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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

Isaiah 50: 4-7;

Psalms 21;

Philippians 2: 6-11

Mark 14: 1 - 15: 47

| This Week 25th March - 1st April (Psalter Week 2) | Holy Mass & Services | Other Events |
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| Sunday 25th March Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year B Retiring collection for Easter Flowers | 8.30 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MF) 10.30 am Holy Mass 6.00 pm Holy Mass | After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Piety Stall in the hall |
| Monday 26th March Monday of Holy Week | 9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Private Intention | 12.30 pm - 2.30 pm: Community Meal 6.45 pm: Parish Hall Keyholders Meeting |
| Tuesday 27th March Tuesday of Holy Week | 9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Johanna Jay (AM) | 9.45 am: Church Cleaning |
| Wednesday 28th March Wednesday of Holy Week | 9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Private Intention | 10.00 am - 9.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11.30 am Chrism Mass at St. Chad's Cathedral |
| Thursday 29th March Holy Thursday | 7.30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper | |
| Friday 30th March Good Friday Collection for Holy Places | 3.00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion | 10.10 am: Walk of Witness 12 Noon: Stations of the Cross |
| Saturday 31st March Holy Saturday | 8.00 pm Vigil Mass of Easter | 11.00 am Altar Servers' Practice |
| Sunday 1st April Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord Year B Easter Offering for the Sacred Heart Fathers and Brothers | 8.30 am Holy Mass 10.30 am Holy Mass No Evening Mass | 6.30 am: Sunrise Service at St. Augustine's, Droitwich 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: My God, my God, why have you
forsaken me?**

**6.00 pm: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why
have you forsaken, forsaken me? (12 AK)**

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.

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.

EASTER SUNDAY - 10.30 AM MASS

We would like to invite all children to bring a shaker to the family Mass at 10:30 am on Easter Sunday. If you don't have a shaker why not make one from an empty plastic drinks bottle and rice etc. Decorate it as well if you like!

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.

EASTERTIDE JOURNEY

The "Walk with Me" booklet for the Eastertide journey is available at the back of the church. Please consider taking a copy home. These are free; any donations will go to the Missions. Thank you.

DROITWICH SPA FOODBANK

The Droitwich Spa Foodbank have recently collected items from the boxes in the entrance way to church and they have passed on their gratitude for the amount of donations. Thank you to all for your continuing generosity.

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. On Good Friday this traditional devotion is at 12 noon. 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.

HALL PLATES

If anyone has any plates from the Parish Hall, please could these be returned to the Presbytery as soon as possible. There are currently 20 missing and if these cannot be located we will need to replace them.

GIFT AID

For those parishioners that gift aid their weekly offerings, the new envelopes are at the back of church. Please can you take the box with your name on for use in the Tax Year starting Friday 6th April 2018.

EASTER SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the Easter Sunday newsletter will be 9.00 am on Wednesday 28th March. Any items received after this will be held over until the following week.

TOMB BUILDING

Tomb building outside the front of church will take place on Holy Saturday at 10.00 am. All are welcome; old clothes are a must. If you would like to know more or contribute ideas, please ring Sue Nixon on 01905 453426 or just turn up on the day.

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.

CHURCH CLEANING

Sorry, got the date wrong!

Church Cleaning for all groups is now Tuesday 27th March at 9.45 am, after mass, to give the church a good clean for Easter. If anyone would like to join one of our groups please contact Pat Webb on 01905 455702.

SACRED HEART PARISH HALL KEYHOLDERS

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



Main Collection:

£187.37

Gift Aid: £134.00

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 185

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**The retiring collection
for Ashray raised:**

£449.65

Gift Aid: £70.00

**Thank you for your
generosity.**

THANK YOU

CAFOD have written to thank parishioners for your donations to Lent Fast Day. This letter is on the noticeboard if you would like to read it.

DROITWICH SVP

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



Next Sunday's Mass

Readings

Acts 10: 34, 37-43;

Psalms 117;

Colossians 3: 1-4;

John 20: 1 - 9

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.

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.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM SUNDAY 22ND APRIL: 10.30 AM UNTIL 5.30 PM

A warm invitation to the first, annual pilgrimage for Catholic men. Meet, talk and share the faith with other men; listen to speakers, celebrate confession and Mass, pray for families and for the country; process to the old Abbey grounds for Benediction. We welcome lay and religious, single and married, young and old, fathers and sons. *"When England returns to Walsingham, Our Lady will return to England"* (Pope Leo XIII, 1887). For more information visit www.catholicman.co.uk.

RiDL

The next Retreat in Daily Life support group will be on Thursday 12th April at 7.30 pm, focussing on Luke 24: 36-48. 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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TWO BIG PROBLEMS: 1 - TREATMENT OF PEOPLE

Typical judgment of modern world: "everything is irrelevant unless it serves one's own immediate interests". If we have no objective truths, no sound principles, "what limits will be placed on human trafficking, organised crime, the drug trade, commerce in blood diamonds and in the fur of endangered species?" To take proper account for all human beings, we need to see the value of labour; "to stop investing in people in order to gain greater short-term financial gain, is bad business for society". Employment needs to be protected. Work should be the setting for rich personal growth...a dignified life through work. (127/128)

