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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

Acts 2: 42-47;
Psalms 117;
1 Peter 1: 3-9
John 20: 19-31

| This Week 23rd April - 30th April (Psalter Week 2) | Holy Mass & Services | Other Events |
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| Sunday 23rd April Second Sunday of Easter | 8.30 am Stephen & Johanna Colfer (FB) 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. |
| Monday 24th April Solemnity of St. George, Martyr, Patron of England | 9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mary Bowditch (CB) | 12.30 pm - 2.30pm: Community Meal 7.00 pm: SVP Meeting |
| Tuesday 25th April Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist | 9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Ints. of Iain Martin (SD) | 4.00 pm: Interment of Ashes 7.30 pm Bible Study Group |
| Wednesday 26th April Easter feria | 9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass | 10.00 am - 9.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Thursday 27th April Easter feria | 9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass | 10.30 am: Mass at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School |
| Friday 28th April Easter feria | 9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Ints. of Cynthia Sharkey (P & CI) | |
| Saturday 29th April Feast of St. Catherine of Siena, Vir- gin, Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe | 10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Patricia Ceclich RIP (GC) | 10.15 - 10.45 am: Confessions |
| Sunday 30th April Third Sunday of Easter | 8.30 am Thanksgiving for the birth of Olivia Anna Sara Greenway (A & GN) 10.30 am Sheila McGrath (CL) 6.00 pm Paulose Edathala RIP (MF) | After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall. Traidcraft & Piety Stalls in the Hall 12 Noon: Baptism |

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REPRESENTATIVES**

Gerry Ceclich

Cynthia Sharkey

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

6.00 pm: The stone which the builders rejected has become
the corner stone. Alleluia, alleluia, has become the
corner stone (Laudate 258).

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 **Jean Marsh** who died recently. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Please also remember her family members and friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON

Fr. Vincent SCJ, Fr. Brian SCJ and Bro. Patrick SCJ would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to all parishioners for your Easter Cards, prayers, presents, Easter Offerings, support and help. Fr. Vincent would like to say a big thank you to all those members of different groups of the parish who have helped to prepare and celebrate different services and liturgies meaningfully during Lent and Holy Week. Finally, may we wish everyone compliments of the season.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The just concluded *Big Picture Course* was very successful. This course helped some people of the parish to dig and explore the scriptures in depth. After the success of this course the group has decided to continue to deepen the knowledge of the scriptures in a different way; that is, by reading the Bible in a group and sharing its meaning with others. This will take place on Tuesdays from 7.30 pm until 8.30 pm in the Elgar Room of the Parish Hall; refreshments are included. The group would like to welcome everyone to join them. The only requirement is to bring your own bible. This will start next Tuesday. See you there!

ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham is on Saturday 13th May and will be led by Bishop Robert Byrne. The full itinerary is on the noticeboard. For further information please contact the Diocesan Organiser, Andrew Oldnall, on 0121 440 8623

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.

WELCOMING NEW FAMILIES OR INDIVIDUALS TO DROITWICH

Are you new to the parish? If so, please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Vincent Arulandhu SCJ and complete the census form of the parish. Census forms can be found in the Narthex of the Church. We can bless your home, especially during the season of Easter, and help you to meet other people in the parish, should you wish. Just let us know. Fr. Vincent SCJ.

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.

CATHOLIC NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY:

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please see the posters on the noticeboard for details of forthcoming events at the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham. These include 1061, a formation programme for young adults, the Dowry of Mary Pilgrimage on Sunday 10th September and Marriage and Family Pilgrimage Week from Saturday 12th August until Sunday 20th August.

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. 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.

THANK YOU

We have received a letter of thanks from the Holy Ghost Fathers. This letter is on the noticeboard at the back of church

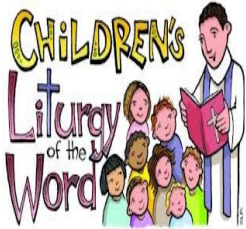
CHILDREN'S LITURGY – APPEAL FOR HELP

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.

SPRING WALK

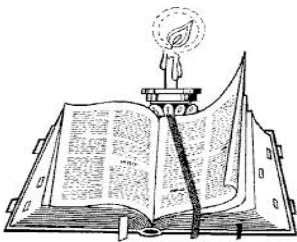
Would you like to join us for a spring walk? Volunteers are needed for a walk around the new housing that is popping up around Droitwich. We have a new leaflet letting everyone know about our beautiful church and our spiritual community. If you would like to take a short walk, during the daytime, distributing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

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 411**



CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUPS

Children's Liturgy groups will restart on Sunday 30th April.



Next Sunday's Mass Readings

Acts 2: 14, 22-33;
Psalm 15;
1 Peter 1: 17-21
Luke 24: 13-35

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.

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.

RiDL

The next Retreat in Daily Life support group will be on Thursday 27th April at 7.30 pm at the home of Mary and Jeff Causier, 8 Addenbrooke Road, 01905 775265. This will be led by Chris Stringer, focusing on Luke 24: 13-35.

THE GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK: 20TH ANNIVERSARY

The 20th Anniversary of The Good Counsel Network will be celebrated on Saturday 29th April at St. James' Church, 22 George St., London, W1U 3QY with Mass at 2.00 pm. This will be followed by a short talk by Clare McCullough, Director of The Good Counsel Network, and refreshments in the crypt. Please contact 020 7723 1740 or www.goodcounselnetwork.com for further information.

MARCH FOR LIFE UK - LIFEEST17

2017 marks the 50th anniversary of the passing of the Abortion Act. This year's March for Life takes place in Birmingham on Saturday 20th May. Join Bishop Robert Byrne as we remember the 8.7 million lives lost through Abortion in the UK. For more details and full itinerary go to www.marchforlife.co.uk.

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.

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.