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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
2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23;
Psalms 136;
Ephesians 2: 4 - 10
John 3: 14-21

This Week 11th March - 18th March (Psalter Week 4)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 11th March Fourth Sunday of Lent Year B	8.30 am Michael O'Grady RIP (CE & MO) 10.30 am Denis Brady (CB) 6.00 pm John Weaver (MW)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Piety Stall in the hall 12 Noon: Baptism
Monday 12th March Lent feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mark Chadwick RIP (MR)	10.00 am: First Reconciliation Service 12.30 pm - 2.30 pm: Community Meal
Tuesday 13th March Lent feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	7.00 pm: Choir Practice 7.30 pm: Bible Study Group
Wednesday 14th March Lent feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mary Hanson RIP (AM)	10.00 am - 9.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 15th March Lent feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	
Friday 16th March Lent feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	9.45 am: Stations of the Cross 7.00 pm: Ashray Update in the Parish Hall
Saturday 17th March Feast of St. Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Susan Gill RIP (EK)	11.00 am: Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing
Sunday 18th March Fifth Sunday of Lent Year B Retiring collection for Ashray	8.30 am George McClonagha (MM) 10.30 am Arnie Nick Lin (NM) 6.00 pm Holy Mass	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 O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I
remember you not!
10.30 am: If I ever forget the thought of you may my tongue
cleave to my mouth.
6.00 pm: By the waters of Babylon (Don McClean) 216.

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, Beryl Hill, 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. Her Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 22nd March at 12 noon with the Reception of her Body at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 21st March. After the Requiem Mass there will be a cremation at 1.45 pm at Worcester Crematorium. Please also remember her family members and friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

BAPTISM

We welcome into our parish family and into the Universal Church **Bertie Edward Low** who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism today. Please keep him and his parents in your kind thoughts and prayers.



MOTHERING SUNDAY

We would like to wish all mothers a Happy Mother's Day. We hope you enjoy your special day.

FATHER VINCENT

Father Vincent has travelled back to India to be with his mother, Mary Arulandhu, who is not very well. Please keep Father Vincent, his mother and their family in your thoughts and prayers. Details of Masses and Services will be in the newsletter and on the parish website. **These will change each week.** In Father Vincent's absence, please contact Father Brian or Kate Dalglish. To arrange a Mass Intention, please contact Kate Dalglish.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy Groups will be leading the 10.30 am Mass on Sunday 18th March. New volunteers are needed to help with Children's Liturgy during the 10.30 am Mass on Sundays. Please consider joining this rota. Sufficient support is needed to keep Children's Liturgy up and running. If you are interested, please speak to Shelagh Young or contact the Parish Office.

WAY OF THE CROSS: LENT 2018

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. This year this traditional devotion is at 9.45 am, just after the Mass, on each Friday during Lent. The Stations of the Cross are also still in place outside the church.

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

As in previous years we will need volunteers to assist with the Holy Week Liturgies, most notably to assist with: Watching between the Mass of the Lord's Supper and Midnight on Holy Thursday, Celebration of the Washing of the Feet at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, Reading of Scriptures on Holy Thursday, Passion Readings on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, Reading of Scriptures at the Easter Vigil and to assist with distribution of Holy Communion on Holy Thursday, at the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday. Sets of clipboards for signing-up of volunteers have been placed at the back of the Church. Thanks in advance for your generosity of time and spirit. When you are arriving and leaving before the Blessed Sacrament during this Watching period you should, **if possible, do so by adoring the Blessed Sacrament on both knees. Please remain silent until you reach the car park.** Thank you.

READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

There is a new rota available for the period from Sunday 22nd April until Sunday 29th July that has been distributed via email. A few copies are available at the back of church for those who are not on the distribution list. If you are unable to take your turn on the rota, please arrange to swap with someone else. If there are any problems or if anyone would like to join the Readers' and Eucharistic Ministers' Rota, please contact the Parish Office. Many thanks.

ALTAR SERVERS

Would all servers who wish to take part in services during Holy Week please add their names to the list in the sacristy. Alternatively, please write your name, along with the services you will be attending, on a piece of paper and give this to Brother Patrick. Be aware that if you are willing to serve at the Easter Vigil you will need to attend the meeting for servers on Holy Saturday morning at 11o'clock. Thank you.

