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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 9: 26-31;

Psalm 21;

1 John 3: 18-24;

John 15: 1-8

This Week 29th April - 6th May (Psalter Week 1)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 29th April Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B	8.30 am Patricia Ceclich RIP (GC) 10.30 am Patricia Glover (CL) 6.00 pm Nancy Perkins (M & LR)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Traidcraft Stall in the hall
Monday 30th April Easter Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	
Tuesday 1st May Easter Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	
Wednesday 2nd May Memorial of St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	10. 00 am - 9.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.30 pm: Justice & Peace Group
Thursday 3rd May Feast of Ss. Philip & James, Apostles	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	
Friday 4th May Feast of the English Martyrs	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service 12.15 pm Requiem Mass	
Saturday 5th May Easter Feria	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Holy Communion Service	
Sunday 6th May Sixth Sunday of Easter Year B	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MF) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00pm Doreen Delaney (EM)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Piety Stall in the hall

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Cynthia Sharkey

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.00 pm:

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

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.

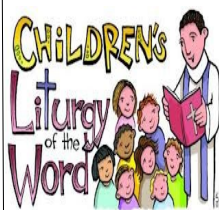
RECENT DEAD

Your prayers are asked for **Julia Baldwin** who died recently. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. The Requiem Mass for Julia Baldwin will be at 12.15 pm on Friday 4th May followed by a cremation at Worcester Crematorium at 1.45 pm. Please also remember her family members and friends 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.

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.

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

The next meeting of Justice and Peace Group is on Wednesday 2nd May at 7.30 pm in the Elgar Room. The agenda for the meeting includes discussing how to inform us all about Blessed Oscar Romero, soon to be canonised. All are welcome.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: ASHRAY - OUR MILLENNIUM PROJECT

For those of you who missed the talk on Ashray earlier in the year there is a second opportunity to hear it on Friday 15th June at 7.00 pm in the parish hall. All are welcome and again there will be no collection and admission is free. We look forward to seeing those of you who unable to attend last time. Please contact John and Gina Pilley at ashraydroitwich@gmail.com or on 07914 920298 for further information.

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.

"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.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY: SUNDAY 13TH MAY

In his message for World Communications Day 2018, Pope Francis speaks of Journalists as "the protectors of news". That their task is "not just a job; it is a mission". He reminds us that persons are at the heart of information, that informing others means forming others; "That is why ensuring accuracy of sources and protecting communication are real means of promoting goodness, generating trust and opening the way to communion and peace". On this World Communications Day, we pray for those who work in the media and also for the valuable work carried out on our behalf by the Communications Office of the Bishops' Conference. Working with journalists across both national and international media outlets, it provides a professional news service to the Church and to the world. Please support this work by giving generously to the retiring collection on Sunday 13th May.

SACRED HEART LADIES GROUP

WEDNESDAY 16TH MAY AT 7.30 PM IN THE PARISH HALL

Well here we are in May once more and so it is time for our AGM. This is the chance for everyone to come along and air their views and maybe even come up with a few new ideas or suggestions for next year's programme. As usual tea/coffee will be available and as in previous years, there will also be some nice cake to 'encourage' a full house! Look forward to seeing everyone.

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. To donate please go to www.cafod.org.uk/lent.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions are by appointment only. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to arrange an appointment.



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.



FOODBANK

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.

Main Collection:

£318.44

Gift Aid: £249.00

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 327

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

The retiring collection for the Clergy

Training Fund raised:

£143.51

Gift Aid: £159.30

**Thank you for your
generosity.**



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Next Sunday's Mass Readings

*Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35,
44-48;*

Psalms 97;

1 John 4: 7-10;

John 15: 9-17

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.

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.

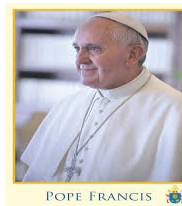
JOB VACANCY

The DES is advertising for the position of Temporary Primary RE Adviser. This post is ideally suited to somebody who would be interested in a secondment from their current post in school or somebody who is currently available and seeking a temporary contract. It would provide an opportunity for on-going professional development and to use core skills within the advisory work for RE and Catholic life in diocesan primary schools. For full details please see the poster on the noticeboard. The closing date is Friday 11th May.

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INHERITED CULTURES UNDER THREAT

Together with nature there is also a historic, artistic and cultural heritage which is under threat, part of the shared identity of each place and a foundation on which to build. Culture is more than what we have inherited from the past; it is above all a living reality. As we rethink the relationship between human beings and the environment, culture must not be excluded. A consumerist vision of human beings has a levelling effect on cultures. The notion of the quality of life cannot be imposed from elsewhere, but must be understood with the world of symbols and customs proper to each group. (143/44)



POPE FRANCIS