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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

Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11;

Psalms 103;

Titus 2: 11-14, 3: 4-7

Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

This Week 13th January - 20th January (Psalter Week 3)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 13th January Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Year C	8.30 am James Regan RIP (MJ) 10.30 am Annie Winifred Leonard RIP (D & BO) 6.00 pm J & M Ryan (DR)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall After 10.30 am Mass: Meeting for 2019 Parish FHC Candidates in the Parish Hall Traidcraft Stall available
Monday 14th January Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	
Tuesday 15th January Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	
Wednesday 16th January Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	10.00 am - 9.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 17th January Memorial of St. Anthony, Abbot	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	
Friday 18th January Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	
Saturday 19th January Feast of St. Wulston, Bishop	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Holy Communion Service	
Sunday 20th January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C Retiring Collection for Pax Christi	8.30 am James Regan RIP (MJ) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm Don Preece RIP (CH)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.00 pm:

Bless the Lord my soul! Lord God, how great you are.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Please pray for all our parishioners, and/or their friends and relatives, who are unwell:

Ralph & Milly Arnold, Mary Arulandhu, Barbara Conway, Patrick Cussen, Eddie & Eileen Dalton, Delores Delaney, Bernadette Duffy, Alan Francis, Beryl Hill, Alan Hurst, John Jennings, Kevin McCorry, Rosemarie Preece, Barbara Quigley, Michael Sheridan, Jacky Smith, David Veale, Breda Wightman, Mark Wightman, Richard Wightman & Brigid Yates

Due to the new data regulations (GDPR), the Archdiocese have requested that we do not list names unless we have the consent of the individual. If you would like your name to be included in this list please contact Fr. George SCJ or Kate Dalglish. Please note that the newsletter is also placed on the parish website. Thank you for your understanding.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Your prayers are asked for **Marie Marguerite Hopkins** who died recently. The Reception of her Body will be on Tuesday 5th February at 7.00 pm with the Requiem Mass on Wednesday 6th February at 11.00 am. This will be followed by a cremation at 1.00 pm at Worcester Crematorium. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Please also remember her family members and friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

FR. GEORGE MATHEW SCJ

Fr. George SCJ will be away from the Parish from Monday 14th January until Saturday 2nd February inclusive. Please check the newsletter for details of weekday Masses and Services during these times.

10.30 AM MASS TEAS AND COFFEES

Thank you to the volunteer who has offered to serve refreshments on some Sundays. There are still 13 Sundays this year when there is no-one to do the teas and coffees after the 10.30 am Mass. Unless volunteers come forwards there will be no refreshments after this Mass on these Sundays. The 2019 rota is on the noticeboard in the kitchen. If you are able to help, please contact the parish office.

ALTAR LINEN LADIES

Please collect your January to December 2019 rotas from the back of church. Thank you for all your support.

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES

Thank you to the Eucharistic Ministers who have offered to lead services in Fr. George's absence. A rota will be issued on Monday 14th January via email or copies left in the Sacristy.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COMMITMENT MASS 2

This Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 3rd February at 10.30 am. All are welcome. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

THANKSGIVING MASS

His Grace, Archbishop Bernard, will celebrate a Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage on Sunday 3rd February at 11.00 am at St Chad's Cathedral. Couples who will be celebrating a particular milestone anniversary (10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 50, 60 and every year over 60) are encouraged to attend as well as those newly married or preparing to marry in 2019. Please ask any couples celebrating a milestone anniversary to contact Lianne Pap via email at lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org with 'Marriage Mass' as the subject. Lianne is also trying to find the longest married couple in the Diocese and the Communications Team will be interviewing couples who get in touch to gather testimonies. To date the longest married couple to get in touch have been married for 62 years!

SACRED HEART LADIES GROUP

Now that we have said goodbye to Christmas and 2019 is settling in we can now look forward to...Panto time. Oh! Yes we can!!! As usual we are off to the Norbury Theatre and this year we look forward to a fun packed evening with *Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp*. Thursday 17th January is the date and Jo will be in the Foyer from 7.00 pm to distribute tickets. The performance starts at 7.30 pm.

PARISH MILLENNIUM PROJECT : ASHRAY

A big thank you to those who have been able to donate laptops for John and Gina Pilley to take to India in February. This will make a big difference to the children at the Ashray school. We are still looking for CDs of children's stories. Another big thank you for the donations that we have received so far. If you have any unwanted CDs of children's stories and would like to donate them to the children at Ashray please contact John or Gina Pilley on 07914 920298 or at ashraydroitwich@gmail.com. Thank you for your support.

