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**Welcome to this House
of God:**

Talk to God before Mass

**Listen to God during
Mass**

Talk to others after Mass

Today's Mass Readings

Isaiah 60: 1-6;

Psalm 71;

Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6

Matthew 2: 1-12

This Week 8th January – 15th January (Psalter Week 1)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 8th January Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord Year A	8.30 am Margaret, Margherita & Robert McCool (JA) 10.30 am Relatives and friends of Mary Farrell (VF) 6.00 pm John & Mary Ryan (DR)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall. Traidcraft & Piety Stalls in the Hall
Monday 9th January Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	
Tuesday 10th January Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mary Azzopardi (JJ)	
Wednesday 11th January Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 Holy Mass	10.00 am - 9.00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 12th January Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mary Dyke - sick (AD)	10.30 am: Mass at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Friday 13th January Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 Holy Mass	
Saturday 14th January Feria in Ordinary Time	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Holy Mass	10.15 - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 15th January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Retiring Collection for Pax Christi	8.30 am Caroline Healy & Family (MM) 10.30 am Joe & Joan Whitfield (PW) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall. Traidcraft & Piety Stalls unavailable.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

6.00 pm: In his days justice will flourish. Peace will reign 'til the moon fades. May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the noon-day sun.

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Ralph & Milly Arnold, Mary Arulandhu, Adam Barnridge, Christopher and Mary Campbell-Johnston, Barbara Conway, Jonathan Cunningham, Tia Cunningham, Bernadette Violet Duffy, Alan Francis, Natasha Hake, Paul Harding, Louise Hill, Marie Hopkins, Julia Howles, Alan Hurst, Michael James, Mike Jennings, Billy Lydon, Eileen Kilminster, Mae McGregor, Jackie McLean, Rob O'Sullivan, Liz Prakash, John Price, Barbara Quigley, James Regan, Bob Shuck, Jacky Smith, Anne & Philip Smith, Pat Smith, Sarah Trueman, Ann Turton, Jim Tustain, Mary Wallace, Mark Wightman, Brigid Yates and Fr. Tom's sisters (Bridgie & Maura).

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WORLD DAY OF PEACE

NON-VIOLENCE AS A STYLE OF POLITICS FOR PEACE

"I ask God to help all of us cultivate non-violence in our most personal thoughts and values. May charity and non-violence govern how we treat each other as individuals, within society and in international life. When victims of violence are able to resist the temptation to retaliate, they become the most credible promoters of non-violent peace-making. In the most local and ordinary situations and in the international order may non-violence become the hallmark of our decisions, our relationships and our actions, and indeed of political life in all its forms. All of us want peace. Many people build it day by day through small gestures and acts; many of them are suffering, yet patiently persevere in their efforts to be peace-makers. In 2017 may we dedicate ourselves prayerfully and actively to banishing violence from our hearts, words and deeds, and to becoming a non-violent people and to building non-violent communities that care for our common home. Nothing is impossible if we turn to God in prayer. Everyone can be an artisan of peace."

Pope Francis, from the Vatican, December 8th 2016.

PEACE SUNDAY - SUNDAY 15TH JANUARY

2017 marks the 50th Anniversary of Peace Sunday. On Sunday 15th January there will be a retiring collection for Pax Christi. Pax Christi recognises that it is their members and supporters who put peace into actions locally. In the past year Pax Christi has played a key role in a conference on *Nonviolence and Just Peace* held in Rome during 2016, participated in 104 peace education workshops in schools, raised awareness about the impact of nuclear weapons in our world and facilitated the World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel. Please support the second collection for Pax Christi. Thank you for your generosity.

CHOIR PRACTICE

The next choir practice is on Thursday 19th January from 2.00 pm until 3.00 pm. New members are always welcome if you would like to join us.

SACRED HEART LADIES GROUP

Well it's that time again...Oh no it isn't...Oh yes it is. It's pantomime time again and this year we are off to see Cinderella at the Norbury Theatre. The date is Thursday 19th January and Jo Howard will be in the foyer at about 7.00 pm to hand out the tickets. The performance will start at 7.30 pm. The Committee would like to thank all members for their support throughout the year and take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and healthy 2017.

