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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 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18;
Psalms 115;
Romans 8: 31 - 34
Mark 9: 2-10

This Week 25th February - 4th March (Psalter Week 2)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
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
Monday 26th February Lent feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Frank and Joan Patterson (MJ)	12.30 pm - 2.30 pm: Community Meal 6.45 pm: Parish Hall Keyholders Meeting
Tuesday 27th February Lent feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	7.30 pm: Bible Study Group
Wednesday 28th February Lent feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am N. S. Matthew (SM)	10.00 am - 9.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.30 pm: Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 1st March Feast of St. David, Bishop, Patron of Wales	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	9.00 am: Confessions at St. Joseph's School 2.00 pm: Church Tour (Private Group)
Friday 2nd March Feast of St. Chad, Bishop, Patron of the Archdiocese	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Patricia Ceclich RIP (GC)	9.45 am: Stations of the Cross 7.00 pm: Ashray Update in the Parish Hall
Saturday 3rd March Lent feria	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Paul Seddon RIP (RB)	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 4th March Third Sunday of Lent Year B Retiring Collection for Cathedral Maintenance	8.30 am Mary & James McDonnell (N & B) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm Rowan Finch (MM)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Traidcraft Stall in the hall

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES

Gerry Ceclich

Cynthia Sharkey

8.30 am & 10.30 am: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in
the land of the living.

6.00 pm: Lord I love you, you are my strength, you are my
shelter, my God and my king. You keep me from
harm in the shadow of your wing. Lord I love you and
that is why I sing.

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 **Irene Murphy** who died recently. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Funeral arrangements are yet to be made and will be announced in due course. Please also remember her family members and friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR CAFOD

Friday 23rd February was a designated day of fasting and prayer for peace in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Sudan and all the world. Please help support CAFOD's projects in the Democratic Republic of Congo and South Sudan by donating to the second collection today. 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.

THANK YOU

Max Jourdier is stepping down as Chairman of the Finance Committee after 12 years. On behalf of the parish, Fr. Vincent would like to thank Max for his many years work as Chairman and also thank Mike Clarke who is taking over from Max.

FLOWER GROUP APPEAL

We are in need of new members to join this group. Flowers are arranged every fortnight by pairs or small groups of people at a time to suit the members of that group. We currently have our turn about twice per year, with the whole group coming together for Easter and Christmas. Money spent on flowers is reimbursed by the Parish, so there is no cost to you. You would work with somebody who would show you where things are and give you help and guidance if you are new to this art. It really is a very lovely and rewarding way to serve the Lord and one another. Please contact Jenny Leonard on 01905 775596 to find out more, or speak to any member of our flower team, whose names appear on the rota on the noticeboard at the back of church.

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 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.

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.

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!

TRAI DCRAFT

The Traidcraft stall is next in operation on Sunday 4th March. Please note that the stall will be open between the end of the 8.30 am Mass and the start of the following Mass at 10.30 am. If you are attending 10.30 am Mass and thinking of buying something from the stall, please come early as the stall will need to be packed away before Mass begins.

SACRED HEART PARISH HALL KEYHOLDERS

The next meeting of Hall Keyholders will be on Monday 26th February at 6.45 pm in the Romero Room. After this date no further bookings will be accepted for March.

DROITWICH CATENIAN ASSOCIATION

Droitwich Catenian Association has arranged for its annual Mass for Vocations on Thursday 1st March at 6.30 p.m. All parishioners are invited to join us. You would all be very welcome.

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.

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:
£321.74

Gift Aid: £263.80

Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 321

Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.

Additional gift aid
donation for Life:
£5.00

Thank you for your
generosity.

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

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

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be contacted on
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**Next Sunday's Mass
Readings**

Exodus 20: 1-17;

Psalms 18;

1 Corinthians 1: 22 - 25

John 2: 13-25

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.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN DROITWICH: LENT TALKS

You are invited to come along to any or all of the Lent talks. The next talk is on Wednesday 28th February from 7.30 pm until 9.30 pm in the Baptist Church. The theme for this talk is *A technicolour Lent: Viewing Easter through the Rainbow*. Please see the poster on the noticeboard for full details of the remaining 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!

MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND

Worldwide Marriage Encounter will be running a Marriage Preparation Weekend from Friday 29th June until Sunday 1st July at the Maryvale Institute, Old Oscott Hill, B44 9AG. For further information or to book a place please contact Phil & Rita Jackson on 0121 244 7762 or visit the website <https://wwme.org.uk>. There is a booking fee of £50.00.

DEMENTIA PRAYER WEEK

Monday 12th March until Monday 19th March marks 10 years of Dementia Prayer Week. Please pray for those with Dementia and their friends and families who care for them. There are a few prayer cards at the back of church.

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HUMANITY NOW SEEN AS A SUPER POWER

Human beings, by virtue of technological domination, have elbowed the rest of creation out of the way. This results in a "use and throw away" logic that justifies every type of waste, environmental or human. It is this mentality that leads to exploiting children, abandoning the elderly, forcing others into slavery, human trafficking. "Life is gradually becoming a surrender to situations conditioned by technology - itself viewed as the principal key to the meaning of existence". 110/111.

