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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 50: 4-7;
Psalms 21;
Philippians 2: 6-11
Matthew 26: 14-27: 66

This Week 9th April - 16th April (Psalter Week 2)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 9th April Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 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
Monday 10th April Monday of Holy Week	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	2.00 pm Choir Practice
Tuesday 11th April Tuesday of Holy Week	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	9.45 am Church Cleaning
Wednesday 12th April Wednesday of Holy Week	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	10.00 am - 9.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11.30 am Chrism Mass at St. Chad's Cathedral
Thursday 13th April Holy Thursday	7.30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	
Friday 14th April Good Friday Collection for Holy Places	3.00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion	10.15 am Walk of Witness 12.00 pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday 15th April Holy Saturday	8.00 pm Vigil Mass of Easter	11.00 am Altar Servers' Practice 12.30 pm Easter Flowers
Sunday 16th April Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord Easter Offering for the Parish Priest	8.30 am Holy Mass 10.30 am Holy Mass No Evening Mass	6.00 am Sunrise Service at St. Augustine's Droitwich After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall. Traidcraft & Piety Stalls in the Hall

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**8.30 am & 10.30 am: My God, my God, why have you
forsaken me?**

**6.00 pm: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why
have you forsaken, forsaken me?**

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 **Brian Clarke** who died recently. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. There will be a Funeral Service for Brian Clarke at on Friday 21st April at 2.30 pm. Please also remember his family members and friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES - HELP REQUIRED

We still 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 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.

LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

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

- Monday 10th April, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch
- Tuesday 11th April, St. Peter's, Bromsgrove

EASTER SUNDAY - 10.30 AM MASS

We would like to invite all children to bring a shaker to the family Mass at 10:30 am on Easter Sunday. If you don't have a shaker why not make one from an empty plastic drinks bottle and rice etc. Decorate it as well, if you like!

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. There is a new rota available for the period from Sunday 23rd April 2017 until Sunday 30th July 2017 that has been distributed via email. If you require a paper copy or if there are any problems, please contact Kate Dalglish. If you are unable to take your turn on the rota, please arrange to swap with someone else. Many thanks.

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.

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

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 Dalglish. Many thanks.

SACRED HEART LADIES GROUP - WEDNESDAY 19TH APRIL

This month we are all 'Ladies Who Lunch', so no preparing food and better still no washing up!! 26 members have booked their places, so we look forward to a lovely get together at the Eagle & Sun, Hanbury Road on Wednesday 19th April at 12.15 pm.

WELCOMERS - 8.30 AM MASS

The 8.30 am Hymn Book Rota is 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 younger members, so please consider joining us to welcome people into our beautiful church. Please phone Mary Child on 01905 345056 for more information.

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.

EASTER SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

The newsletter for Easter Sunday will be printed on Wednesday 12th April. Please could any newsletter items be submitted before 9.00 am on this date.

EASTER CARDS

Please could the Eucharistic Ministers who are taking Communion to the sick and housebound, take Easter Cards made by the children. These are available at the back of church.

CHOIR PRACTICE

The final choir practice for Holy Week will be on Monday 10th April at 2.00 pm. New members are³always welcome.

Main Collection:

£279.56

Gift Aid: £338.00

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 311

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**Last week's retiring
collection for
the PA system raised:**

£343.07

**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**

Acts 10: 34, 37-43;

Psalm 117;

Colossians 3: 1-4

John 20: 1- 9

CHARITY KNITTING

Thank you once again for the beautiful items donated recently, they are being despatched to the camp in Dunkirk. The next collection will be on Friday 5th May. The organisers have also asked for wool to be used for craft activities in the camps, so if you have any odd balls of wool they can be placed in the porch with the knitting.

REFUGEE UNDERWEAR APPEAL

Yet another thank you for your continued support. May I remind you, only small/medium items are required for the adults. To date the larger items I have been able to pass on to The Chernobyl Charity, but unfortunately from March 31st they ceased collecting and I have been unable to find another outlet. April's items will be collected on Friday 5th May.

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.

CHURCH CLEANING

Please could all cleaning come along on Tuesday 11th April after Mass at 9.45 am to give the church a good clean for Easter. Thank for your continued help. Our number of volunteer cleaners is 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.

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.

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

There is a Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Monday 24th April 2017 for £599.00 per person sharing. This includes flights, taxes, transfers and 5 nights at Knock House Hotel with Breakfast and Dinner. All tours are included. If you are interested contact Patricia on 07740 175557.

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.