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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

*Genesis 12: 1-4;*  
*Psalm 32;*  
*2 Timothy 1: 8-10*  
*Matthew 17: 1-9*

<b>This Week</b> <b>12th March - 19th March</b> <b>(Psalter Week 2)</b>	<b>Holy Mass &amp; Services</b>	<b>Other Events</b>
<b>Sunday 12th March</b> <b>Second Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Year A</b> Retiring Collection for CAFOD	8.30 am Michael O'Grady RIP (RO) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm Manuel, Maria & Sebastien Cruz (MC)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall. Traidcraft & Piety Stalls unavailable. 4.30 pm Stations of the Cross
<b>Monday 13th March</b> Lent feria	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Holy Mass	6.30 pm: FHC Meeting at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School
<b>Tuesday 14th March</b> Lent feria	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Holy Mass	11.00 am: Deanery Meeting 7.30 pm: The Big Picture
<b>Wednesday 15th March</b> Lent feria	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Holy Mass	<b>10.00 am - 9.00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
<b>Thursday 16th March</b> Lent feria	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Holy Mass	7.00 pm: Liturgy Group Meeting
<b>Friday 17th March</b> Feat of St. Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Holy Mass	6.00 pm - 7.30 pm: Church Tour
<b>Saturday 18th March</b> Lent feria	<b>10.30 am Holy Rosary</b> 11.00 am Paul Harding RIP (MM)	<b>10.15 - 10.45 am: Confessions</b>
<b>Sunday 19th March</b> <b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Year A</b>	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton (MF) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm John Weaver (MW)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall. Traidcraft & Piety Stalls in the Hall 4.30 pm: Stations of the Cross

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**8.30 am & 10.30 am: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we  
place all our hope in you.**

**6.00pm: 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.**

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS**

Ralph & Milly Arnold, Mary Arulandhu, Monica Campbell, Christopher and Mary Campbell-Johnston, Barbara Conway, Jonathan Cunningham, Tia Cunningham, Bernadette Violet Duffy, Alan Francis, Natasha Hake, Louise Hill, Marie Hopkins, Julia Howles, Alan Hurst, Michael James, Mike Jennings, Eileen Kilminster, Billy Lydon, Mae McGregor, Jackie McLean, Rob O'Sullivan, Liz Prakash, 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 sister, Maura.

**LENTEN ALMS 2017**

This year during Lent the Church is raising funds for Father Hudson's Care to help sustain their work with those experiencing great need. Father Hudson's is the social care agency of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Part of its work includes providing support for frail and isolated older people and providing a temporary shelter for rough sleepers in the centre of Birmingham. As part of your sacrificial giving during Lent please remember the work of Father Hudson's Care. On Sundays during Lent there will be a basket in the Narthex with a display card of Father Hudson's Care to collect your Lenten alms. Thank you for your support.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS: LENT 2017**

Lent is a time to reflect more deeply on Jesus's journey to Calvary. This year once again this traditional devotion is at 4.30 pm on each Sunday of Lent. In the last few years individuals and groups have offered to lead the reflection. If you wish to lead this devotion on one of the remaining Sundays, please speak to Fr. Vincent. Many thanks.

**DEMENTIA PRAYER WEEK: 12TH - 19TH MARCH 2017**

This is the annual appeal for prayer for people with dementia. Bishop David McGough, Lead Bishop to the Pastoral Care Project charity has written the following prayer:

*Loving Father,*

*You are close to the broken hearted. Look with compassion on those whose lost memories have robbed them of home and belonging. Comfort and strengthen those who care for them. May they make their home in you. This we ask through Christ our Lord.*

Please pray for all those with dementia and those who support them. There is a poster and prayer cards at the back of church with further information.

## PARISH CENSUS 2017

It is now several years since a parish census was completed. New census cards are now at the back of church. We would be grateful if **ALL** parishioners could complete these for parish records. In accordance with the Data Protection Act, these details will only be used by the parish and will not be forwarded on to third parties. All records are kept securely. Once completed, Census forms can either be returned to the Presbytery or placed in the box at the back of church.

## TRAIIDCRAFT REAL EASTER EGGS

Yes, we know...Lent has not even begun and we're talking Easter eggs! If you want them, we are going to have to order them, so please let us know your requirements in good time. We have six in stock at the moment; they are reasonably priced and milk chocolate. Plain chocolate is available to order and is a little more expensive. All come with simple guide to the Easter story.

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## CHURCHES TOGETHER: LENT COURSE 2017

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

This course is on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 pm at different venues in Droitwich. Each session will normally include some worship, a focus on a particular passage of scripture, a reflection on the theme and plenty of opportunity to discuss, question and enjoy fellowship together. The course will also run at St. Andrew's Parish Centre at 12 noon each Wednesday. For full details of the course and venues please see the poster on the noticeboard. All are welcome.

### PA SYSTEM

The Sound Engineer is making the final adjustments to the Sound System on Thursday 23rd March, shortly after morning Mass. Father Vincent would like to invite all Readers and any others who may use the microphones to attend for training. Many thanks for your co-operation and support.

