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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 3: 13-15, 17-19;

Psalm 4;

1 John 2: 1-5;

Luke 24: 35-48

This Week 15th April - 22nd April (Psalter Week 3)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
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
Monday 16th April Easter Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	10.00 am - 11.00 am: Church Tour (Private Group) 1.45 pm: Private Mass
Tuesday 17th April Easter Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Peter Smith RIP (DM)	
Wednesday 18th April Easter Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	10.00 am - 9.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 19th April Easter Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	
Friday 20th April Easter Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	
Saturday 21st April Easter Feria	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Holy Communion Service	
Sunday 22nd April Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B Retiring Collection for the Clergy Training Fund	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MF) 10.30 am Eileen Ryan (LR) 6.00pm Holy Mass	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Piety Stall in the hall 12 Noon: Baptism

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.00 pm: Lift up the light of your face on us,
O Lord.

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, 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.

RECENT DEAD

Your prayers are asked for **John Lewis** and **Julia Baldwin** who died recently. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. The Requiem Mass for John Lewis will be at midday on Tuesday 24th April followed by a cremation at Worcester Crematorium at 1.30 pm. The reception of his body into church will be on Monday 23rd April at 4.00 pm. The Requiem Mass for Julia Baldwin will be 12.15 pm on Friday 4th May followed by a cremation at Worcester Crematorium at 1.45 pm. Please also remember their family members and friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

COMBONI MISSIONARIES' APPEAL

Fr. Angelo Anzioli will be at all Masses today. 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. Thank you.

FATHER VINCENT

Father Vincent has travelled back to India to be with his mother, Mary Arulandhu, who is not very well. Fr. Vincent has expressed his heartfelt thanks to you all for your prayers and support for him and his mother. 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.

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.

MESSAGE FROM CAFOD

Thank you for your support to our Lent Fast Day appeal. Donations to CAFOD will be doubled by the UK Government until Saturday 12th May. We have planned a £5 million programme to combat malnutrition and with it we hope to be able to reach 245,000 people. We need the full amount of match funding to make this happen. You can help us reach the full amount needed for this crucial programme; we have some way to go yet! To donate please go to www.cafod.org.uk/lent.

ASHRAY:OUR MILLENNIUM PROJECT

Thank you for your support after the recent appeal. It maybe 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 tel. 07914 920298.

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.

SACRED HEART LADIES GROUP: WEDNESDAY 18TH APRIL

Well, it's that time again - time for food! So this is just a gentle reminder that we are meeting at the Eagle & Sun at 12.30 pm and there will be no cooking or washing up involved!! Look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Next Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please keep the 12 men in formation for the sacred priesthood and the 17 men in formation for the permanent diaconate in your prayers. There are prayer cards at the back of church. Next Sunday there will be a retiring collection for the clergy training fund.

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.

"A YEAR WITH THE CATECHISM: 365 DAY READING PLAN"

In the 1990s we were encouraged to buy a copy of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Now a 365 day reading plan has just been published by CTS, priced at £12.95. This new book "brings the treasures of the Catechism to aspiring readers in manageable, bite-sized pieces. Each day a brief reflection breaks open the selected text, explains unfamiliar terms, and unlocks the spiritual and pastoral meaning". There are posters about the Catechism and this book in the church porch. If you would like to see or order a copy, please contact Paul Ingram on 01905 778053.

PARISH SECRETARY

I will be out of the office on Monday 16th April and Tuesday 17th April. For urgent queries relating to the Parish Hall, please contact Caroline Healy on 01905 779437. For all other urgent queries, please contact Brother Patrick at the Presbytery.

ANOINTING MASS

There will be no Anointing Mass during April.



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.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions are 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.

Main Collection:
£234.28
Gift Aid: £261.35
Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 266
Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.



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.

DROITWICH SVP

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



Next Sunday's Mass Readings

Acts 4: 8-12;
Psalms 117;
1 John 3: 1-2;
John 10: 11-18

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 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.

FOODBANK

Foodbank have just come to the end of their accounting year and their number of clients has increased dramatically in the last 12 months, increasing by 50%. In total they gave out food and toiletries to 1650 people. Thanks to your support they have been able to carry on supporting those in our community who are the most vulnerable. In the last quarter the Sacred Heart Church donated 172.45 kg of items to Foodbank. They wouldn't be able to function without your regular donations. A new wish list for April is on the noticeboard. There is a collection box in the entrance to church if you would like to donate any items. Thank you for your continued generosity.

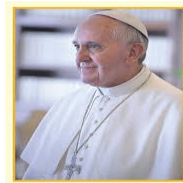
NEWMAN ASSOCIATION - WORCESTER CIRCLE

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.

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ALL ORGANISMS CONNECTED INCLUDING US

Each organism, as a creature, is good and admirable in itself; this is also true of many organisms existing together in a defined space as a system, then again larger organic systems. Although not aware of them all, we depend on these organic systems for our own existence. They work together in, for instance, dispensing carbon dioxide, purifying water, controlling illnesses, forming soil, - many ways we overlook or simply do not know about. Many people, once they become conscious of this, realise that we live and act on the basis of this reality - previously given to us before our lives began. (140/141)



POPE FRANCIS