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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**  
*Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46;*  
*Psalm 31;*  
*1 Corinthians 10: 31 - 11: 1*  
*Mark 1: 40-45*

<b>This Week</b> <b>11th February - 18th February</b> <b>(Psalter Week 2)</b>	<b>Holy Mass &amp; Services</b>	<b>Other Events</b>
<b>Sunday 11th February</b> <b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Year B</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
<b>Monday 12th February</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Holy Mass	12.30 pm - 2.30 pm: Community Meal
<b>Tuesday 13th February</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Jean Connors (MM)	11.00 am: Deanery Meeting 6.30 pm: FHC Meeting at St. Joseph's School
<b>Wednesday 14th February</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b>	9.15 am Mary Bowditch (CB) 7.30 pm Special Intention (VG)	<b>10.00 am - 7.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> 1.30 pm: Mass at St. Joseph's School
<b>Thursday 15th February</b> Thursday after Ash Wednesday	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Holy Mass	
<b>Friday 16th February</b> Friday after Ash Wednesday	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Holy Mass	
<b>Saturday 17th February</b> Saturday after Ash Wednesday	<b>10.30 am Holy Rosary</b> 11.00 am Liz Smith (CM)	<b>10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions</b> 11.00 am: Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing
<b>Sunday 18th February</b> <b>First Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Year B</b>	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MF) 10.30 am Holy Mass 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Traidcraft Stall in the hall

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

8.30 am & 10.30 am: You are my hiding place, O Lord; you  
surround me with cries of deliverance.

6.00 pm: Faith in God can move the mountains, trust in Him  
can calm the sea. He's my fortress, he's my  
stronghold, he's the rock who rescues me.

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**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. The Requiem Mass will be at midday on Monday 19th February followed by the burial at 2.30 pm at Ashwood Cemetery. Please also remember his family members and friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

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**WEDNESDAY ADORATION**

Sincere thanks to all those who support Adoration. Please note on Ash Wednesday Adoration will end at 7.00 pm as the evening Mass is at 7.30 pm. Anyone interested in joining the rota please contact Catherine Ingram on 01905 778053. Everyone is welcome to come to the Chapel anytime of the day from 10.00 am until 9.00 pm. Thank you.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN DROITWICH: LENT TALKS**

You are invited to come along to any or all of the Lent talks. There will be five talks this year in different Churches in town. Please see the poster on the noticeboard for full details of dates, venues and themes. This should make for an interesting series of talks, all of which will include refreshments and time for chat/discussion. In Lent we are encouraged to do something extra, maybe this could be the extra for you!

**SACRED LADIES GROUP**

**WEDNESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 7.30 PM**

As 2018 marks the Centenary of quite a few historical events we are delighted to welcome a speaker from 'Worcester Talks' together with a new talk entitled 'Woodbine Willie'. Geoffrey Anketell Studdert Kennedy MC was an English Anglican priest and poet. He was nicknamed 'Woodbine Willie' during World War 1 for giving Woodbine cigarettes along with spiritual aid to injured and dying soldiers. It's a fascinating story so why not come along and join us and find out the rest. The evening starts at 7.30 pm and finishes at 9.30 pm with tea/coffee/biscuits included. We look forward to a full house in the Parish Hall.

## WAY OF THE CROSS: LENT 2018

The season of Lent invites us to ponder more deeply on Jesus' journey to Calvary. The Stations of the Cross are an ancient tradition in the Catholic Church going back to the fourth century when Christians went on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Like many of our Catholic traditions, the Stations of the Cross are rich, deep and meaningful. They help us to understand the sufferings and passion of Jesus Christ and prepare ourselves for the great feast of the Resurrection. This year again this traditional devotion is at 9.45 am, just after the Mass, on each Friday during Lent. In the last few years individuals and different Parish groups have offered to lead the reflection. So if you wish to lead this devotion on one of the Fridays, please sign on the clipboard at the back of church. Thank you. Fr. Vincent SCJ.

### 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.

### 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](mailto:stpetersbloxwich@btinternet.com)

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS OUTSIDE THE CHURCH: LENT 2018

Here we are approaching Lent and the Stations will be put up in the next few days. There has been publicity about them for other Droitwich churches and the press. Weather permitting we hope that people will be looking at them soon; please remember that we are inviting outsiders to come onto the church grounds in doing this, so encourage them, don't scare them away. Many thanks to those who have helped, notably Clifford Bowditch, Penny Gilfeather, Kate Hill, Terry Poulton and of course the Parish Secretary.

### DISCERNMENT WEEKEND FOR MEN AGED OVER 30

The Beda College in Rome, together with St. Bueno's Spirituality Centre in North Wales, are running a discernment weekend for men from Friday 14th until Sunday 16th September 2018. The primary focus of the weekend is the possibility of priestly vocation in later life so it is limited to men between the ages of 30 and 55. However, it is also suitable for men not specifically considering the priesthood as it is not presumed that any major choice or commitment will be made during the weekend. Please promote this weekend to anyone you think might be interested. Ideally bookings should be made before Easter. To book a place or for further information please visit [www.pathwaystogod.org/courses-events-retreats/weekend-individually-guided-retreat-men-aged-30](http://www.pathwaystogod.org/courses-events-retreats/weekend-individually-guided-retreat-men-aged-30) or contact Fr. Peter Verity at [p.verity@bedacollege.com](mailto:p.verity@bedacollege.com).

### 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.

### 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 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](mailto:droitwichsvp@googlemail.com).

**Main Collection:**  
**£321.96**  
**Gift Aid: £251.50**  
**Mass Attendance**  
**Last Sunday: 366**  
**Thank you for**  
**supporting your**  
**Parish.**

**The retiring collection**  
**for Life raised:**  
**£152.80**  
**Gift Aid: £104.00**  
**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**  
*Genesis 9: 8-15;*  
*Psalms 24;*  
*1 Peter 3: 18 - 22*  
*Mark 1: 12-15*

*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.

**PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE**

Please see the poster on the noticeboard for full details of a pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland from Monday 2nd April until Friday 6th April. Group and individual bookings are welcome. Contact Patricia on 01268 762278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

**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.

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There is a tendency to believe that every increase in power means an increase of progress itself, as if reality, goodness and truth automatically flow from technical and economic power. Contemporary man has not been trained to use power well because our immense technological development has not been accompanied by a development in human responsibility, values and conscience. It can be said that many problems of today's world stem from the tendency, at times unconscious, to make the method and aims of science and technology a global model of all knowledge which shapes the lives of individuals and the workings of society. The deterioration of the environment is just one result which affects every aspect of human and social life. Technical products are not neutral for they create a framework which ends up conditioning lifestyles and shaping society along lines dictated by the interests of certain powerful groups. Decisions which may seem purely instrumental are in reality decisions about the kind of society we want to build.