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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: 8-12;
Psalm 117;
1 John 3: 1-2;
John 10: 11-18*

This Week 22nd April - 29th April (Psalter Week 4)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
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 Brenda Doherty RIP (P & PG)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Piety Stall in the hall 12 Noon: Baptism
Monday 23rd April Solemnity of St. George, Martyr, Patron of England	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	12.30 pm - 2.30 pm: Community Meal 4.00 pm: Reception of the Body 6.45 pm: Parish Keyholders Meeting
Tuesday 24th April Easter Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mary Bowditch - Birthday 12 Noon Requiem Mass	
Wednesday 25th April Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	10.00 am - 9.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 26th April Easter Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	
Friday 27th April Easter Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	
Saturday 28th April Easter Feria	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Holy Communion Service	
Sunday 29th April Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B	8.30 am Patricia Ceclich RIP (GC) 10.30 am Patricia Glover (CL) 6.00pm Nancy Perkins (M & LR)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Traidcraft Stall in the hall

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**SAFEGUARDING
REPRESENTATIVES**

Gerry Ceclich
Cynthia Sharkey

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

6.00 pm: The stone which the builders rejected has become the
corner stone Alleluia, alleluia, has become the corner
stone. 258.

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.

BAPTISM

We welcome into our parish family and into the Universal Church **Andrea Wild & Chloe May Wild** who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism today. Please keep them and their parents in your kind thoughts and prayers.

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. There will be a retiring collection for the Clergy Training Fund. Please keep the 12 men in formation for the sacred priesthood and the 17 men in formation for the permanent diaconate in your prayers.

PARISH WEBSITE

The parish website is working again. Apologies for any inconvenience caused whilst it was unavailable. We are grateful to Matthew Johnson, the webmaster, who has spent considerable amounts of his spare time this week resolving the issue as quickly as possible.

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

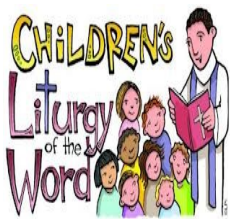
Thank you for your support after the recent appeal. It maybe that due to the bad weather you missed the appeal for donations to help fund our school in Varanasi, India. If this is the case there are envelopes at the back of church in which you can make a one off donation and leave at the presbytery or 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.

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.

REQUEST FOR HELP

An elderly Droitwich lady, currently living in Lugano and running a charity in Bosnia, is looking for a base and bed in Droitwich from Tuesday 26th until Saturday 30th June inclusive. Could anyone who could host this lady please contact Clare Lynam on 01905 778775 with the terms they could offer.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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. The number of volunteers is now at a critically low level and if additional help is not found the group may cease. If you are interested, please speak to Shelagh Young or contact the Parish Office.

"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.

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.

SACRED HEART PARISH HALL KEYHOLDERS

The next meeting of Hall Keyholders will be on Monday 23rd April at 6.45 pm in the Romero Room. After this date no further bookings will be accepted for 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.

Main Collection:
£241.02

Gift Aid: £209.59

Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 292

Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.

The retiring collection
for the Comboni
Missionaries raised:
£676.13

Thank you for your
generosity.



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Next Sunday's Mass

Readings

Acts 9: 26-31;

Psalm 21;

1 John 3: 18-24;

John 15: 1-8

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.

NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY AT WALSINGHAM

Please see the leaflets at the back of church for further information about events being organised by The National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham.

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DISRESPECT FOR LAW AFFECTS US ALL

If everything is connected, then weakness in law and order anywhere in society has results elsewhere - injustice, violence, loss of freedom. Laws may be well framed yet remain a dead letter. Countries which have clear legislation about the protection of forests continue to keep silent as they watch laws repeatedly being broken. What takes place in any one area can have a direct or indirect influence on other areas. Thus, drug use in affluent societies creates a continual and growing demand for products imported from poorer regions, where behaviour is corrupted, lives destroyed and the environment continues to deteriorate. (142)

