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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
Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18;
Psalms 26;
Philippians 3: 17- 4: 1
Luke 9: 28-36

This Week 17th March - 24th March (Psalter Week 2)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
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
Monday 18th March Lent feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Cyril & Mary Hancock RIP (AM)	12.30 pm - 2.00 pm: Community Meal 7.00 pm: SVP Meeting
Tuesday 19th March Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	10.30 am: Mass at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School 2.00 pm: Interment of Ashes
Wednesday 20th March Lent feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Sr. Catherine Houlihan RIP (RB)	10.00 pm - 9.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00 pm: Lent Retreat 7.30 pm: Sacred Heart Ladies Group
Thursday 21st March Lent feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am David Veale RIP (S & SR)	
Friday 22nd March Lent feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Paulose Varghese RIP (JP)	7.00 pm - 8.00 pm: Adoration and Devotion to the Sacred Heart 7.00 pm: Ashray Talk
Saturday 23rd March Lent feria	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am David Veale RIP (AM)	11.30 am: FHC preparation (Parish Children) After 11.00 am Mass: Meeting for all Altar Servers
Sunday 24th March Third Sunday of Lent Year C	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MF) 10.30 am Holy Mass 6.00 pm People of the Parish	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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REPRESENTATIVES**

Gerry Ceclich
Cynthia Sharkey

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: The Lord is my light and my help.

6.00 pm: There is one thing I ask of the Lord x2. For this I long
to live in the house of God each day of my life, each
day of my life. AK 16.

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, Rosemarie Preece, Michael Sheridan, Aidan
Skinner, Jacky Smith, 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 **David Veale** and **Jacki Pigott** who died recently.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy
of God rest in peace. Please also remember their family members and
friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

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
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

Today there will be a retiring collection for CAFOD. This is an opportunity to
support our brothers and sisters around the world. 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. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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 yet 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.

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.

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.

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.

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 20th March at 7.00 pm in the Elgar Room.

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.

SACRED HEART LADIES GROUP

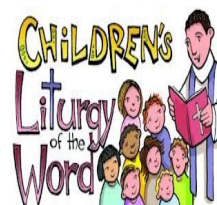
The next meeting will be on Wednesday 20th March from 7.30 pm until 9.30 pm in the Parish Hall. Droitwich is surrounded by some really amazing theatres all of which have a great array of history and stories relating to them. So this month we are very pleased to welcome Ivan Heard who is going to talk 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.

TRAIDCRAFT

Easter cards and Easter eggs are now available from the Traidcraft stall. The Traidcraft stall is next open for business on Sunday 24th March.

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:
17th March,
24th March,
31st March,
& 7th April.

ALTAR SERVERS

Please note there is a meeting for all altar servers on Saturday 23rd March, after the 11.00 am Mass. The meeting is to begin our preparations for Holy Week. Would all servers be aware that we would like you to ensure that your cassocks and cottas are washed before Easter. They are all easy-care and can be machine-washed.

Main Collection:

£257.61

Gift Aid: £228.16

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 276

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**Additional donation
for Cathedral
Maintenance**

Gift Aid: £10.50

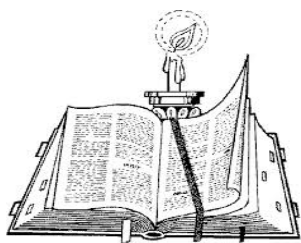
**Thank you for your
generosity.**

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

Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15;

Psalms 102;

1 Corinthians 10: 1- 6,

10-12

Luke 13: 1-9

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.

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.

CALLED TO WITNESS: A DIOCESAN EVENT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Called to Witness is a unique event for young people to help reflect and discern their own Christian vocation. It will take place at Harvington Hall on Saturday 4th May. Please see the information on the noticeboard at the back of church for full details. This information can also be found at www.vocations.org.uk/events or by emailing office@vocations.org.uk or contacting 0121 321 5139 or 0121 321 5135.

SAVE THE DATE

Please note the following date in your diaries:

Friday 28th June 2019

Parish Centenary Celebrations begin

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