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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

*Ezekiel 37: 12-14;*  
*Psalms 129;*  
*Romans 8: 8-11*  
*John 11: 1-45*

This Week 2nd April - 9th April (Psalter Week 1)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
<b>Sunday 2nd April</b> <b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Year A</b> Retiring Collection for the PA System	8.30 am People of the Parish 10.30 am Hazel Holder RIP (JM) 6.00 pm Holy Mass	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
<b>Monday 3rd April</b> Lent feria	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Patricia Glover RIP (CL)	9.00 am: Confessions at St. Joseph's School 12.30 pm - 2.30 pm: Community Meal (Easter Lunch) 6.30 pm: FHC Meeting at St. Joseph's School
<b>Tuesday 4th April</b> Lent feria	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Robert Duff RIP (P & CI)	7.30 pm: The Big Picture
<b>Wednesday 5th April</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> 7.30 pm: Lenten Course
<b>Thursday 6th April</b> Lent feria	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Holy Mass	11.30 am: Funeral Service 7.00 pm: Choir Practice
<b>Friday 7th April</b> Lent feria	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Holy Mass	7.30 pm: Lent Reconciliation Service
<b>Saturday 8th April</b> Lent feria	<b>10.30 am Holy Rosary</b> 11.00 am Holy Mass	<b>10.15 - 10.45 am: Confessions</b> 10.00 am - 4.00 pm: Day of Recollection for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers
<b>Sunday 9th April</b> <b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b> Retiring Collection for Easter Flowers	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MF) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm Holy Mass	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall. Traidcraft & Piety Stalls unavailable. 4.30 pm Stations of the Cross

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**8.30 am & 10.30 am: With the Lord there is mercy and  
fullness of redemption.**

**6.00 pm: My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on His word.  
My soul is longing for the Lord; more than watchman  
for daybreak.**

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**PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS**

Ralph & Milly Arnold, Mary Arulandhu, John Blackman, 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.

**RECENT DEAD**

Your prayers are asked for **Sean O'Byrne** and **Brian Clarke** who died recently. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. There will be Funeral Services for Sean O'Byrne on Thursday 6th April at 11.30 am and Brian Clarke at on Friday 21st April at 2.30 pm. Please also remember their family members and friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

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**HOLY WEEK LITURGIES**

As in previous years we will need volunteers to assist with the Holy Week Liturgies, most notably to assist with: Watching between the Mass of the Lord's Supper and Midnight on Holy Thursday, Celebration of the Washing of the Feet at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, Reading of Scriptures on Holy Thursday, Passion Readings on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, Reading of Scriptures at the Easter Vigil and to assist with distribution of Holy Communion on Holy Thursday, at the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday. Sets of clipboards for signing-up of volunteers have been placed at the back of the Church. Thanks in advance for your generosity of time and spirit. When you are arriving and leaving before the Blessed Sacrament during this Watching period you should, **if possible, do so by adoring the Blessed Sacrament on both knees. Please remain silent until you reach the car park.** Thank you.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER: LENT COURSE 2017**

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

The last meeting is on Wednesday 5th April at 7.30 pm at the Sacred Heart Church Parish Hall. The theme is *Bread, Wine & Sacrifice*. For full details please see the poster on the noticeboard. All are welcome.

## READERS & MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

New Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist are being recruited for our parish. If anyone would like to serve as a Minister of the Eucharist or would like to read the Scriptures for Sunday Masses, please speak to Fr. Vincent SCJ. Training is given to new Ministers of the Eucharist and you will be commissioned at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday.

### DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The annual Day of Recollection will be on Saturday 8th April from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm, in the Parish Hall. The guest speaker is Fr. Brian McGinley. Please remember to bring a packed lunch with you; tea and coffee will be provided.

### LENTEN ALMS 2017

This year during Lent the Church is raising funds for Father Hudson's Care. As part of your sacrificial giving during Lent please remember their work. 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.

### ALTAR SERVERS MC

Dear parishioners, Martin Greatrex has served as MC of the Altar Servers for more than ten years. He has now resigned from this position due to family commitments. Fr Vincent SCJ would like to say a very sincere thank you to Martin personally and on behalf of you all for his dedication and service forming and guiding the many young people to serve for Masses. Victor Gould has agreed to take the position of MC.

