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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: 14, 36-42;
Psalm 22;
1 Peter 2: 20-25
Luke 10: 1-10

This Week 7th May - 14th May (Psalter Week 4)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 7th May Fourth Sunday of Easter Retiring Collection for the Clergy Training Fund	8.30 am Don & Nicola Lloyd RIP (BB) 10.30 am Patrick Bluett RIP 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall. Piety Stall in the Hall Traidcraft Stall unavailable
Monday 8th May Easter feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Barbara Webster RIP (EK)	7.00 pm: SVP Meeting
Tuesday 9th May Easter feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Ints. of Iain & Marie Martin (CS)	2.00 pm: Church Tour 7.00 pm: Choir Practice 7.30 pm: Bible Study Group
Wednesday 10th May Easter feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	10.00 am - 9.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 11th May Easter feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	
Friday 12th May Easter feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Ints. of Cynthia Sharkey (I & MM)	1.45 pm: Requiem Mass
Saturday 13th May Easter Feria	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Holy Mass	10.15 - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 14th May Fifth Sunday of Easter	8.30 am People of the Parish 10.30 am Margaret Cleary (MR) 6.00 pm Holy Mass	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall. Piety Stall unavailable Traidcraft Stall in the Hall

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

6.00 pm: You are my shepherd, you are my friend. I want to follow you always, just to follow my friend.
(948 Laudate)

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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 **Jean Marsh** who died recently. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. The Requiem Mass will be on Friday 12th May at 1.45 pm. Please also remember her family members and friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

TODAY - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

This day provides us with a wonderful opportunity to really focus on how we might, together, further develop and foster a culture of vocation to the priesthood and religious life in our society. In his message for the 54th World Day of Prayer for Vocations, the Holy Father Pope Francis encourages us "to continue praying that the Lord will send workers to His harvest". Dear parishioners, it is a good time and occasion to encourage and to talk about vocations and discernment with your children and grandchildren so that they may respond joyfully and faithfully to the call of Christ in their lives. In our parish the Day of Prayer for Vocations is on Wednesday 7th June 2017 with the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please find prayer cards for vocations in the Narthex of the Church. Many thanks.

THANK YOU - LENTEN ALMS 2017

This year during Lent our parish raised £85.53 for Father Hudson's Care to support their work with those experiencing great need. This money will be spent to provide support for frail and isolated older people and provide a temporary shelter for rough sleepers in the centre of Birmingham. Fr. Vincent SCJ would like to say a big thank you for your support and generosity to raise money for a good cause.

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.

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART - FRIDAY 23RD JUNE

Once again this year, we shall be celebrating our parish Feast Day with Mass at 7.00 pm, followed by a social evening with informal entertainment in the Parish Hall. Fr. Vincent SCJ would like to get some volunteers to organise this Feast Day and a shared table. If anyone can help in this matter, please could you speak to Fr. Vincent SCJ as soon as possible?

SUMMER FAIR 2017

Our Summer Fair will be a joint affair with St. Joseph's School. It will be held on Saturday 8th July between 1.00 pm and 3.00 pm at St. Joseph's School. We need to start thinking about prizes for the raffle so that we can get tickets printed and have time to sell them prior to our Fair. Can you help by donating a prize? There is a clipboard at the back of church. Thank you. Chris & Terry Poulten.

ALTAR SERVERS

We would like to increase the number of altar servers. We invite children (with the consent, encouragement and support of their parents), young people and even perhaps, in certain cases, older people to consider the possibility of becoming an altar server. Anyone who is interested should give name and details to Fr. Vincent. A meeting will be held in due course and a training programme for servers will be drawn up.

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.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

After the success of *The Big Picture* course the group has started Bible study 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.

SACRED HEART LADIES GROUP AGM

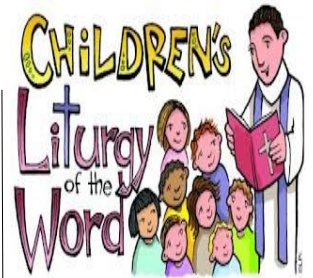
WEDNESDAY 17TH MAY 7.30 PM - 9.30 PM IN THE PARISH HALL

Well, it's that time of the year again - yes, time for our Annual General Meeting. Needless to say we look forward to having a full house as it is an opportunity for everyone to have their say. Perhaps there is someone out there who might have a suggestion or two about items for next year's programme? Then once the 'business' side of the meeting is over it will be time for tea or coffee and, hopefully as it is the AGM, an opportunity to sample some cake!

SACRED HEART 200 CLUB APRIL 2017 DRAW

1st prize	£75	No. 93	M. Mason
2nd prize	£50	No. 192	M. Thomson
3rd prize	£25	No. 197	T. Cree

Number of tickets sold: 196. More members are required please! Please support your parish. Application forms are on the shelf 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 Dagleish. Many thanks.

INVITE

Join Bridget Bullock to celebrate her second Mother's Day on Sunday 14th May with free tea and biscuits after the 8.30 am and 10.30 am Masses.

CHOIR PRACTICE

The next choir practice is on Tuesday 9th May at 7.00 pm. New members are always welcome if you would like to join us.

CULTURAL EXCHANGE WITH CHINA (CEC)

Main Collection:

£322.73

Gift Aid: £192.15

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 311

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

LENT FAST DAY

CAFOD have thanked all parishioners for your support for Lent Fast Day. This letter is on the noticeboard if you would like to read it.

FOODBANK

A new wish list is on the noticeboard. There is a collection box in the entrance to church if you would like to donate any items. Thank you for your generosity.



**Next Sunday's Mass
Readings**

Acts 6: 1-7;

Psalm 32;

1 Peter 2: 4-9

John 14: 1-12

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.

MARCH FOR LIFE UK - LIFEFEEST17

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.

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.

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

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION - WORCESTER CIRCLE

The next meeting is on Thursday 18th May at 7.30 pm at St. George's Parish Hall, Worcester. The speaker is Alan Smith and the subject is *Music in the Post-Conciliation Liturgy: a review of current developments in the Music and Liturgy of the Church*. All are welcome; the charge for visitors is £3.00.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION - WORCESTER CIRCLE

VISIT TO THE TRIANGULAR LODGE AND LYVEDON NEW BIELD

For further information on the Newman Association visit to these two venues connected with the Tresham family, of Gunpowder Plot fame, please contact Heather Down on 01905 21535 or email hcdownd@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.

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