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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

Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10;

Psalms 18;

1 Corinthians 12: 12-30

Luke 1: 1-4, 4: 14-21

This Week 27th January - 3rd February (Psalter Week 3)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 27th January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C	8.30 am Rose O'Grady RIP (MW) 10.30 am Marie Hopkins RIP (BB) 6.00 pm Intentions of T & VH (P & CI)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Traidcraft Stall & Piety Stall available
Monday 28th January Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	6.45 pm: Parish Hall Keyholders Meeting
Tuesday 29th January Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	7.00 pm: Choir Practice
Wednesday 30th 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 31st January Memorial of St. John Bosco, Priest	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	
Friday 1st February Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	
Saturday 2nd February Feast of the Presentation of the Lord	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Annie Parry (SM)	
Sunday 3rd January Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C	8.30 am Anna Wilson (EK) 10.30 am Intentions of CB (P & CI) 6.00 pm Lucy Phillips (KA)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall 10.30 am: FHC Commitment Mass Piety Stall available

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.

10.30 am: Teach me to do your will O God.

6.00 pm: The word of God is more desired than gold; the word of God is sweeter than honey. Light to our eyes the Lord's command is clear; greater than gold the message of eternal life. (AK11)

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.

DEANERY VISITATION

Archbishop Bernard Longley will be visiting the parish from Saturday 16th until Sunday 17th February. As part of this visit we would like to invite group leaders to write a brief report of their groups activities during 2018. As well as an outline of the groups activities, this could also include strengths of the group as well as areas that could be improved or any concerns you may have. These reports will be presented to the Archbishop, preferably by representatives of the parish groups, in the Parish Hall after the 10.30 am Mass on Sunday 17th February. As well as the presentation of reports, there will also be a shared table. This is open to all. Please could anyone who would like to attend indicate the number of people in their party and also what they plan to bring to the shared table. There is a clipboard at the back of church. If there are any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COMMITMENT MASS

This Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 3rd February at 10.30 am. Please could all FHC candidates from St. Joseph's School and the parish attend this Mass with their parents. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers. FHC Classes for parish children who have made their Commitment at this Mass will commence on Saturday 9th February at 11.30 am in the Parish Hall.

FR. GEORGE MATHEW SCJ

Fr. George SCJ will be away from the Parish until Saturday 2nd February. Please check the newsletter for details of Masses and Services.

WEDNESDAY ADORATION

In view of the funeral on Wednesday 6th February, please note Adoration will start at 1.00 pm. If anyone would like to pledge to watch in front of the Blessed Sacrament please contact Catherine Ingram on 01905 778053. Thank you.

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 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 of 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 Dalglish (or Cecilia or Max Jourdier).

SACRED HEART PARISH HALL KEYHOLDERS

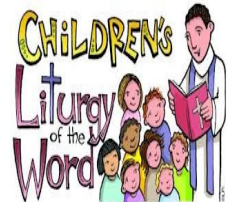
The next meeting of Hall Keyholders will be on Monday 28th January at 6.45 pm in the Romero Room. After this date no further bookings will be accepted for February.

DROITWICH SPA MEETING CENTRE

The Droitwich Spa Meeting Centre provides a welcoming, safe and engaging environment for people with a diagnosis of dementia and their family. The Centre helps individuals to adapt to their diagnosis, offers assistance & practical support and a range of meaningful activities based on the interests and needs of the people attending. Membership has increased over the past months. This means that it would be helpful to have some volunteers to help over the lunchtime, 12.00 noon until 2.00 pm, to help with serving lunch and making/serving drinks etc. If you are able to help or would like more information please Tel: 01905 740950 or email mcsp@ageukhw.org.uk. The centre is based at Droitwich Rugby Club.

CHOIR PRACTICE

The next choir practice is on Tuesday 29th January at 7.00 pm. New members are always welcome if you would like to join us.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be Children's Liturgy on the following dates during the 10.30 am Sunday Mass:

27th January
10th February
3rd March
10th March
17th March
24th March
31st March
7th April.

After many years in the role, Shelagh Young is stepping down as leader of the Children's Liturgy groups. We would like to thank Shelagh for running the Children's Liturgy Groups and her dedication to the young people in our parish. If anyone is interested in taking over this role, please contact the Parish Office.

Main Collection:**£149.09****Gift Aid: £193.00****Mass Attendance****Last Sunday: 278**

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**The retiring collection
for Pax Christi raised:**

£111.63**Gift Aid: £144.70**

**Thank you for your
generosity.**

**ARCHDIOCESE OF
BIRMINGHAM
NEWSLETTER**

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

DROITWICH SVP

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**Next Sunday's Mass
Readings**

*Jeremiah 1: 4-5, 17-19;**Psalms 70;**1 Corinthians 12: 31 -**13: 13**Luke 4: 21-30***2019 OFFICIAL CATHOLIC DIRECTORY OF ENGLAND AND WALES**

This directory will soon be available and can be pre-ordered at www.thecatholicuniverse.com/ecd2019 or by contacting 0161 908 5301. The cost is £46.50 including postage and packing.

THANK YOU FROM TRAIDCRAFT EXCHANGE

The Traidcraft stall runs at a small profit and after many years of running, we have recently been able to send a donation of £500 to Traidcraft Exchange which is the charity arm of Traidcraft. This is in addition to the sale of each item on the stall helping to directly benefit the producer. Traidcraft Exchange helps to support small farmers and businesses in developing countries to lift themselves out of poverty and be able to afford the things we take for granted such as education for their children. We have received a thank you letter which is on the notice board at the back of church. Thank you to all of you who have supported the Traidcraft stall over the years and helped to change peoples' lives.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

Thank you for your Christmas Crib offerings of £74.73. Last year the crib offerings enabled Friends of the Holy Land to support around 200 ad hoc emergency requests for help with the cost of operations, medication, medical equipment and family support. With no NHS the cost of these is often prohibitive, putting families who are already struggling into a desperate situation.

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.

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