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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
1 Samuel 3: 3-10, 19;
Psalms 39;
1 Corinthians 6: 13-15, 17-20;
John 1: 35-42

This Week 14th January - 21st January (Psalter Week 2)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
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 Bob Shuck - sick (BL & SM) 6.00 pm John & Mary Ryan (DR)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Traidcraft Stall in the hall
Monday 15th January Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Rose O'Grady RIP (AM)	10.00 am - 12.30 pm: Church Tours 5.00 pm Reception of the Body
Tuesday 16th January Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Bob Turner RIP (SD) 1.30 pm Requiem Mass	7.30 pm: Bible Study Group
Wednesday 17th January Memorial of St. Antony, abbot	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Rose O'Grady RIP (SD)	10.00 am - 9.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 18th January Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Joan Baxter RIP (SD)	
Friday 19th January Feast of St. Wulston, Bishop	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mary Tuck - sick (VD)	
Saturday 20th January Feria in Ordinary Time	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Bob Turner RIP (I & MM)	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions 11.00 Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing
Sunday 21st January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30 am Rose O'Grady RIP (BB) 10.30 am Tony Bond RIP (JB) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Traidcraft Stall in the hall 12 Noon: Baptism

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES

Gerry Ceclich
Cynthia Sharkey

8.30 am & 10.30 am: Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.

6.00 pm: Repeat the last two lines of each verse after the
cantor.

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 **Rose O'Grady** and **Bridget Eddiford** 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 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.

A WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

There are many divisions in our world today, many of those are religious. The week of prayer for Christian Unity is our opportunity to pray for a greater understanding amongst Christian communities and to acknowledge that we as Christians, despite some differences, are united in our belief that God is the Father of all and his son Jesus Christ is the Saviour of all. To celebrate this week, Churches Together are holding a Unity Service on Wednesday 17th January at 7.30 pm at the Baptist Church. EVERYONE is invited, so come along and join with fellow Christians!

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, all are invited to the Multicultural Evening on Friday 9th February at 7.00 pm. There is 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 or you can contact Caroline Healy at carolinehealy2003@yahoo.com or on 01905 779437 or Steve Rawlings at steve.rawlings97@gmail.com or on 01905 795176.

CHARITY KNITTING

Thank you so very much for the vast amount of wonderful hats and baby and children's jumpers that were recently donated. A huge thank you also for the two beautiful blankets. All will be so gratefully received in the camps during this bitter cold spell. There is a vast quantity of wool at the back of the church to help defray costs. A further collection will be made on Thursday 18th January ready to be despatched at the weekend.

REFUGEE UNDERWEAR/HAT/SCARF/GLOVES COLLECTION

Once again thank you for your tremendous, continual support; to date we have 2 large black sacks full of scarves and shawls, and a sack of hats and gloves in addition to the knitted items. What an amazing achievement! Also a particular thank you to the person who recently donated a vast quantity of magic gloves to the appeal. The next collection will also be made on Thursday 18th January.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS OUTSIDE THE CHURCH: LENT 2018

At the November Parish Council meeting, approval was given for the suggested Stations of the Cross during this coming Lent only; its future will be decided by the success of the idea. These 14 Stations would be open to all who are interested, with a short leaflet to explain them and a visitors book for comments and to assess the numbers visiting. Starting on the road side, they would circle the church via College Green and the car park and end by the hall. A small group of parishioners is now involved in getting this going but there is still opportunity for help from others. Publicity will be needed for the scheme to have any impact and you yourselves could play a part in making it interesting to other people by talking about it. The major aim is to bring knowledge of Our Lord's last journey to Calvary to those who may not know or think about it.

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.

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.

SACRED HEART LADIES GROUP: THURSDAY 18TH JANUARY

Yes, it's that time again! Oh yes it is...it's Panto time once more. As usual, the venue is the Norbury Theatre and the Panto is *Babes in the Wood*. The show starts at 7.30 pm so I will be in the Foyer from 7.00 pm to hand out the tickets. Look forward to seeing you all then for what promises to be a fun-packed evening.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The group will resume on Tuesday 16th January 2018 at 7.30 pm.

WEDNESDAY ADORATION

Adoration will resume on Wednesday 17th January 2018.

ALTER LINEN LADIES

Please collect your February 2018 to January 2019 rotas from the back of Church. Thank you all for your support.

CONFIRMATION 2017

Workbooks and photo proofs for the young people from the parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation in December 2017 are in the parish office. Please collect these by Friday 26th January. After this date they will be disposed of.

2018 PARISH DIARIES

The 2018 Parish Diaries have arrived and are available to collect from the Narthex. The diaries are free, but any donations would be much appreciated and will be given to the Missions.

Main Collection:

£260.30

Gift Aid: £207.58

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 286

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.

DROITWICH SVP

Sacred Heart SVP can be contacted on 0777 292 7535 or at droiwichsvp@googlemail.com.



Next Sunday's Mass

Readings

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10;

Psalms 24;

1 Corinthians 7:

29-31;

Mark 1: 14-20

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.

ST. BRIGID OF IRELAND CONCERT

The Friends of Maryvale present their St. Brigid of Ireland concert on Thursday 1st February at 7.00 pm at the Maryvale Institute. Tickets are £6.00. Please see the poster on the noticeboard for full details.

RiDL

The next Retreat in Daily Life support group will be on Thursday 18th January at 7.30 pm, focussing on Mark 1: 14-20. All are welcome. If you would like to attend or need more information please contact Debbie Prigg on 01905 771288 or dprigg@btinternet.com.

EUCCHARIST AND THE FAMILY DAYS

The next *Eucharist and the Family* day event organised by the Archdiocese of Birmingham takes place on Saturday 20th January from 10.00 am until 3.30 pm at St. George's, Worcester. Please see the poster on the noticeboard for full details of the day and/or how to reserve a place.

LAUDATE SI: THE GOSPEL OF CREATION

A UNIVERSAL COMMUNION

The light of our faith, the wisdom of the Bible narratives and the mystery of the universe invite us into a loving communion with God, with our neighbour and with the earth itself. Sadly these relationships, once harmonious, have been broken by sin. Human beings are a unique work, but with this comes a unique responsibility. We should obviously be concerned that other living things are treated responsibly, but we should be especially indignant at the enormous inequalities we see around us. Many are mired in desperate and degrading poverty with no way out while others seem to have no idea what to do with their vast possessions and leave behind vast amounts of waste that threaten large portions of our planet. We need, in the words of Pope Francis, to join our concern for the environment with "a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to reducing the problems of society". (89-92)