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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 8: 5-8, 14-17;

Psalm 65;

1 Peter 3: 15-18

John 14: 15-21

This Week 21st May - 28th May (Psalter Week 2)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 21st May Sixth Sunday of Easter	8.30 am Private Intention 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm Holy Mass	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall. Piety Stall in the Hall Traidcraft Stall unavailable
Monday 22nd May Easter feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Ints. of Bob & Stella Turner (CS)	6.45 pm: Parish Hall Keyholders Meeting
Tuesday 23rd May Easter feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	7.30 pm: Bible Study Group
Wednesday 24th May Easter feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Private Intention (P & CI)	10.00 am - 9.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 25th May Memorial of St. Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Bert Parry RIP (BP)	
Friday 26th May Memorial of St. Philip Neri, Priest	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Kathleen Widdop (PD)	
Saturday 27th May Feast of St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Holy Mass	10.15 - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 28th May Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Retiring Collection for Catholic Communications	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MF) 10.30 am Holy Mass 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall. Piety Stall unavailable Traidcraft Stall in the Hall

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**SAFEGUARDING
REPRESENTATIVES**

Gerry Ceclich
Cynthia Sharkey

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.00 pm: Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Ralph & Milly Arnold, Mary Arulandhu, John Blackman, Monica Campbell, Christopher and Mary Campbell-Johnston, Barbara Conway, 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, Michael Sheridan, 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.

GETTING READY FOR OUR SUMMER FAIR

SATURDAY 8TH JULY: 1.00 PM - 3.00 PM

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Planning for our summer fair, we need your help to make it a success.

How can I help?

- We need to start thinking about prizes for the raffle. Can you help by donating a raffle prize? There is a clipboard at the back of church or please contact Kate Dalglish at sacredheartdroitwich@hotmail.co.uk or on 01905 773258.
- Raffle tickets will shortly be available. You can help by buying raffle tickets for the grand draw and by selling them in large quantities to your friends, neighbours and relatives.
- By provided goods for our various stalls. In particular over the coming eight weeks we are seeking items for the following stalls: **Toiletries, Tombola, bric-a-brac and cakes.**

For today and Sunday 28th May, can you please bring in any toiletries you may have. They need to be new and unopened, suitable for sale. There will be a box for you to place them, in the porch as you enter church.

KEEPING SAFE

We have been made aware that there are people operating in the Droitwich area looking to raise money for non-registered charitable initiatives. If you are approached by anyone and have doubts, you should contact the Police or let Fr Vincent know if you need help with doing so.

PARISH COUNCIL AGM

WEDNESDAY 14TH JUNE AT 7.30 PM IN THE PARISH HALL

All parishioners are invited to this event. If anyone has an item for the agenda, please contact Fr Vincent or any member of the PC before Wednesday 7th June for consideration. Following the AGM we will have our usual glass of wine and refreshments and the chance to meet one another socially. **PLEASE COME!**

CHURCH NOTICEBOARD

Please could you speak to Father Vincent SCJ or Kate Dalglish² before adding any notices to or removing anything from the noticeboard in the Narthex. Many thanks.

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 and a shared table supper in the Parish Hall (please bring your own drinks). If possible we would like some informal entertainment for the evening, which have been a feature of these events in the past in the parish social life. So, if anyone has a party piec, don't be shy, let us all experience your humour, poetry readings, Irish dancing, singing or other skills. To help with organisation, please let Maria Jenkins or Fr. Vincent SCJ know your items. There is also a clipboard at the back of Church for you to let us know if you are coming, how many will be in your party and what you can bring to our shared table. Let us be assured of a good evening.

CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER WALK - PRAYING FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Churches Together have organised a Prayer Walk to take place around Droitwich Churches on Saturday 3rd June starting at 10.00am. The plan is to walk towards the town centre stopping at churches and other places along the way to pray for Droitwich Town, it's people and community. Please see the posters at the back of church for full information. You are welcome to take part for the whole walk or at any point along the way. If you are unable to join us, perhaps you could offer up a prayer during this time for the people and needs of our town.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

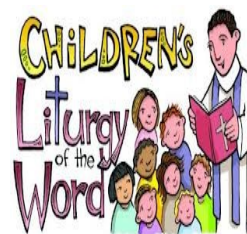
The Parish Council exists to support the Parish Priest in his work covering all aspects of our parish life. It consists of about 15 members of the Parish of the Sacred Heart, some of whom are statutory members, for example the Representative of the Finance Committee, some are co-opted, for example a representative from the Children's Liturgy Group, and some of whom are elected by members of the parish. There are currently several vacancies on the Parish Council (PC). Fr Vincent would like to invite all adult members of our parish (aged 18+) to consider offering themselves for election. You all have a great many skills and virtues which could be used to support the Parish Priest in his running of our parish. We have only four meetings per year, one of which is the Annual General Meeting. Anyone wishing to offer this valuable service or to find out more about it is asked to contact Fr Vincent as soon as possible and in any case before the end of May. (There is a copy of the Constitution of The Parish Council on the notice board at the back of church for anyone who would like this information.)

