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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

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10;
Psalm 24;
1 Corinthians 7: 29-31;
Mark 1: 14-20

This Week 21st January - 28th January (Psalter Week 3)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 21st January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B	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
Monday 22nd January Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Sheila McGrath (CL)	12.30 pm - 2.30 pm: Community Meal 7.00 pm: SVP Meeting
Tuesday 23rd January Memorial of Nicholas Owen, Religious	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Rose O'Grady RIP (IM)	6.30 pm: FHC Meeting (Parish Children & Parents) 7.30 pm: Bible Study Group
Wednesday 24th January Memorial of St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	10.00 am - 9.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 25th January Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am John Leighton RIP (SVP)	
Friday 26th January Memorial of Ss. Timothy and Titus, Bishops	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	
Saturday 27th January Memorial of Blessed Edward Oldcome, Priest, Martyr	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Richard Dolan RIP (SD)	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 28th January Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Retiring Collection for Racial Justice	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MF) 10.30 am Patrick & Peggy Bluett (JB) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Piety Stall in the hall

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: Lord, make me know your ways.

**6.00 pm: In your love remember me, in your love remember
me, in your great goodness O Lord remember me.**

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.

BAPTISM

We welcome into our parish family and into the Universal Church **Joshua Jozef Fincher** who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism today. Please keep him and his parents in your kind thoughts and prayers.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

MULTICULTURAL EVENING: AN EVENING OF MUSIC & FOOD

FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2018 - 7.00 PM UNTIL 11.00 PM

We are very fortunate to have people from many different parts of the world amongst our parishioners. As a celebration of this, there will be an evening of friendship with food from a variety of countries and hopefully some music, dance and costume to reflect the beauty of our diversity. All are warmly invited to attend. Come and share your culture, your recipes, national celebration days and so much more. If you have a talent you would like to share, please do, this includes all of you children. Do you have a national costume? Perhaps you would like to wear it. Your National flag? Bring it. There is a clipboard at the back of church to indicate who would like to attend and for offerings of food and/or entertainment. Please contact Caroline Healy at carolinehealy2003@yahoo.com or on 01905 779437 or Steve Rawlings at steve.rawlings97@gmail.com or on 01905 795176 for any further enquiries. This is the first, of hopefully, an annual gathering of our wonderfully diverse cultures. Come together and make it a success and help to strengthen our parish community.

HOLY EUCHARIST

As you may be aware from media reports there are flu viruses that are currently affecting people across the country. If you are feeling unwell, please consider receiving the precious body alone to avoid spreading these viruses further. Many thanks for your understanding and co-operation.

GIFT AID DONATIONS

If you are new to the parish please could we ask you to consider gift aiding your current Mass offerings. As long as you are a UK taxpayer this will not cost you anything as it is a rebate of tax you already pay. A lot of parishioners already do this and we are very grateful to them as this is a significant part of the parish income. There will be someone outside each Mass on Sunday 28th January to answer any questions you may and give you the HMRC form. The form is very simple to complete.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: 28TH JANUARY 2018

In a world steeped in violence, conflict and discrimination this is a great opportunity to promote the values of the Gospel that speak of the dignity of the human person, the priorities of building peace, prosperity, just living for all and the appreciation of one another. Please be generous to the collection next Sunday and enable the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to continue the work for Racial Justice. Prayer cards are available from the Narthex.

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.

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.

SYNOD ON YOUTH, FAITH AND VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT

In preparation for the next Synod in October, the Kenelm Youth Trust with the Diocesan Vocations Office have prepared a two year programme of engagement with young people aged from 16 to 29 years. There will be a gathering at St. Mary's College, Oscott on Saturday 24th March from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm where young people who are no longer in school can reflect upon their experience of living life amidst the opportunities and challenges of today's society. This day is free to attend; please bring a packed lunch. Email synod@kyt.org.uk to book your place. Further information can be found at www.synod18.org and/or from the poster on the noticeboard.

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.

ALTER LINEN LADIES

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

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.

SACRED HEART PARISH HALL KEYHOLDERS

The next meeting of Hall Keyholders will be on Monday 29th January at 6.45 pm in the Romero Room. After this date no further bookings will be accepted for February.

BIRMINGHAM ARCHDIOCESE YEAR BOOK 2018

Copies of the Year Book, which is ring-bound, are priced at £4.50 and are available at the Piety Stall

Main Collection:

£250.35

Gift Aid: £335.35

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 277

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**The retiring collection
for Pax Christi raised:**

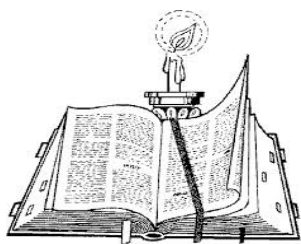
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Gift Aid: £132.89

**Thank you for your
generosity.**

DROITWICH SVP

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Next Sunday's Mass

Readings

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20;

Psalm 94;

1 Corinthians 7:

32-35;

Mark 1: 21-28

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!

The Kenelm Youth Trust are looking to appoint a Youth Ministry Development worker for the Catholic Parishes of Oxfordshire and Worcestershire. The application form and job description are available to download from www.kyt.org.uk. The deadline for receiving applications is Friday 26th January 2018.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS APPEALS PANEL MEMBERS

Catholic schools within the Archdiocese of Birmingham are responsible for organising School Admission Appeals where a parent exercises their right to appeal against the school's decision not to admit their child. To assist schools, the Diocesan Education Service recruits and trains suitable individuals who are then able to sit on appeal panels for schools across the Diocese. The service that this offers to the schools is essential, but the number of panel members on the lists that the DES maintains has dwindled over the past year. If you are interested in volunteering for this role please see the poster on the noticeboard for full details and/or contact Mrs Rebecca Tonks at r.tonks@bdes.org.uk or on 01675 464755 ext. 110.

MARYVALE INSTITUTE : JOB VACANCIES

The Maryvale Institute is currently recruiting for a Marketing Manager and Head of Library and Learning Resources. Further information on both roles is available on the poster on the noticeboard. Job descriptions and application forms are available at www.maryvale.ac.uk or by contacting Mrs Rita Bannister at registry@maryvale.ac.uk or on 0121 360 8118. The closing date for applications is Wednesday 31st January 2018.

LAUDATE SI: THE GOSPEL OF CREATION

A COLLECTIVE GOOD

Whether believers or not, most agree today that the earth is essentially a shared inheritance, whose fruits are meant to benefit everyone. As Catholics this becomes a question of fidelity to the Creator, since we believe that God created the world for everyone. Thus every ecological approach needs to include the fundamental rights of the poor and underprivileged. As Saint John Paul II said, "God gave the earth to the whole human race for the sustenance of **all** its members, without excluding or favouring anyone". The natural environment is a collective good and the responsibility of everyone. (93-95).

