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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

Genesis 9: 8-15;

Psalm 24;

1 Peter 3: 18 - 22

Mark 1: 12-15

| This Week 18th February - 25th February (Psalter Week 1) | Holy Mass & Services | Other Events |
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| Sunday 18th February First Sunday of Lent Year 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 |
| Monday 19th February Lent feria | 9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mary Hanson - sick (AM) 12 Noon Requiem Mass | 7.00 pm: SVP Meeting |
| Tuesday 20th February Lent feria | 9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service | 7.30 pm: Bible Study Group |
| Wednesday 21st February Lent feria | 9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass | 10.00 am - 9.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.30 pm: Finance Committee Meeting |
| Thursday 22nd February Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, Apostle | 9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mary Crawford | 2.30 pm: Church Tour |
| Friday 23rd February Lent feria | 9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Tony Burns RIP (AM) | 9.45 am: Stations of the Cross |
| Saturday 24th February Lent feria | 10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Tim & Lesley Cree - Golden Wedding Anniversary (SM) | 10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions |
| Sunday 25th February Second Sunday of Lent Year B Retiring Collection for CAFOD | 8.30 am Rose O'Grady RIP (SC) 10.30 am Tim & Lesley Cree - Golden Wedding Anniversary 6.00 pm People of the Parish | After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Piety Stall in the hall |

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES

Gerry Ceclich

Cynthia Sharkey

8.30 am: Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and
love for those who keep your covenant.

10.30 am: Remember your mercy Lord.

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, Agnes May, 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 Astwood Cemetery. Please also remember his family members and friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, SOUTH SUDAN AND ALL THE WORLD

The Holy Father has announced that Friday 23rd February, the Friday of the First Week of Lent, has been designated as a Day of Fasting and Prayer. The Apostolic Nuncio has asked all the Bishops to make this as widely known as possible so that all our local churches can participate in the Papal initiative. This date is also CAFOD Family Lent Fast Day and so the Holy Father's request could dovetail into this annual work, especially as CAFOD has projects in both the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan. This Lent, your donation will make double the difference. For every pound you donate to CAFOD, the UK Government will also donate a pound, up to a total of £5 million, meaning twice the number of lives can be transformed. Please give generously to this collection. Gift Aid envelopes are available in the pews.

ASHRAY UPDATE: OUR PARISH PROJECT

Having just returned from India, John Pilley will be giving an illustrated talk on our parish project running the Ashray school in Varanasi, India. An update on what the project does and how it hopes to progress with many slides of the school, its village community and Varanasi in general. This will take place in the Church Hall on Friday 2nd March at 7.00 pm. There is no charge for entry and there will be no collection!

KEVIN BLACKWELL RIP

We have received a very generous legacy from the estate of the late Kevin Blackwell. Please keep his departed soul and his family and friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

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 & COLLECTION FOR THE REFUGEES

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 and the donation of snoods. The next collection will be on Friday 2nd March. 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.

AROUND THE CHURCH OUTSIDE: STATIONS OF THE CROSS LENT

These have now been put up, with a bit of difficulty owing to wind and rain. The chair in front has boxes on it containing leaflets and a record book for numbers coming, comments, etc. Please remember that in doing this we are inviting outsiders to come into the church grounds, so encourage them, don't scare them away. Many thanks to all who have helped.

SACRED HEART 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.

ADOREMUS: EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE & CONGRESS

FRIDAY 7TH - SUNDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2018

The Eucharistic Congress will be held in Liverpool from Friday 7th until Sunday 9th September. Among the aims of the Congress is the desire to encourage a greater love for the mystery of the sacrifice of the Mass, to deepen the experience of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and to grow in our understanding of the place of the Holy Eucharist in our lives and in the life of the Church. There are a variety of events taking place over these days in Liverpool and you may well want to participate in these events or one of these events. Please see the leaflet for more information. The Deanery Co-ordinator needs to know the number of people attending from our Parish by Monday 19th February so please sign on the clipboard at the back of Church. Thank you for your co-operation on this with short notice. Fr. Vincent SCJ.

2018 PARISH DIARIES

The 2018 Parish Diaries 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 SPA FOODBANK

Foodbank are in urgent need of tinned potatoes, tea bags, toilet rolls, tinned fruit and jam. There is a box in the entrance of church for any donations. Thank you for your generosity.

Main Collection:

£264.69

Gift Aid: £243.00

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 298

Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.

FAIRTRADE

**FORTNIGHT: MONDAY
26TH FEBRUARY UNTIL
SUNDAY 11TH MARCH**

Please see the poster on
the noticeboard for
details of Fairtrade
Fortnight events in
Droitwich.

DROITWICH SVP

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Next Sunday's Mass

Readings

*Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13,
15-18;*

Psalms 115;

Romans 8: 31 - 34

Mark 9: 2-10

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.

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 email stpetersbloxwich@btinternet.com or contact 01922 476765.

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.

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!

RiDL

The next Retreat in Daily Life support group will be on Thursday 22nd February at 7.30 pm, focussing on Mark 8: 31-38. All are welcome. If you would like to attend or need more information please contact Debbie Prigg on 01905 771288 or dprigg@btinternet.com.

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TECHNOLOGY DOMINATES ALL

The economy accepts every advance in technology with a view to profit with no concern for its negative impact on human beings. Some maintain that economics and technology will solve all environmental problems and argue that the problems of global hunger and poverty will be resolved simply by market growth. They have no interest in more balanced levels of production, better distribution of wealth, concern for the environment and the rights of future generations. Their behaviour shows that for them maximising profits is enough. Yet by itself the market cannot guarantee integral human development and social inclusion. (109).



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