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### LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Lent Reconciliation Services at churches within the Deanery are on the following dates at 7.30 pm:

- Tuesday 4th April, St. Ambrose Church, Kidderminster
- Friday 7th April, Sacred Heart Church, Droitwich
- Monday 10th April, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch
- Tuesday 11th April, St. Peter's, Bromsgrove

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY— APPEAL FOR HELP

The Children's Liturgy group is struggling due to lack of assistance. We need volunteers to help the leader of each group. This involves helping with the activities and supervising the children in each group. Please, please help! If anyone is willing to volunteer to help, please speak to Fr. Vincent SCJ, Shelagh Young or Kate Dagleish. Many thanks.

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### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A copy of the *draft* minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March can be found on the noticeboard at the back of church. There is one permanent copy which should not be removed and four other copies which may be borrowed and returned when they have been read. If any parishioner would like their own copy, please contact Jenny Leonard, Fr. Vincent SCJ or any member of the Parish Council.

### RCIA - WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS INTO OUR FAITH

This year we welcome Darren Brown into our faith at the Easter Vigil Mass in our Church. Fr. Vincent asks you to pray for Darren as he prepares for his final scrutiny today at the 6.00 pm Mass. May God bless him and his family.

### SPRING WALK

Would you like to join us for a spring walk?

Volunteers are needed for a walk around the new housing that is popping up around Droitwich. We have a new leaflet letting everyone know about our beautiful church and our spiritual community. If you would like to take a short walk, during the daytime, distributing these leaflets with a small group of volunteers, please contact Kate Hill on 07967 964236.

### GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2017-2018

The new envelopes for the 2017-2018 Tax Year are now available for collection from the Narthex. If there are any parishioners who would like to join the Gift Aid scheme please give your details to Father Vincent SCJ.

### CHOIR PRACTICE

The next choir practice for Holy Week will be on Thursday 6th April at 7.00 pm. New members are always welcome.

**Main Collection:**  
**£252.26**

**Gift Aid: £175.00**  
**Mass Attendance**  
**Last Sunday: 308**

**Thank you for**  
**supporting your**  
**Parish.**

**Last week's retiring**  
**collection for**  
**the Holy Ghost**  
**Fathers raised:**  
**£743.77**

**Thank you for your**  
**generosity.**

### **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.



### **Next Sunday's Mass** **Readings**

*Isaiah 50: 4-7;*

*Psalms 21;*

*Philippians 2: 6-11*

*Matthew 26: 14- 27: 66*

## **CHURCHES TOGETHER: GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS**

**14TH APRIL**

This Annual event will start with a short Service at the Sacred Heart Church at 10.15am. We will walk down the Worcester Rd, through the underpass, down St Andrew's St, up through the Precinct and into Victoria Square for the Service at about 11.00 am. If you feel you could help marshal the walk and/or would like more information, please contact Penny Gilfeather on 01905 772215 or at peterwex@aol.com or visit [www.sacredheartdroitwich.org.uk](http://www.sacredheartdroitwich.org.uk)

### **SACRED HEART 200 CLUB MARCH 2017 DRAW**

1st prize	£75	No. 47	M. O'Grady
2nd prize	£50	No. 72	R. Preece
3rd prize	£25	No. 78	K. Greenfield

More members are required please! Application forms at the back of church. Thank you.

### **TRADCRAFT REAL EASTER EGGS**

Please note that this Sunday will be your last opportunity to buy one of or all of our few remaining Easter Eggs. I am told that I have to eat them all if they don't go today. Good though they are, it would be a great kindness if you could save me from that. Kevin Larkin.

### **JOB VACANCIES**

Please see the poster on the noticeboard for details of current job vacancies at the Archdiocese of Birmingham and also an advert for the post of Principal at St. Ambrose Catholic Primary School, Kidderminster.

### **CHURCH CLEANING**

Please could all cleaning come along on Tuesday 11th April after Mass at 9.45 am to give the church as good clean for Easter. Thank for your continued help. Our number of volunteer cleaners are dropping. We now have four groups instead of our original five. We have some gentlemen who have joined us and it would be helpful to have more. Each group cleans six times during the year. Ladies or gentlemen if you can help please contact Pat Webb on 01905 455702.

### **CULTURAL EXCHANGE WITH CHINA (CEC)**

Please see the posters on the noticeboard for details of their AGM and an opportunity to teach in China. Wednesday 24th May will be a special day of prayer with the Church of China. There are prayer cards at the back of church.

*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.*