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BETHARRAM

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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

Acts 4: 32-35;

Psalms 117;

1 John 5: 1-6;

John 20: 19-31

This Week 8th April - 15th April (Psalter Week 2)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 8th April Second Sunday of Easter Year B	8.30 am Chris & Bill Powell - Thanksgiving for Golden Wedding Anniversary (SM) 10.30 am Julia Baldwin RIP (J,S & C) 6.00pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Piety Stall in the hall
Monday 9th April Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	12.30 pm - 2.30 pm: Community Meal 7.00 pm: SVP Meeting
Tuesday 10th April Easter Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	
Wednesday 11th April Memorial of St. Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Thanksgiving (RB)	10.00 am - 9.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 12th April Easter Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	
Friday 13th April Easter Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	
Saturday 14th April Easter Feria	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Holy Communion Service	
Sunday 15th April Third Sunday of Easter Year B Retiring Collection for the Comboni Missionaries	8.30 am Bill & Christine Powell (50th Wedding Anniversary) 10.30 am David Veale - sick (AM) 6.00pm People of the Parish	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: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
6.00 pm: The stone which the builders rejected has become the
corner stone, alleluia, alleluia, has become the corner
stone.

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, 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. He has thanked parishioners for your kind thoughts and prayers during this time. 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.

PARISH CHOIRS

For many years the three choirs for our three Sunday Masses have sustained and enriched our Sunday Liturgy and for this we are most grateful. Also thanks to the people at these Masses for their support and encouragement. The choirs have shared their precious gifts of singing and playing with dedication and generosity and we hope they will continue to do so for several more years. We do appreciate and thank you for your commitment.

ASHRAY:OUR MILLENNIUM PROJECT

Thank you for your support after the recent appeal. It may be that due to the bad weather you missed the appeal for donations to help fund our school in Varanasi, India. If this is the case, there are envelopes at the back of church in which you can make a one off donation and leave at the presbytery or use the details to set up a standing order to make regular bank payments. Thank you again for your support. For further information John and Gina Pilley can be contacted on ashraydroitwich@gmail.com or on 07914 920298

ADOREMUS: NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE & CONGRESS

Booking forms for Saturday 8th September are now at the back of church for those who put their names down to go to Adoremus 2018. Please note that no booking forms are required for Sunday 9th September. Friday 7th September is now fully booked but if you would like to go on Friday 7th September please let me know and I will see if names can be added to the waiting list. Please could the booking forms be returned to Kate Dalglish at the Presbytery **as soon as possible**. If there are any queries please contact the parish office.

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.

REFUGEE KNITTING COLLECTION

Thank you so much for the beautiful items recently donated, particularly the large quantity of hats which will be so gratefully received during this cold spell in the camps. As usual the blankets and cardigans were exquisite. The wool stocks have been depleted, if anyone has any spare this would help defray costs. Patterns, needles and buttons are also available at the church entrance. The next collection will be Saturday 5th May.

REFUGEE UNDERWEAR COLLECTION

Thank you once again to those who have donated underwear for children and small to medium adults. We will continue to collect socks, tights, hats, scarves and gloves in addition for the immediate future, as the temperature drops considerably at night.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION - WORCESTER CIRCLE

The next meeting will be on Thursday 19th April at 7.30 pm at St. George's Parish Hall, Worcester. The Rev Peter Tibke will speak on "*multi-faith liaison prison chaplaincy and the role of a chaplain in the current prison structure and environment*". Peter is the Catholic chaplain to HMP Long Lartin (High Security) and HMP Oakwood and Featherstone (Category C). All are welcome. Non-members £3.00.

ST. SCHOLASTICA'S RETREAT OPEN DAY: SATURDAY 14TH APRIL

Is this for you or for someone you know? The Retreat offers sheltered housing to practising Catholics aged 60 or over in 36 self-contained flats at £459pcm. Further information is on the poster at the back of church or from the warden, Rev Seán Duffy, at info@stscholasticas.co.uk or on 01844 344437 or from the website www.stscholasticas.co.uk.

LOST GLASSES

A pair of glasses were lost on the evening of Friday 23rd March, possibly between the hall and the rear car park. The glasses were lightweight with a thin dark purple frame. If anyone finds these or has found them, please could they be handed in to the parish office so that they can be returned to their owner.

COMBONI MISSIONARIES' APPEAL

Fr. Angelo Anzioli will be at all Masses on Sunday 15th April. The Comboni Missionaries are a specifically missionary Order of priests and lay-brothers who were founded in 1867 by St. Daniel Comboni. Today they live and work in four continents and some forty different countries worldwide. Please pray for their work and give generously to the retiring collection next week. Thank you.

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.

MASSES

There will be no Anointing Mass during April.



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.



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.



BIBLE STUDY GROUP

There will be no Bible Study Group on Tuesday evenings until Fr. Vincent returns from India.

Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 422
Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.

The retiring collection
for Holy Places raised:
£193.95

Gift Aid: 153.00
Thank you for your
generosity.



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Next Sunday's Mass
Readings
Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19;
Psalms 4;
1 John 2: 1-5;
Luke 24: 35-48

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.

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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SO TODAY'S PROBLEMS CALL FOR VISION BY US ALL

A broad, responsible scientific and social debate needs to take place, one capable of considering all the available information and of calling things by their name. Some times special interests, whether political, economic or social, make it difficult to reach a balanced decision or judgment. All parties concerned - and especially the poor - must make known their problems and concerns. We continue therefore to call for vision capable of taking into account every aspect of this global crisis. Vision which we will call integral ecology. Ecology studies the relationship between all living things - including humans, and the surroundings in which they live, the conditions needed for life and survival. Integral means that all things on God's earth are closely connected and so all needed to be considered together. "How can we do this is what the Pope discusses next." 130/136



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