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Today's Mass Readings

*Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35,
44-48;
Psalm 97;
1 John 4: 7-10;
John 15: 9-17*

**Welcome to this House
of God:
Talk to God before Mass
Listen to God during
Mass
Talk to others after Mass**

This Week 6th May - 13th May (Psalter Week 2)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 6th May Sixth Sunday of Easter Year B	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MF) 10.30 am Patrick Bluett RIP (JB) 6.00pm Doreen Delaney (EM)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Piety Stall in the hall
Monday 7th May Easter Feria	10.00 am Holy Communion Service	12.30 pm - 2.30 pm: Community Meal
Tuesday 8th May Easter Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	
Wednesday 9th May 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 10th May Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass 7.30 pm Holy Mass	
Friday 11th May Easter Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	
Saturday 12th May Easter Feria	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Holy Mass	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 13th May Seventh Sunday of Easter Year B Retiring Collection for Catholic Communications	8.30 am Irene Murphy RIP (BB) 10.30 am Holy Mass 6.00pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Traidcraft Stall in the hall

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Gerry Ceclich
Cynthia Sharkey

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**8.30 am & 10.30 am: The Lord has shown his salvation to the
nations.**

**6.00 pm: Sing a new song to the Lord: sing to the Lord all the
Earth. Sing a new song to, sing a new song to the
Lord: bless his name. 29 AK**

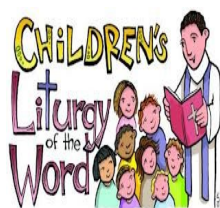
PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

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, 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 and will return to the parish on Tuesday 8th May. Details of Masses and Services are in the newsletter and on the parish website. Thank you to all the people in the Parish who have assisted in Fr. Vincent's absence, it is greatly appreciated.

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.

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.

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 were 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.

ADOREMUS NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

FRIDAY 7TH - SUNDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2018

We already have over 200 people from our Archdiocese booked to attend the Eucharistic Congress, *Adoremus*, in September but it is not too late to be part of this historic event. We still have a number of tickets available for the Saturday when the focus will be the meaning and power of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please visit the diocesan website www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk for the full programme and a booking form for the Saturday.

FOODBANK

The current wish list 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.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions will resume on Saturday mornings from 10.15 am until 10.45 am, starting on Saturday 12th May.

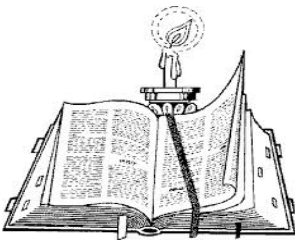
MESSAGE FROM CAFOD

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.

Main Collection:
£248.42
Gift Aid: £248.50
Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 307
Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.

Late gift aid donation
for the Clergy
Training Fund: £11.00
Thank you for your
generosity.

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Next Sunday's Mass
Readings
Acts 1: 1-11;
Psalms 46;
Ephesians 1: 17-23;
Mark 16: 15-20

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 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.

PAX CHRISTI ANNUAL GATHERING

The Annual Gathering will take place on Saturday 2nd June from 10.30 am until 4.30 pm at Our Lady and St. Patrick's Church Hall, Launder Street, Nottingham, NG2 1JQ. For further information please see the flyer on the noticeboard. All are welcome. The Annual Report from Pax Christi is also at the back of church if you would like to read it.

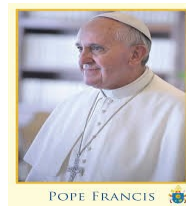
ANNUAL NOVENA AND PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS, MARYVALE

Please see the poster at the back of church for details of the Annual Novena and Pilgrimage to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Maryvale. If you would like any further information please contact Maryvale House on 0121 360 8118.

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TOO MUCH DEVELOPMENT FROM ELSEWHERE MAY HAVE BAD RESULTS

Intensive forms of development from outside can exhaust local resources and destroy social structures, which are the identity of the people. Pressure is put on some people to abandon their locality for huge schemes that have no room for them. Real development should include efforts to improve the quality of life of such people who have their own culture and traditions, these things deserve respect. (145/146)



POPE FRANCIS