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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

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20;

Psalm 94;

1 Corinthians 7: 32-35;

Mark 1: 21-28

This Week 28th January - 4th February (Psalter Week 4)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 28th January Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B Retiring Collection for Racial Justice	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MF) 10.30 am Patrick & Peg 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 12 Noon: Baptism
Monday 29th January Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am John Leighton RIP (SD)	6.45 pm Parish Hall Keyholders Meeting
Tuesday 30th January Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Ana March Hale RIP (GN)	6.30 pm: FHC Meeting at St. Joseph's School 7.00 pm: Choir Practice 7.30 pm: Bible Study Group
Wednesday 31st January Memorial of St. John Bosco, Priest	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Anthony Moulton RIP (MR)	10.00 am - 9.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 1st February Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	
Friday 2nd February Feast of the Presentation of the Lord	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Ints. of John Leighton (SD)	
Saturday 3rd February Feria in Ordinary Time	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Holy Mass	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 4th February Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Retiring Collection for Life	8.30 am Rose O'Grady RIP (EK) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm Holy Mass	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Traidcraft Stall in the hall 10.30 am: FHC Commitment Mass

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.00 pm:

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

SACRED HEART COMMUNITY

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Bro. Patrick Leighton SCJ

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 **Arabella Olga Smith** who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism today. Please keep her and her parents in your kind thoughts and prayers.

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Cynthia Sharkey

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. 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.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

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 today and enable the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to continue the work for Racial Justice. Prayer cards are available from the Narthex.

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 understanding² and co-operation.

FR. DAVID DORAN'S INDUCTION

Fr. David will be inducted as Parish Priest on Thursday 22nd February at 7.00 pm at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Bloxwich. If you wish to attend his induction, please contact 01922 476765 or email stpetersbloxwich@btinternet.com

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.

ANNUAL SECOND COLLECTION FOR LIFE: SUNDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2018

Life gives practical and emotional support to women, men and their families who feel their only option is abortion as they provide a better way, making it possible for women to keep their babies and make abortion a thing of the past. Please give generously. The money you give will directly support Life Link One's work in the Archdiocese of Birmingham. To find out more about their work, please visit www.lifefcharity.org.uk and/or see the poster at the back of church.

CHARITY KNITTING

Once again, thank you for the marvellous items left recently. A particular thank you to the person who knits and labels such lovely scarves so regularly. The next collection will be on Friday 2nd March, so you have plenty of time to knit some more exquisite items. In the meantime the articles will be collected and sorted on a regular basis. Wool, patterns and needles continue to be available at the back of the church to help defray costs, donations of the same are also most welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS OUTSIDE THE CHURCH: LENT 2018

This Lent, the 14 Stations of the Cross 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.

UNDERWEAR/HAT/SCARVES/GLOVES COLLECTION FOR THE REFUGEES

Thank you so very much for the beautiful items, both new and used which were left recently. A special thank you to the person that left the vast quantity of snoods, they will be so welcome in the camps. Your continual support is so appreciated. As with the knitting, items will be stored until the final collection on Friday 2nd March for dispatch on Saturday 3rd March.

DROITWICH SPA FOODBANK

A new wish list for January 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. Please see the poster and letter on the noticeboard from Droitwich Spa Foodbank thanking all parishioners for their donations in 2017.

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

CHOIR PRACTICE

The next Choir practice is on Tuesday 30th January at 7.00 pm. New members are always welcome if you would like to join us.

Main Collection:

£266.64

Gift Aid: £220.30

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 292

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**NEWMAN
ASSOCIATION -
WORCESTER CIRCLE**

The next meeting will be on Thursday 15th February at 7.30 pm at St. George's Parish Hall, Worcester. The Rev. Canon Dr. Georgina Byrne, Residentiary Canon of Worcester Cathedral, is speaking on *A voice crying in the Wilderness: Maude Royden and female preaching in early 20th century England*. All are welcome.

DROITWICH SVP

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Next Sunday's Mass

Readings

Job 7: 1-4, 6-7;

Psalms 146;

1 Corinthians 9:

16-19, 22-23;

Mark 1: 29-39

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.

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.

THE SOVEREIGN MILITARY HOSPITALLER ORDER OF SAINT JOHN OF JERUSALEM, OF RHODES AND OF MALTA

You are warmly invited to The Birmingham Lourdes Re-union at 11.00 am on Saturday 24th February at The Oratory, Hagley Road, Edgbaston, B16 8UE. There is a Solemn Mass with the Anointing of the Sick followed by a buffet luncheon. This is free but any donations would be appreciated. Please see the poster on the noticeboard for full details.

LAUDATE SI: THE GOSPEL OF CREATION

THE GAZE OF JESUS

Jesus took up the biblical faith in God the Creator, emphasising a fundamental truth: God is Father. Talking with his disciples, he often invited them to recognise the paternal relationship God has with all his creatures. Jesus lived in full harmony with creation, and others were amazed: "What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?" (Matthew 8:27). As a carpenter, Jesus worked with his hands, in daily contact with the matter created by God. Then the New Testament also shows him risen and glorious, present throughout creation by his universal lordship, with the very flowers of the field and the birds which his human eyes contemplated and admired imbued with his radiant presence. This is the very essence of the *Gospel of Creation* Pope Francis asks us to proclaim and act upon. (96-100)