PARISH CENTENARY CELEBRATION: 2019 - 2021

The Centenary Celebrations will start on Friday June 28th 2019, Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. 2019 is the Centenary of the laying of the Foundation Stone. The celebration will continue until 2021. 2021 is the Centenary of the Consecration of the church when the first Mass was celebrated. Further details about the celebration will be released in due course. We invite all of you to write a prayer for the success of this celebration. The deadline for submitting prayers is Ash Wednesday. Please submit prayers to the Parish Office. The best prayer will be selected for use in the church during the period celebration.

LENT RETREAT

Following the successful Lent Retreat in Scotland in 2018, this year a similar retreat is being offered throughout the UK through the "Pathways to God" website. The retreat offers an opportunity to deepen our knowledge of scripture and an introduction to different methods of prayer. The aim is to help people know, love and serve Jesus Christ more deeply. Every day in Lent there will be a suggested scripture reading with suggested ways to pray with the text and additional resources available online. Participants can pray daily during Lent using the online prayer materials, which can be printed for people who would find this easier (this individual time of prayer is at home or wherever you wish). They come together as a group once a week to share how their prayer has been going and to be led through different ways of praying by people involved in Ignatian spirituality networks. If you think you may be interested, please contact Kate Dagleish (or Cecilia or Max Jourdir).

ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM DIRECTORY 2019

We have seven copies of the new Archdiocesan Directory. These are available on a first come, first served basis from the Parish Office and are priced at £4.50.

WEDNESDAY ADORATION

Adoration will resume on Wednesday 16th January 2019.

COMMUNITY MEAL

There is a current shortage of volunteers for the Community Meal. If anyone is able to help twice a month on Mondays from 12.30 pm until 2.00 pm please could you contact Caroline Healy on 01905 779437.

FOODBANK

We have received a thank you letter from Foodbank. This is on the noticeboard at the back of church.

Main Collection:
£156.51

Gift Aid: £279.25

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 271

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

DROITWICH SVP

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NEWMAN ASSOCIATION - WORCESTER CIRCLE

The next meeting is on
Thursday 17th January
at 7.30 pm at St.
George's Parish Hall,
Worcester. Kevin Down
will speak on the topic
*From Revival to Survival:
The origins of Catholic
Recusancy*. All are
welcome; the charge for
non-members is £3.00.



Next Sunday's Mass Readings

*Isaiah 62: 1-5;
Psalm 95;*

*1 Corinthians 12: 4-11
John 2: 1-11*

*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.*

ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM NEWSLETTER

There are two copies of the latest newsletter from the Archdiocese at the back of church.

SECOND COLLECTIONS 2019

The Archdiocesan Second Collection schedule for 2019 is on the noticeboard at the back of church. Please note that there may be additional second collections depending on requests received by Fr. George SCJ.

REFUGEE KNITTING APPEAL

Thank you so much for the beautiful children's blankets and jumpers left recently. Also the wonderful selection of hats, scarves and gloves. All these exquisite items will bring such happiness to the refugees in the camps. A special thank you to the person who left the bag of wool to aid the knitters. Patterns, buttons and needles are also available at the church entrance to help defray costs. For anyone new to the Parish knit any item you wish to keep children and adults warm. Also knitted toys are always very welcome.

REFUGEE UNDERWEAR COLLECTION & HAT, SCARF & GLOVES APPEAL

Once again, thank you so much for your continual support of these appeal. Your kindness is overwhelming. If anyone has any surplus of hat, scarves and gloves after Christmas, they would be so gratefully received during this cold spell. All the refugee items will be collected on Saturday 2nd February.

REDDITCH CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY GROUP MEETING

You are welcome to attend the regular group meeting on Saturday 19th January at the parish centre of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Redditch. Refreshments will be served from 11.15 am. The talk at 12 noon will be given by Father Peter Conley on Pope John Paul I. There will be Lectio Divina at 1.15 pm followed by a shared lunch at 1.45 pm.

SAVE THE DATES

Please note the following dates in your diaries:

Sunday 3rd February 10.30 am

First Holy Communion Commitment Mass

Saturday 16th February and Sunday 17th February 2019

Archbishop Deanery Visitation (Sacred Heart Parish)

Friday 28th June 2019

Parish Centenary Celebrations begin