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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

Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15;

Psalm 102;

1 Corinthians 10: 1- 6, 10-12

Luke 13: 1-9

This Week 24th March - 31st March (Psalter Week 3)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 24th March Third Sunday of Lent Year C	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MF) 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 & Piety Stall Available 5.00 pm: Stations of the Cross
Monday 25th March Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Angela & George Cash RIP (SD) 11.30 am Memorial Mass	
Tuesday 26th March Lent feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	6.30 pm: FHC Meeting at St. Joseph's School 7.00pm: Choir Practice
Wednesday 27th March Lent feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am David Veale RIP (PW)	10.00 pm - 9.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00 pm: Lent Retreat
Thursday 28th March Lent feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	
Friday 29th 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
Saturday 30th March Lent feria	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am David Veale RIP (EK)	11.30 am: FHC preparation (Parish Children)
Sunday 31st March Fourth Sunday of Lent Year C Retiring collection for the SVP	8.30 am George McClenaghan RIP (MM) 10.30 am Kevin Blackwell RIP (NB) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall 5.00 pm: Stations of the Cross

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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 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,
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. A Memorial Mass for Jacki Pigott is on Monday 25th
March at 11.30 am. The Requiem Mass for David Veale is on Thursday 11th
April at 11.30 am with the Reception of his Body at 6.00 pm on Wednesday
10th April. 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.

SVP APPEAL

Next Sunday the parish SVP are making an appeal for funds and would like
you to have advance notice of this.

NEW GIFT AID ENVELOPES FOR THE 2019-2020 TAX YEAR

The new envelopes are ready for collection in the Narthex, please can those
who use the envelopes pick up their box when leaving church.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - NEW DATE

The annual Day of Recollection will be on **Saturday 6th April** from 10.00 am
until 4.00 pm, in the Parish Hall. The guest speaker is Fr. Alex Rebello.
Please remember to bring a packed lunch with you; tea and coffee² will be
provided. RSVP to Fr. George SCJ by **Wednesday 3rd April**.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: LENT 2019 - NEW START TIME

Lent is a time to reflect more deeply on Jesus's journey to Calvary. This year once again this traditional devotion is at **5.00 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 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. The next meeting is on Wednesday 27th March at 7.00 pm in the Parish Hall.

CHOIR PRACTICES FOR HOLY WEEK

Choir practices for Holy week are on the following dates: Tuesday 26th March, Tuesday 9th April and Tuesday 16th April, all at 7.00 pm. New members are always welcome if you would like to join us.

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

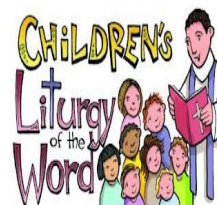
As in previous years we will need volunteers to assist with the Holy Week Liturgies, most notably to assist with: Watching between the Mass of the Lord's Supper and Midnight on Holy Thursday, Celebration of the Washing of the Feet at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, Reading of Scriptures on Holy Thursday, Passion Readings on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, Reading of Scriptures at the Easter Vigil and to assist with distribution of Holy Communion on Holy Thursday, at the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday. Sets of clipboards for signing-up of volunteers have been placed at the back of the Church. Thanks in advance for your generosity of time and spirit. When you are arriving and leaving before the Blessed Sacrament during this Watching period you should, **if possible, do so by adoring the Blessed Sacrament on both knees. Please remain silent until you reach the car park.** Thank you.

FHC CLASSES - PARISH CHILDREN

The next preparation class for the Parish FHC Group is on Saturday 30th March at 11.30 am. Please note that it is now too late to join this group to receive the Sacrament on Saturday 22nd June 2019. Preparation has been ongoing for a number of weeks and the Commitment Mass has already taken place. If your child is in Year 3 or above and not at a Catholic school you can put their name down to receive their First Holy Communion in 2020 by emailing sacredheartdroitwich@hotmail.co.uk.

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:

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

ALTAR SERVERS

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.

TRAIDCRAFT

Easter cards and Easter eggs are now available from the Traidcraft stall. The Traidcraft stall is open today.

Main Collection:**£236.44****Gift Aid: £216.50****Mass Attendance****Last Sunday: 292**

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**The retiring collection
for CAFOD raised:
£512.10.**

**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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be contacted on
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**Next Sunday's Mass****Readings***Joshua 5: 9-12;**Psalms 33;**2 Corinthians 5: 17-21;**Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32***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.

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.

DIRECTION FOR OUR TIMES

You are invited to read and meditate upon the locutions for Passiontide given to Anne, A Lay Apostle. Copies are available at the back of the church. Any enquiries to Iain and Marie Martin on 01905 798130.

EASTER SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

The newsletter for Easter Sunday will be printed on Wednesday 17th April. The deadline for receipt of items for the Easter Sunday newsletter is 2.00 pm on Tuesday 16th April. Please note that at all other times the deadline for receipt of items for the newsletter is 12 noon on Wednesdays. Many thanks.

SAVE THE DATE

Please note the following date in your diaries:

Friday 28th June 2019

Parish Centenary Celebrations begin