NEW DATE FOR ASHRAY UPDATE: OUR PARISH PROJECT

Due to the weather we unfortunately had to cancel our previous date for this presentation. It will now take place on Friday 16th March at 7.00 pm in the Parish Hall. 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. There is no charge for entry and there will be no collection!

SACRED HEART LADIES GROUP

WEDNESDAY 21ST MARCH AT 7.30 PM

This month's Meeting is entitled the *Basement Project* and relates to the North Worcestershire Group in particular. What does it do? Well, it provides support, advice and information to homeless and potentially homeless young people between the ages of 16-25 years. We are very happy to welcome along Sophie Harrison who will talk to us and give us a lot more information about *The Basement Project*. So why not come along on Wednesday 21st March and get the inside story. As usual tea/coffee/biscuits will be available and we look forward to a full house.

CONFESSIONS

There will be no Confessions on Saturdays whilst Fr. Vincent is in India. Confessions will be by appointment only. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to arrange an appointment.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

A copy of the draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 28th February is available on the notice board at the back of church. If anyone would like their own copy of the minutes please contact Jenny on 01905 775596.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practices for Holy Week are on Tuesday 13th March and Tuesday 20th March at 7.00 pm. New members are always welcome if you would like to join us.

CHURCH CLEANING

Please could all Cleaning Groups come along on Wednesday 28th March at 9.45 am after mass to give the church a good clean for Easter. Thanks to you all for your continued help. If anyone would like to join one of our groups please contact Pat Webb on 01905 455702.

Main Collection:

£219.75

Gift Aid: £284.00

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 210

Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.

The retiring collection for Cathedral

Maintenance raised:
£101.84

Gift Aid: £95.20

Thank you for your
generosity.

DROITWICH CATENIAN ASSOCIATION

The Droitwich and District Circle of the Catenian Association is holding a Lenten Retreat on Saturday 17th March at St. Joseph's Church, Chedworth Drive, Warndon, WR4 9PG. It will start at 10.30 am with Mass celebrated by Fr. Andrew and will finish at approximately 3pm. All are welcome. Please bring your own packed lunch.



Next Sunday's Mass

Readings

Jeremiah 31: 31-34;

Psalms 50;

Hebrews 5: 7-9

John 12: 20-30

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 14th March from 7.30 pm until 9.30 pm at the Methodist Church. The theme for this talk is *Lent: Redeeming the Darkness*. This talk includes refreshments and time for chat/discussion. In Lent we are encouraged to do something extra, maybe this could be the extra for you! Please see the poster on the noticeboard for details of the amended programme for these talks.

REFUGEE KNITTING & UNDERWEAR, HAT, SCARVES AND GLOVES COLLECTION

Thank you for your continual support of these appeals, your kindness is so appreciated by the organisers as well as the recipients. The next collection will be on Friday 6th April, and no doubt it will be as special as ever. Wool, needles and patterns are available at the back of the church to help defray your costs and donations of the same are so welcome.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS: FRIDAY 30TH MARCH

The Walk of Witness begins at the Sacred Heart Church at 10.10 am with a short Service. We then walk down the Worcester Rd, following the Cross, into Victoria square for a Service at 11.00 am. We need volunteers to be Marshals to keep the walkers safe, and people to help carry the Cross. Marshals will need to wear a high viz jacket and arrive at 10.00 am to get instructions.

MY DAILY GIFT TO THE MISSIONS

Fr. Vincent SCJ would like to thank all those who support the Sacred Heart Missions in India through cardboard *My Daily Gift to the Missions* boxes and many other ways. These donation boxes are available at the back of church for you to take home, fill over time and then return. Your small donations are a great gift and valuable support to the Sacred Heart Fathers Missions in India. If you have not already done so, please consider taking a *My Daily Gift to the Missions* box and support this Missions work. Thank you for your continued support for the Indian Missions.

DROITWICH SPA FOODBANK

There is a new wish list for March at the back of Church. Please also consider donating Easter Eggs. There is a box in the entrance of church for any donations. Thank you for your generosity.

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DO WE REALLY PRIZE TECHNOLOGY OVER REALITY?

Technologists see nature as a cold body of facts, "raw material to be hammered into useful shape", the cosmos as a mere space into which objects can be carelessly thrown. "Not only has God given the earth to man....But man too is God's gift to man. He must therefore respect the natural and moral structure he has been given. Instead, the protection of nature "was something only the faint-hearted cared about"; But our "dominion" over the universe should be seen rather "in the sense of responsible stewardship." (115/116)



POPE FRANCIS