creation we see on our journey inspire us to praise and thank God for His wondrous works. In particular, he invited all the particular churches throughout the world to prepare priests and the faithful for Sacramental Confession, which should be readily available throughout the year. The Holy Father prayed, too, that during the Holy Year, "the light of Christian hope might illumine every man and woman, as a message of God's love addressed to all," and that "the Church might bear faithful witness to this message in every part of the world." Reading the "signs of the times," Pope Francis noted the desire for peace in a world increasingly marked by violence and conflict, and the loss of a desire to have children, with many countries facing a "demographic winter." He called for a social covenant to support and foster hope. Pope Francis urges that hope be offered to the sick, to the young and to the elderly – especially grandparents, to migrants and to the poor.

Pope Francis insisted that Christian hope, rooted in Christ's death and resurrection for each human person, points to our final destiny, eternal happiness with God in heaven. We are saved by God's mercy, seen especially in the gift of indulgences: While Confession washes away our sins, indulgences – including the Jubilee Indulgence – remove the effects of sins forgiven in the Sacrament. In the Bull of Indiction, the Pope notes that the specific conditions for receiving the indulgence will be published soon. The Holy Father concludes the Bull with a final note of hope, praying that "the coming Jubilee will be a Holy Year marked by the hope that does not fade, our hope in God"; and that it might help us recover "the confident trust we require in the Church and in society, in our interpersonal relationships, in international relations, and in our task of promoting the dignity of all persons and respect for God's gift of creation." "During the Holy Year, may the light of Christian hope illumine every man and woman, as a message of God's love addressed to all!" said Pope Francis. "And may the Church bear faithful witness to this message in every part of the world!"

From the Bull of indiction of the Ordinary Jubilee of the year 2025