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Today's Mass Readings

Ecclesiasticus 27: 4-7;

Psalm 91;

1 Corinthians 15: 54-58

Luke 6: 39-45

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

This Week 3rd March - 10th March (Psalter Week 4)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
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
Monday 4th March Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Frank & Joan Patterson (MJ)	12.30 pm - 2.00 pm: Community Meal 7.00 pm: SVP Meeting
Tuesday 5th March Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	
Wednesday 6th March Ash Wednesday	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass 7.30 pm Holy Mass	10.00 pm - 7.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 1.30 pm: Ash Wednesday Mass at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Thursday 7th March Thursday after Ash Wednesday	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	
Friday 8th March Friday after Ash Wednesday	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	7.00 pm - 8.00 pm: Adoration and Devotion to the Sacred Heart
Saturday 9th March Saturday after Ash Wednesday	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Holy Mass	11.30 am: FHC preparation (Parish Children)
Sunday 10th March First Sunday of Lent Year C	8.30 am Holy Mass 10.30 am Deceased Members of the Mason Family (MM) 6.00 pm Cillian Ryan (DR)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Traidcraft Stall & Piety Stall Available 4.30 pm: Stations of the Cross

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.
6.00 pm: I thank you Yahweh with all my heart. I thank you
Yahweh my God. Each time I call for help you hear
and answer me. I thank you Yahweh my God. (AK 37)

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,
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.**

DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART

Do you want to devote an hour with the Sacred Heart of Jesus? Here is an
occasion as we are preparing for the Centenary celebration we have an
opportunity to deepen our devotion to the Sacred Heart. On every Friday
starting from the Friday after Ash Wednesday from 7.00 pm until 8.00 pm
we have Devotion to the Sacred Heart with Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament. Please come along with your family and friends to experience
the blessings of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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 next meeting is on Wednesday 13th March. If you are interested please contact Kate Dalgleish on sacredheartdroitwich@hotmail.co.uk or 01905 773258 or Cecilia or Max Jourdier on mandcjourdier@gmail.com. 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: LENT 2019

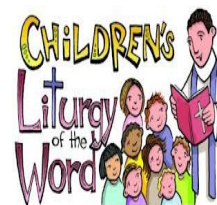
Lent is a time to reflect more deeply on Jesus's journey to Calvary. This year once again this traditional devotion is at 4.30 pm on each Sunday of Lent. In the last few years individuals and groups have offered to lead the reflection. If you wish to lead this devotion on one of the Sundays, please speak to Fr. George SCJ. Many thanks.

CARD STAND IN THE NARTHEX

Cards for St. Patrick's Day (Sunday 17th March) and Mothers' Day (Sunday 31st March) are now on sale. In the next few weeks Easter cards, individual and packets, will also be on sale. The card stand has cards with a religious theme for most situations and events.

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.

LENTEN JOURNEY

The "Walk with Me" booklet and calendar for the Lenten journey are available at the back of the church. This booklet is to help focus on our relationship with God and with people during Lent. Please consider taking a copy home to help prepare for Easter. These are free; any donations will go to the Missions. Thank you.

Main Collection:**£256.86****Gift Aid: £216.15****Mass Attendance****Last Sunday: 239**

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**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***Deuteronomy 26: 4-10;**Psalms 90;**Romans 10: 8-13**Luke 4: 1-13***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 now back from India where the goods that we took were gratefully received. There will be a presentation and report on the visit in the Sacred Heart Church Hall on Friday 22nd March at 7.00 pm. Please put that date in your diaries and come and see what wonderful work is being done by the staff in Ashray school. You can continue to follow the activities at Ashray on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ashraydroitwich. John and Gina can be contacted at ashraydroitwich@gmail.com. We ask that you keep this project in your prayers.

EVERY LIFE MATTERS

All are welcome at *Every Life Matters*, a talk by Life Charity, on Saturday 23rd March. Arrivals are welcome from 10.30 am in the Grimshaw Room, St Chad's Cathedral, B4 6EY. The talk is free but a donation of £5 is suggested and will be given to Life Charity. For more info call 0121 475 1227 / 07767 457625.

RIDL

The next Retreat in Daily Life support group will be on Thursday 7th March at 7.30 pm, focussing on Luke 4: 1-13. All are welcome. If you would like to attend or need more information please contact Debbie Prigg on 01905 771288 or dprigg@btinternet.com.

FAITH AT WORK IN WORCESTERSHIRE

Faith at Work in Worcestershire is organising its annual seminar to coincide with the deadline for leaving the EU. This is to reflect on how we live through the current uncertainty in the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and help others to do the same. David Hallam, a Methodist Lay Preacher and former MEP for Hereford and Shropshire, will speak on *A Christian perspective on Brexit and its impact on our Local Economy*. This meeting will take place on Tuesday 9th April from 7.30 pm until 9.00 pm at Droitwich Spa Methodist Church. Please see the poster on the noticeboard for further information and contact details for booking your place. All are welcome.

SAVE THE DATE

Please note the following date in your diaries:

Friday 28th June 2019

Parish Centenary Celebrations begin

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