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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 60: 1-6;

Psalms 71;

Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6;

Matthew 2: 1-12

This Week
7th January - 14th January
(Psalter Week 2)

Holy Mass & Services

Other Events

Sunday 7th January Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord	8.30 am Rosemary O'Grady RIP (S & SR) 10.30 am Maria Causey - sick (D & B O'H) 6.00 pm James O'Shea (KO)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Traidcraft Stall in the hall
Monday 8th January Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Matthew RIP (SM)	12.30 pm - 2.30 pm: Community Meal 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm: SVP Meeting
Tuesday 9th January Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Marie & Iain Martin (CS)	5.00 pm Reception of the Body
Wednesday 10th January Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Rose O'Grady RIP (BP) 11.00 am Requiem Mass	
Thursday 11th January Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am John Leighton RIP (AM)	10.30 am Mass at St. Joseph's School 6.30 pm: Multicultural Evening meeting
Friday 12th January Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Bob Turner RIP (BP)	
Saturday 13th January Feria in Ordinary Time	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Tom Manion RIP (SM)	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 14th January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Retiring collection for Pax Christi	8.30 am Margaret McCool, Margherita McCool & Bobby McCool (JA) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm Holy Mass	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall

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Cynthia Sharkey

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**8.30 am & 10.30 am: All nations shall fall prostrate before
you, O lord.**

6.00 pm: To be announced during Mass.

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, Kevin McCorry, Jackie McLean, Rob O'Sullivan, Liz Prakash, Rosemarie Preece, Barbara Quigley, James Regan, Michael Sheridan, Bob Shuck, Jacky Smith, Anne & Philip Smith, Pat Smith, Sarah Trueman, Ann Turton, Jim Tustain, David Veale, Mary Wallace, Breda Wightman, Mark Wightman, Richard Wightman, Brigid Yates and Fr. Tom's sister, Maura.

RECENT DEAD

Your prayers are asked for **Bob Turner** and **Rose O'Grady** who died recently. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. The Requiem Mass for Bob Turner will be on Wednesday 10th January at 11.00 am with the Reception of his Body at 5.00 pm on Tuesday 9th January. The Requiem Mass for Rose O'Grady will be on Tuesday 16th January at 1.30 pm with the Reception of her Body on Monday 15th January at 5.00 pm. Please also remember their family members and friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

JOHN LEIGHTON RIP - BROTHER PATRICK'S FATHER

We have received the sad news that Brother Patrick's father John passed away. Please pray for his departed soul and for Brother Patrick, his brother John Leighton, and their family and friends. The funeral service will be on Monday 15th January at 2.30 pm at Worcester Crematorium.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION - CHILDREN NOT IN
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

If your child is in Year 3 or above and you wish for your child to be prepared to receive the Sacrament in June 2018, please would you contact Maria Jenkins on 07741 294069 or Fr. Vincent SCJ as soon as possible. The first meeting for parents and children is on Tuesday 23rd January at 6.30 pm in the Parish Hall.

**MULTICULTURAL EVENING: AN EVENING OF MUSIC & FOOD
FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2018**

Our parish is blessed with ethnic diversity. We have families and people from Poland, Philippines, Portugal, Hungary, India and other countries. Recognising the richness of our culture, Fr. Vincent would like to organise a social evening for our parish. This evening will include music, dance (if possible) and ethnic cuisines. To organise this evening Fr. Vincent would like a few volunteers and is holding an open meeting on Thursday 11th January at 6.30 pm in the Parish Hall. Please put this date in your diary and support us.

WEDNESDAY ADORATION

A very big thank you to all the loyal and faithful supporters of Wednesday Adoration, it is much appreciated. Adoration will resume on Wednesday 17th January 2018.

CHARITY KNITTING

Thank you for the wonderful hat, scarf and glove sets that were recently donated to the appeal. Also thank you to the person/persons who left the vast quantity of wool and knitting needles to help defray costs. The next collection will be on Saturday 20th January so please keep knitting anything you feel will help keep the refugees in the camps warm during the winter months.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The idea was raised at the last Parish Council meeting that it may be possible to have a simple but complete 14 Stations of the Cross in the Sacred Heart Church grounds during Lent. The project would provide an alternative to the Stations in Church that would be more public and accessible to passers-by. It could include simple wooden crosses with a basic description and picture on each and a leaflet of explanation for those who might know nothing of the subject. Inexpensive and a temporary experiment. This project would require a small group of parishioners to lead it. Please think about it and those who might wish to help in any way please contact Judith Cussen on 01905 771346 or email jmcussen@yahoo.co.uk.

