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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

Deuteronomy 26: 4-10;

Psalm 90;

Romans 10: 8-13

Luke 4: 1-13

This Week 10th March - 17th March (Psalter Week 1)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 10th March First Sunday of Lent Year C	8.30 am People of the Parish 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
Monday 11th March Lent feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	
Tuesday 12th March Lent feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Intentions of Elizabeth Larkin (KL)	
Wednesday 13th March Lent feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	10.00 pm - 9.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00 pm: Lent Retreat
Thursday 14th March Lent feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Jacki Pigott (RH)	
Friday 15th March Lent feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	7.00 pm - 8.00 pm: Adoration and Devotion to the Sacred Heart CAFOD Family Fast Day
Saturday 16th March Lent feria	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Kevin McCorry RIP (MM)	11.30 am: FHC preparation (Parish Children) 12 Noon: Baptism
Sunday 17th March Second Sunday of Lent Year C Retiring Collection for CAFOD	8.30 am V & A Isaac RIP (BB) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm John Weaver (MW)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall 4.30 pm: Stations of the Cross

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REPRESENTATIVES**

Gerry Ceclich
Cynthia Sharkey

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am: Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

**10.30 am & 6.00 pm: And He will raise you up on eagle's
wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold
you in the palm of His hand.**

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,
Eileen Dalton, Delores Delaney, Bernadette Duffy, Alan Francis, Beryl Hill,
Alan Hurst, John Jennings, Jacki Pigott, 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.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: FRIDAY 15TH MARCH

CAFOD's Family Fast Day this Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers
and sisters around the world. On Friday 15th March, can you eat a simple
meal in solidarity with those in need and give what you save to help people
in other countries. Through CAFOD's global Church network, one of the
largest aid networks in the world, your support can reach to the ends of the
earth. Please collect your Fast Day envelope from Church today and give
what you can, returning the envelope next Sunday. There will also be a
retiring collection in aid of CAFOD on Sunday 17th March. Thank you for
your generosity.

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.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The annual Day of Recollection will be on Saturday 13th April from 10.00 am
until 4.00 pm, in the Parish Hall. The guest speaker is to be confirmed.
Please remember to bring a packed lunch with you; tea and coffee will be
provided. RSVP to Fr. George SCJ by Sunday 7th April.

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.

LENT RETREAT 2019

Please keep in your prayers the Jesuit online Lent Retreat that is now taking place. It is not too late to join in if you would like to. The next meeting is on Wednesday 13th March at 7.00 pm in the Parish Hall.

FATHER HUDSON'S CARE: BIRMINGHAM VELO

Father Hudson's Care has places available for the Birmingham and Midland Velo, a 100-mile sponsored cycle on Sunday 12th May. Anyone interested in riding in aid of our diocesan social care agency should call Father Hudson's on 01675 434059 or e-mail fundraising@fatherhudsons.org.uk before Tuesday 12th March.

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.

WORLD WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER

The Women's World Day of Prayer Droitwich Committee is grateful to all members of the Sacred Heart Parish who contributed to the services on Friday 1st March: readers, singers, flowers, organizers and all those who attended. Many thanks to all concerned.

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.

SACRED HEART LADIES GROUP

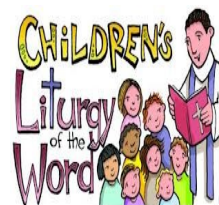
The next meeting will be on Wednesday 20th March from 7.30 pm until 9.30 pm in the Parish Hall. Droitwich is surrounded by some really amazing theatres all of which have a great array of history and stories relating to them. So this month we are very pleased to welcome Ivan Heard who is going to talk to us about one in particular. Entitled 'History of Birmingham Hippodrome Theatre', this is an opportunity to learn about the building as well as some of the fascinating people who have passed through the doors. As usual tea/coffee/biscuits will be available (however, no popcorn or choc ices!!!) So why not come along and enjoy a fun evening. We are always delighted to welcome a new face or two or more.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION: WORCESTER CIRCLE

The next meeting is on Thursday 21st March at 7.30 pm in St. George's Parish Hall, Worcester, WR1 1UG. The Revd. Canon Dr Michael Brierley, Canon Precentor of Worcester Cathedral, will be speaking on *Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy: his importance for today*, a fresh look at the famous Worcester priest and First World War Chaplain and his contemporary significance on the centenary (to the day) of his demobilisation. All are welcome; non-members £3.00. If you require further information please contact Richard Barnes on 01905 356570.

FOODBANK

The March wish list 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:

- 10th March
- 17th March
- 24th March
- 31st March
- 7th April.

LENTEN JOURNEY

The "Walk with Me" booklet and calendar for the Lenten journey are still 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.

ASHRAY PARISH MILLENNIUM PROJECT

Main Collection:

£175.99

Gift Aid: £324.00

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 245

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

The retiring collection for Cathedral

**Maintenance raised:
£46.85**

Gift Aid: £109.01

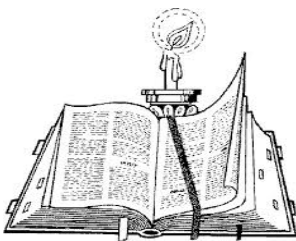
**Thank you for your
generosity.**

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

*Genesis 15: 5-12,
17-18;*

Psalm 26;

*Philippians 3: 17- 4: 1
Luke 9: 28-36*

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.

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.

REFUGEE ITEMS

Thank you for the items left this month, which were forwarded to the organisers last Saturday. The next collection will be on Saturday 6th April. Unfortunately there will be no May collection, but there will be one on Saturday 1st June. Thank you all once again for your wonderful support of this project.

REDDITCH CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY GROUP

Our next meeting is on Saturday 16th March starting at 11.15am at the parish centre of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Redditch. We shall be continuing our study of Pope Francis' exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate*, lead by Jane Yeomans. We shall pray together using *Lectio Divina* and afterwards share lunch. All are welcome to join us for all or part of the meeting.

SAVE THE DATE

Please note the following date in your diaries:

Friday 28th June 2019

Parish Centenary Celebrations begin