WEDNESDAY ADORATION

Adoration will resume on Wednesday 11th January 2017. Many thanks for your support and prayers. Catherine Ingram.

PARISH COUNCIL AGM MINUTES

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 30th November are now available. Five copies are on the noticeboard at the back of church for parishioners to take away and read at leisure. Please return these when you have finished with them so that others may use them. If anyone would like a personal copy, please leave your email address or SAE for Jenny Leonard at the back of the church and a copy will be sent to you.

PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS

If you have a child/children attending a non-Catholic school in Year 3 or above and would like them to make their First Holy Communion this year, please contact Father Vincent as soon as possible. The First Holy Communion Mass is on Saturday 17th June at 11.00 am. First Holy Communion classes will begin soon and children will need to produce their Baptism Certificate at the first meeting. We also need some help to prepare the children. If anyone is able to help, please contact Fr. Vincent SCJ. Many thanks.

READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

There is a new rota available for the period from Sunday 8th January until Sunday 18th April 2017 that has been distributed via email. A few copies are available at the back of church for those who are not on the distribution list. Please contact Kate Dalgleish if there are any problems. If you are unable to take your turn on the rota, please arrange to swap with someone else. Many thanks.

ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD MASS OF THANKSGIVING

All Altar Servers are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving for their ministry at St. Chad's Cathedral on Saturday 25th March at 12 Noon. The Mass will be followed by a time of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament to allow those attending to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life and to allow some time for personal reflection and discernment. The day will conclude with light refreshments in the Grimshaw Room. If you would like to attend, please advise Father Vincent SCJ as soon as possible so that we can confirm numbers to the Diocesan Vocations Office.

ALTAR LINEN ROTA

Please collect your February 2017 to January 2018 rotas from the back of church. Thank you for your support. Mary Ryan.

THE BIG PICTURE

The first part of the Big Picture has now finished for the year and will re-start at the beginning of Lent.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM YEAR BOOK & DIRECTORY 2017

The 2017 Year Book and Directory is now available from the Piety Stall priced at £3.00.

FACE2FACE CONFERENCE

This conference is for young men aged 14 to 18 years. It takes place on Wednesday 5th April 2017 from 9.30 am until 5.30 pm at the National Motorcycle Museum. Entry is free; further details are on the poster on the noticeboard.

WANTED - A PIANO IN GOOD WORKING ORDER

Mike and Carol Nott have a six year old grandchild who is showing some promise at the piano. If you have a piano, in good condition, which you are willing to sell, please contact Mike on 07756 876269.

Thank you.

Main Collection:

£183.48

Gift Aid: £260.65

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 311

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

'To be true followers of
Jesus today also
includes embracing his
teaching about
non-violence.'

- Pope Francis



Next Sunday's Mass Readings

Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6;

Psalm 39;

1 Corinthians 1: 1-3

John 1: 29-34

CHARITY KNITTING

Once again, thank you for the wonderful items donated. Some were given to the homeless and local Syrian refugees and the remainder will be despatched to the refugee camps abroad this weekend. The next monthly collection will be on Saturday 4th February.

REFUGEE UNDERWEAR COLLECTION

Again, thank you for the underwear donated over the Christmas Season. That too will be despatched this weekend. As with the knitting this will be an ongoing monthly collection as the need is desperate. Only small/medium adult sizes are needed and all children's sizes. If you handed in larger items, I passed them onto the homeless and Chernobyl, so be assured all donations were passed on. These items will also be collected on Saturday 4th February.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION - WORCESTER CIRCLE

A talk on *Aspects of Ecumenism: Our Common Pilgrimage* will be given by Dr John Inge, Bishop of Worcester, on Thursday 19th January at 7.30 pm at St George's Parish Hall, Worcester. All are welcome. Non members £3.00. Please see the poster and leaflets at the back of Church for full details.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL

Please do let the parish priest know if you are going into hospital. Furthermore, it is ESSENTIAL that you ask for the Catholic chaplain when in hospital. Chaplains are no longer automatically given the names of Catholic patients. Many health care providers (e.g. Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Mental Health Units) apportion resources for chaplaincy in line with how many requests are made, so you are actually doing the Church a favour by requesting the chaplaincy and sacraments whilst in hospital.

