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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

*Job 7: 1-4, 6-7;
Psalm 146;
1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23;
Mark 1: 29-39*

This Week 4th February - 11th February (Psalter Week 1)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 4th February Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 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
Monday 5th February Memorial of St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	2.00 pm: Interment of Ashes 7.00 pm: SVP Meeting
Tuesday 6th February Memorial of St. Paul Miki, and Companions, Martyrs	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Thanksgiving (MM)	7.30 pm: Bible Study Group
Wednesday 7th February Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Catherine & John Cronin (DM)	10.00 am - 9.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 8th February Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Paul Dolan - sick (SD)	
Friday 9th February Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	7.00 pm: Multicultural Evening
Saturday 10th February Memorial of St. Scholastica, Virgin	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Tony Burns RIP	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 11th February Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B	8.30 am The Dodd Family (LD) 10.30 am John Holmes RIP (D & BO) 6.00 pm John Ryan (DR)	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: Praise the Lord who heals the broken hearted.

10.30 am: Come to the feast of heaven and earth,

Come to the table of plenty,

God will provide for all that we need,

Here at the table of plenty.

6.00 pm: Praise the Lord who heals the broken hearted.

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 **Anthony (Tony) Burns** who died recently. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Funeral arrangements are yet to be finalised and will be announced in due course. Please also remember his family members and friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

ANNUAL SECOND COLLECTION FOR LIFE

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.lifecharity.org.uk and/or see the poster at the back of church.

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.

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.

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

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 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.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND: CRIB OFFERINGS

We have received the following message from Friends of the Holy Land: "Please thank all parishioners who contributed to this generous collection. Their prayers and financial help are much appreciated by the Christian families and individuals who receive help from FHL." There is also a certificate on the noticeboard.

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

The next meeting of Justice and Peace Group is on Wednesday 7th February at 7.30 pm in the Elgar Room. The agenda for the meeting is the programme for the year and the Oscar Romero DVD.

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.

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.

LENTEN JOURNEY

The "Walk with Me" booklet and calendar for the Lenten journey are still available at the back of the church. This booklet is to help focus on our relationship with God and with people during Lent. Please consider taking a copy home to help prepare for Easter. These are free; any donations will go to the Missions. Thank you.

DROITWICH SVP

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

Main Collection:

£257.82

Gift Aid: £257.50

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 273

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

The retiring collection

for Racial Justice

raised: £160.31

Gift Aid: £144.00

**Thank you for your
generosity.**

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.

Next Sunday's Mass

Readings

Leviticus 13:

1-2, 44-46;

Psalms 31;

1 Corinthians 10: 31 -

11: 1

Mark 1: 40-45

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.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2018

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is from Saturday 26th May until Friday 1st June. The pastoral theme for all pilgrims to Lourdes for 2018 is *Do whatever He tells you*. Travel is either by coach or air. For further information or a booking form, please see the posters & leaflets at the back of church or speak to Father Vincent. If there are any health professionals who would be interested in volunteering to serve the sick pilgrims, please speak to Father Vincent or contact the Pilgrimage Office on 0121 230 6288.

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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life is the largest internationally coordinated pro-life mobilization in history. 40 Days for Life Birmingham will be holding their peaceful, prayerful vigil outside Marie Stopes abortion clinic, 4 Arthur Road, Edgbaston, B15 2UL from 8.00 am until 8.00 pm every day from Wednesday 14th February until Sunday 25th March. There will be a launch event on Sunday 11th February from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm at The Oratory, 141 Hagley Road, Birmingham, B16 8UE. For more information please contact Isabel on 07773 501721.

LAUDATE SI

Human roots to the crisis: what went wrong? We need to understand the deeper cause of our present crisis. The Pope focuses on the too dominant technological model and its effects on human beings and their place in the world. Humanity has entered a new era in which "science and technology are wonderful products of a God-given human creativity. Technology has remedied countless evils which used to harm and limit human beings. How can we not feel gratitude and appreciation for this progress - in medicine, engineering and communications - when well-directed. Yet it must also be recognised that that nuclear technology, biotechnology, information technology, knowledge of our DNA and many other abilities have given us tremendous power". Never has humanity had such power over itself, yet nothing ensures that it will be used wisely, particularly when we think how it is now being used.