REFUGEE UNDERWEAR COLLECTION

Thank you so much for the wonderful selection of underwear recently collected for the refugees in the camps. Thank you also for the numerous gloves, hats and scarves that were donated. Your constant generosity is so appreciated by the organisers. These items will be dispatched on Saturday 20th January as there will be no February collection.

TABOR HOUSE SHELTER FOR THE HOMELESS

Tabor House in Birmingham recently opened and is a joint venture between the Archdiocese, St. Anne's Parish, Digbeth and Fr. Hudson's Care and partner organisations. It provides shelter, dignity and an active promotion of hope for employment for up to 15 people. There is an urgent need for more volunteers to sustain this project which has made a positive start over recent weeks. If you are interested in volunteering at Tabor House, please contact Mairead Shaw on 07387 418318 or Laura Jovicich on 07387 418319. More information about Tabor House can be found at www.fatherhudsons.org.uk/community-projects/tabor-house/191.htm.

FATHER HUDSON'S CARE

Father Hudson's Care have written to thank all parishioners for supporting their Christmas Appeal. There is a letter of thanks and a poster on the noticeboard. Please also see the posters advertising the 114th Annual Fundraising Ball and the Eucharist and the Family Day. Full details of both can be found on the noticeboard at the back of church.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The group is taking a break and will resume on Tuesday 16th January 2018 at 7.30 pm.

BIRMINGHAM CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE

Please see the posters on the noticeboard for details of forthcoming BCYS events. These include World Youth Day and the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

ORDER OF MALTA PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Please see the poster on the noticeboard for full details of this Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Friday 4th May until Thursday 10th May 2018.

GIVING MACHINE

Please consider making your online purchases using The Giving Machine website. You can make purchases from a number of major retailers via this website. This costs you nothing, but money will be donated to the parish from purchases made. Details of how to use the Giving Machine are on posters at the back of church.

Main Collection:

£270.18

Gift Aid: £213.30

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 285

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**NEWMAN
ASSOCIATION:
WORCESTER CIRCLE**

Archbishop Bernard Longley will be speaking on Wednesday 17th January 2018 at 7.30 pm in St. George's Parish Hall, Worcester. The talk for Christian Unity week is entitled ARCIC III. ARCIC is the Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission. All are welcome; the charge for non-members is £3.00.



**Next Sunday's Mass
Readings**

1 Samuel 3: 3-10, 19;

Psalms 39;

1 Corinthians 6:

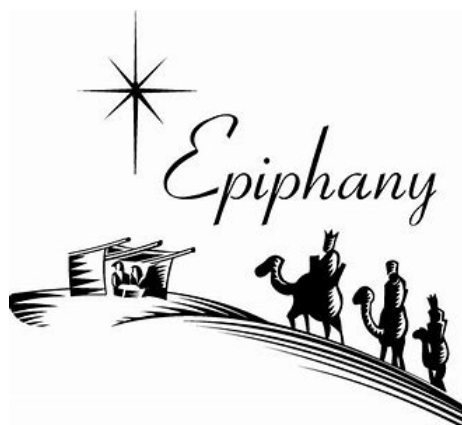
13-15, 17-20;

John 1: 35-42

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.

NEW YEAR, NEW BEGINNING, A NEW CAREER!

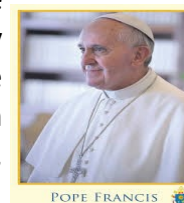
Can you bring vision, experience and energy to the Diocesan Youth Service team? Can you initiate and develop parish youth ministry across a diverse area? Can you deliver training and organise events? If so, we would love to hear from you! The Kenelm Youth Trust are looking to appoint a Youth Ministry Development worker for the Catholic Parishes of Oxfordshire and Worcestershire. The application forms and job description are available to download from www.kyt.org.uk. The post is advertised at £22,000 to £24,500 for 40 hours per week. The deadline for receiving applications is Friday 26th January 2018.



LAUDATE SI: THE GOSPEL OF CREATION

THE HARMONY OF CREATION

The entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us. As part of this universe we must not then view other living beings as mere objects subjected to arbitrary human domination. When nature is seen only as a source of profit and gain this has consequences for society. Perhaps the greatest challenge is to leave behind the modern myth of there being unlimited material progress. Such greed can have terrible consequences and the prevailing "might be right" notion has led to immense inequality and injustice where resources end up in the hands of the few. Completely at variance with the ideals proposed by Jesus of harmony, justice, fraternity and peace. (84-88)



POPE FRANCIS