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## SACRED HEART LADIES GROUP

### WEDNESDAY 15TH MARCH AT 7.30 PM IN THE PARISH HALL

I'm sure we will all remember the entertaining and informative evening we had last June when Judy Hulland, a Magistrate on the Worcester Bench, came along to 'open our eyes' to a variety of information relating to the Magistrate Service. Needless to say we are delighted to welcome Judy back again and this time she will give us some background on how a Magistrate is appointed, bail decisions and how they are fixed. We will also have the opportunity to 'participate' in a couple of interesting topics!! We are fortunate that Judy's colleague, Richard Poppleton, will also be joining us once again so this promises to be a REALLY informative and fun evening. As usual the meeting starts at 7.30 pm and finishes at 9.30 pm with the added attraction of tea/coffee and biscuits. We are always happy to welcome new faces to our meetings. Don't worry if you are not a member, if any of the subject matters appeal to you just come along and join us. We look forward to a full house on Wednesday 15th March.

## MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2017

This year the Pilgrimage takes place from Tuesday 23rd May until Tuesday 30th May. Travel is from Birmingham Airport via Monarch Airline and includes transfer to the accommodation with our Medjugorje family. If you would like further information, please contact Bob Grant on 01299 851588.

## THE BIG PICTURE

The Big Picture has restarted and will continue in the Parish Hall weekly at 7.30 pm on Tuesdays until Tuesday 4th April.

## LENTEN JOURNEY

The "Walk with Me" booklet and calendar for the Lenten journey are still available at the back of the church. This booklet is to help focus on our relationship with God and with people during Lent. Please consider taking a copy home to help prepare for Easter. These are free; any donations will go to the Missions. Thank you.

## APPEAL FOR HELP

Does anyone have, or know anyone who has, a double buggy that they would be willing to donate to the SVP? If you are able to help, please contact Kate Dalglish on 01905 773258 or speak to Gina Pilley on 0771 362 3997. Many thanks.

## CHOIR PRACTICES

The choir practices for Holy Week will be on Tuesday 21st March, Tuesday 28th March and Tuesday 4th April at 7.00 pm. Please note that these are provisional dates. New members are always welcome.

**Main Collection:**

**£299.73**

**Gift Aid: £285.50**

**Mass Attendance**

**Last Sunday: 339**

**Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.**

**Last week's retiring  
collection for**

**Cathedral**

**Maintenance raised:**

**£130.20**

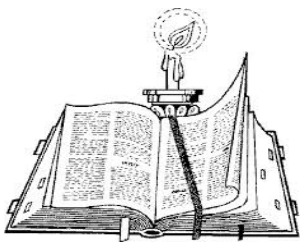
**Gift Aid: £73.10**

**Thank you for your  
generosity.**

**PARISH RECIPE  
BOOK**

We now have 9 recipes from 6 Parishioners, plus 1 other. Thankyou to those who have sent them. Please, may we have lots more...surely we don't all eat ready meals !!!

Mike & Joan Sherrard  
(msherrard151mjs@yahoo.com).



**Next Sunday's Mass  
Readings**

*Exodus 17: 3-7;*

*Psalm 94;*

*Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8*

*John 4: 5-42*

**KENELM YOUTH TRUST: FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

Please see the posters on the noticeboard for other forthcoming events organised by the Kenelm Youth Trust. For further information on any of these events, please visit [www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk](http://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk), [www.bcys.co.uk](http://www.bcys.co.uk) or contact 01538 703613.

**SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS**

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Droitwich are collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers and would be grateful for any vouchers parishioners are able to donate. Please could these be put in the box in the narthex.

**NEWMAN ASSOCIATION - WORCESTER CIRCLE**

The next meeting is on Thursday 16th March at 7.30 pm at St. George's Parish Hall, Worcester. The speaker is Father Robert Gay, OP and the subject is *Dying Well: Ethics at the End of Life*. All are welcome; the charge for non-members is £3.00

**CHARITY KNITTING**

Thank you ONCE AGAIN for the wonderful items recently donated. The items will be sent to the Refugee Camps in France, Greece and Syria in the near future. Wool, patterns and needles are available in a box in the porch to help defray costs. For anyone new to the Parish, completed items can be left in this box also. We send a variety of items to help stave off the cold; scarves, hats, gloves, jumpers, cardigans and blankets for adults and children of all sizes. The next collection dates are Saturday 1st April and Saturday 6th May. Again thank you so much for your continual support of this project.

**REFUGEE UNDERWEAR APPEAL**

Again thank you for the generous items donated recently. For those new to the Parish, we collect vests, pants, bras, socks and tights. There is a desperate need for small to medium items for adults and all sizes for children. A box for donations is in the porch and items will be collected on the same dates as the knitting.

**ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM PILGRIMAGES 2017**

There are Pilgrimages to Lourdes (Thursday 27th July until Friday 4th August), Rome (Sunday 8th October until Friday 13th October) and Fatima (Thursday 7th December until Sunday 10th December) during 2017. If you are interested in going on any of these pilgrimages, please see the poster on the noticeboard for further information and/or contact Andrew Oldnall on 0121 440 8623 or at [andrewsoldnall@gmail.com](mailto:andrewsoldnall@gmail.com).

*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.*