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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
*1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13,
22-33;*
Psalms 102;
1 Corinthians 15: 45-49
Luke 6: 27-38

This Week 24th February - 3rd March (Psalter Week 3)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 24th February Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C	8.30 am Mike Jennings RIP (K & EL) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm Holy Mass	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Traidcraft Stall available
Monday 25th February Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Delores Duddy RIP	6.45 pm: Parish Hall Keyholders Meeting
Tuesday 26th February Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mike Jennings RIP (BP)	6.30 pm: FHC at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School 7.00 pm: Choir Practice
Wednesday 27th February Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Alwyn & Martha Woodcock RIP (BB)	10.00 pm - 9.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00 pm: Lent Retreat
Thursday 28th February Memorial of St. Oswald, Bishop	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Patricia Ceclich RIP (GC)	
Friday 1st March Feast of St. David, Bishop, Patron of Wales	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Paul Seddon RIP (RB)	10.30 am & 7.30 pm: World Day of Prayer Services
Saturday 2nd March Feast of St. Chad, Bishop, Patron of the Diocese	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Alan Remedios (KA)	11.30 am: FHC preparation (Parish Children)
Sunday 3rd March Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C Retiring Collection for Cathedral Maintenance	8.30 am Sara Theresa Newman (GN) 10.30 am Darren Mitchell RIP & James Ross (BB) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall

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Cynthia Sharkey

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: The Lord is compassion and love.

6.00 pm: My soul give thanks to the Lord all my being bless His
Holy name. Repeat (AK 31).

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, Aidan Skinner, 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.**

DEANERY VISITATION

Fr. George would like to thank all the members of the parish community
who assisted during the Deanery Visitation. Thank you especially to the
group leaders who shared their reports with the Archbishop and those
involved with providing refreshments and/or food after the Masses.

READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

There is a new rota available for the period from Sunday 11th February until
Sunday 9th June that has been distributed via email. A few copies are
available from the Sacristy for those who are not on the distribution list.
**Please note that changes have been made to the rota for the 10.30 am
Readers that was available on Sunday 10th February. If you collected a
paper copy on this date please collect a new version. The version
distributed via email is up to date.** Please contact Fr. George SCJ if there
are any problems. If you are unable to take your turn on the rota, please
arrange to swap with someone else. Many thanks.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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 leading
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 Fr.
George SCJ.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th
February are available on the noticeboard at the back of church. Anyone
who would like to be sent a copy by email please contact Jenny Leonard on
01905 775596.

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 2019

This retreat is being offered throughout the UK through the "Pathways to God" website www.pathwaystoGod.org. 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. 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 on Wednesdays in Lent (excepting Ash Wednesday) from 7.00 pm until 8.00 pm in the Parish Hall to share how their prayer has been going and to be led through different ways of praying by people involved in the Ignatian spirituality networks. The opening meeting is on Wednesday 27th February. If you are interested please contact Kate Dalglish on sacredheartdroitwich@hotmail.co.uk or 01905 773258 or Cecilia or Max Jourdier on mandcjourdier@gmail.com. Do come along, with no commitment, to the opening meeting from 7.00 pm until 8.00 pm on Wednesday 27th February to hear more. There is a poster with more information on the noticeboard in the Narthex at the back of the church. Any names and contact numbers provided will be kept for the duration of the retreat only and then destroyed.

GDPR: PRAYER LIST

Following queries from parishioners, when a request is made for a name to be added to the prayer list, if the individual is too ill to be able to give permission themselves we will accept the permission if given by their next of kin or close friend. We will need the individual giving permission to confirm that the person named in the prayer list understands that our prayer list is published in paper format and online. We hope that this will make it easier for names to be added to the prayer list. Please contact the parish office if you would like the form to complete to have a name added.

SACRED HEART PARISH HALL KEYHOLDERS

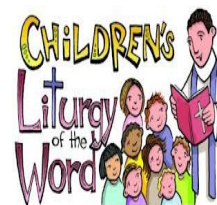
The next meeting of Hall Keyholders will be on Monday 25th February at 6.45 pm in the Romero Room. After this date no further bookings will be accepted for March.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

The next preparation class for parish children is on Saturday 2nd March at 11.30 am.

FOODBANK

A new wish from Foodbank is on the noticeboard. Items can be placed in the box at the entrance to church. Thank you for your generosity.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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

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

CHOIR PRACTICE

The next choir practice is on Tuesday 26th February at 7.00 pm. New members are always welcome if you would like to join us.

Main Collection:

£241.82

Gift Aid: £285.00

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 310

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**The retiring collection
for Racial Justice
raised: £68.59**

Gift Aid: £121.50

**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

Sacred Heart SVP can
be contacted on
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Next Sunday's Mass Readings

Ecclesiasticus 27: 4-7;

Psalms 91;

1 Corinthians 15: 54-58

Luke 6: 39-45

REFUGEE COLLECTIONS

Refugee Knitting: Thank you for the vast quantity of knitted hats, so crucial for the refugees well-being during this harsh winter spell. Also once again thank you to the ladies who knit and crochet the children's hats, scarf and glove sets and blankets and package them so beautifully. Wool, patterns, needles and buttons are available in the porch to help defray costs and donations of the same are most welcome.

Underwear: Thank you to everyone who contributed to this crucial appeal, your continual kindness and thoughtfulness is so appreciated.

Hats, Scarves and Gloves: Thank you for the incredible amount of wonderful items received this month. Your kindness is overwhelming. A particular thank you to the person who donated so many Magic Thermal Gloves.

The next collection date will be Saturday 2nd March.

ASHRAY PARISH MILLENNIUM PROJECT

Thank you to everyone for the donations of CDs, DVDs, laptops and stationery collected via St Joseph's School. John, Gina and their daughter Catherine are currently in India visiting the Ashray School. There will be a presentation and report on the visit in the church hall on Friday 22nd March at 7.00 pm. Please put this date in your diaries. While they are away you can follow them on Facebook where there will be daily posts at www.facebook.com/ashraydroitwich. We ask that you keep this project in your prayers.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

MONDAY 25TH FEBRUARY UNTIL MONDAY 4TH MARCH

The Methodist Church are holding a Fairtrade coffee morning on Saturday 2nd March from 10.00 am until 12 noon. There will also be a great selection of Fairtrade goods for sale. Everyone is welcome.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: FRIDAY 1ST MARCH

This annual event is always on the first Friday of March throughout the world. On Friday 1st March there are two local services in Droitwich at 10.30 am and 7.30 pm, both at the **Sacred Heart Church**. This year's service is written by the women of Slovenia, a mainly Catholic country. All are welcome; please come along.

SAVE THE DATE

Please note the following date in your diaries:

Friday 28th June 2019

Parish Centenary Celebrations begin

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