SACRED HEART PARISH HALL KEYHOLDERS

The next meeting of Hall Keyholders will be on Monday 22nd May at 6.45 pm in the Romero Room. Please note that after this date no further bookings will be accepted for June.

WEDNESDAY ADORATION

The Archdiocese of Birmingham has allocated **Wednesday 7th June** to be the day of prayer for vocations at our Church of the Sacred Heart. We are invited to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life and for an increase in awareness of the vocation of all within the Church. Time can be spent in front of the Blessed Sacrament from 10.00 am until 9.00 pm every Wednesday. Heartfelt thanks to all those loyal to this devotion. All are welcome at any time in the chapel during the day. If anyone is interested in joining the rota for Eucharistic Adoration it would be much appreciated. Please contact Catherine Ingram on 01905 778053.



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. Please, please help! If anyone is willing to volunteer to help, please speak to Fr. Vincent SCJ, Shelagh Young or Kate Dalglish. Many thanks.

HUGH DALY

In September, Hugh Daly will be cycling 300 miles in four days from Cork to Giant's Causeway in Ireland to raise money for Zoe's Place Baby Hospice in Coventry. If you would like to support Hugh by donating to Zoe's Place, please donate either via Hugh's Just Giving page at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Hugh-Daly1 or there are sponsorship forms at the back of church. To find out more about Zoe's Place Baby Hospice and the work that they do, their website is www.zoes-place.org.uk/coventry.

Main Collection:**£240.40****Gift Aid: £239.50****Mass Attendance****Last Sunday: 286****Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.****Additional Gift Aid
donation to the
Clergy Training Fund:****£5.00****Thank you for your
generosity.****FOODBANK**

A new wish list for May is on the noticeboard. There are a few items that Foodbank have run out of completely: tinned fruit, tinned spaghetti in tomato sauce and jam. There is a collection box in the entrance to church if you would like to donate any items. Thank you for your generosity.

JOB VACANCIES

The Archdiocese of Birmingham are currently recruiting. Please see the posters on the noticeboard for further information.

**Next Sunday's Mass
Readings***Acts 1: 1-11;**Psalms 46;**Ephesians 1: 17-23**Matthew 28: 16-20***CHURCHES TOGETHER AGM**

The CTiD AGM is on Wednesday June 7th at 7.30 pm at the Salvation Army Hall. This year's speaker will be Rev. Peter Tibke who was the Deacon at the Sacred Heart church until April 2015. In 2014 Peter became Roman Catholic Chaplain at Long Lartin prison and has since also become Roman Catholic Chaplain at HMP Oakwood. Peter will be speaking about his experiences and the challenges that this role presents focusing on Multi-Faith and Ecumenical Teamwork.

**NEWMAN ASSOCIATION - WORCESTER CIRCLE
VISIT TO THE TRIANGULAR LODGE AND LYVEDON NEW BIELD
THURSDAY 8TH JUNE**

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.

KNITTING FOR REFUGEES

Once again thank you so very much for the great variety of exquisite items recently donated. All were passed on to the sorting depot on Saturday 6th May. The next collection will be taken on Friday 2nd June. I also passed on all the wool and needles for use in the camps. If anyone wishes to replenish our stocks, items can be placed in the box in the porch.

REFUGEE UNDERWEAR APPEAL

Thank you once again for your continual response to this appeal. There is still an urgent need for items for children and adults (just small to medium sizes). As usual these will be collected with the knitting.

CELEBRATE BIRMINGHAM

**SATURDAY 1ST JULY & SUNDAY 2ND JULY - ST. MARY'S COLLEGE,
OSCOTT**

Celebrate Birmingham is a lively Catholic faith-filled weekend for the whole family including: inspiring talks, children streams, Masses, Reconciliation and workshops. See the poster and leaflets at the back of church. For further information and bookings go to www.celebrateconference.org or contact Lisa Plimmer on 01564 772238 or email: birmingham@celebrateconference.org.

BIRMINGHAM CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL CONFERENCE

The year is the 30th Anniversary Conference and the theme is *"They will know WE are Christians by OUR love"*. The Conference is being held from Monday 7th August until Friday 11th August at St. John's Hotel, Solihull. Further information can be found in the leaflets 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.

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