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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

Isaiah 50: 4-7;

Psalms 21;

Philippians 2: 6-11;

Luke 22: 14 - 23: 56

This Week 14th April - 21st April (Psalter Week 2)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 14th April Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year C Retiring Collection for Easter Flowers	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 Piety Stall Available 5.00 pm: Stations of the Cross
Monday 15th April Monday of Holy Week	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Intentions of J & MC (P & CI)	12.30 pm - 2.00 pm: Community Meal 7.00 pm: SVP Meeting
Tuesday 16th April Tuesday of Holy Week	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	9.45 am: Church Cleaning 7.00 pm: Choir Practice
Wednesday 17th April Wednesday of Holy Week	8.45 am Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mrs. E. Wilson (EK)	9.30 am - 9.00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11.30 am Chrism Mass at St. Chad's Cathedral 7.00 pm: Lent Retreat
Thursday 18th April Holy Thursday	7.30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	
Friday 19th April Good Friday Collection for Holy Places	3.00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion	10.15 am: Walk of Witness 12 Noon: Stations of the Cross
Saturday 20th April Holy Saturday	8.00 pm Vigil Mass of Easter	11.00 am Altar Servers' Practice
Sunday 21st April Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord Year C Easter Offering for the Sacred Heart Fathers and Brothers	8.30 am Holy Mass 10.30 am Holy Mass No Evening Mass	6.30 am: Sunrise Service at St. Augustine's, Droitwich After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: **My God, my God, why have you
forsaken me.**

6.00 pm: **My God, my God why have you forsaken me?
Why have you forsaken, forsaken me?**

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, Alan Francis, Beryl Hill, Alan Hurst, John
Jennings, Rosemarie Preece, Michael Sheridan, Aidan Skinner, Jacky Smith,
Breda Wightman, Mark Wightman, Richard Wightman, Monsignor Graham
Wilkinson & 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 **Bernadette Duffy** and **Rita Horne** who died
recently. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through
the mercy of God rest in peace. The Requiem Mass for Rita Horne will be at
11.30 am on Thursday 25th April followed by a Cremation at Worcester
Crematorium at 1.00 pm. Please also remember their family members and
friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

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.

EASTER SUNDAY 10.30 AM FAMILY MASS

All children are asked to make and bring shakers to the 10:30 am Mass on
Easter Sunday. These can be easily made by putting some rice or similar in
a dry plastic bottle.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: LENT 2019

Lent is a time to reflect more deeply on Jesus's journey to Calvary. This
traditional devotion is at **5.00 pm** on **Palm Sunday** and **12 Noon** on **Good
Friday**.

ALTAR SERVERS

Would all servers please ensure that your cassocks and cottas are washed before Easter. They are all easy-care and can be machine-washed.

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.

CHOIR PRACTICES FOR HOLY WEEK

The next choir practice for Holy Week is on Tuesday 16th April at 7.00 pm. New members are always welcome if you would like to join us.

LENT RETREAT 2019

Please keep in your prayers the Jesuit online Lent Retreat that is now taking place. The next meeting is on Wednesday 17th April at 7.00 pm in the Parish Hall.

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.

PARISH SECRETARY

I am out of the office from Friday 19th April until Monday 29th April inclusive. For any urgent queries relating to the hall, please contact Caroline Healy on 01905 779437. For any other urgent queries, please contact Fr. George SCJ. Everything else will be dealt with on my return to the office on Tuesday 30th April.

CHURCH CLEANING

Would all groups come along on Tuesday 16th April after 9.15 am Mass to give the church a clean for Easter. Many thanks for your continued help. Pat Webb, tel. 01905 455702.

DROITWICH SVP: WAITROSE GREEN TOKEN SCHEME

The Droitwich SVP are one of the three charities Waitrose, Droitwich is supporting this month. When shopping in Waitrose throughout April, please place your green tokens in the SVP box so we may benefit from a share of £1,000 to boost our funds to help those in need locally.

DROITWICH SPA FOODBANK 2018/2019 REPORT

We have just completed our year-end and would like to thank everyone who has either placed an item in our collection boxes or made a cash donation; without you we would not be able to help the people in our community who have found themselves in a desperate situation. Between April 2018 and March 2019 we fed 2189 people of which 833 were children. This is an increase of 34% on the previous year. The most concerning trend is the increase in families who have sought our help. Most clients come to us because of delays in benefits, changes in benefits or low income and they are referred to us by agencies such as the job centre, Age UK, Fortis housing, doctors, social workers and schools. Last year we had 17,800 kg of food and toiletries donated by people who live in and around Droitwich, people like you who take time to put a tin in a box. Thank you so much.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

A **HUGE** thank you for the wonderful response to our appeal last weekend. We have £894.39 from this collection that can now be used in order for us to help those most in need in our town. Thank you for your continued support.

TRAIDCRAFT

Easter cards and Easter eggs are now available from the Traidcraft stall.

HARVINGTON HALL JOB VACANCY

Harvington Hall are looking to appoint a new manager. Please see the poster on the noticeboard for full details. The closing date for applications is Friday 26th April 2019.

FOODBANK

The April 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.

Main Collection:**£256.70****Gift Aid: £288.50****Mass Attendance****Last Sunday: 272**

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**The retiring collection
for Cyclone Idai
raised: £769.23.**

**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**

*Acts 10: 34, 37-43;**Psalms 117;**1 Corinthians 5: 6-8**John 20: 1-9***REFUGEE ITEMS**

Thank you so much for the exquisite knitted and crocheted items donated this month. Also, once again a special thank you to the ladies who sent in the gorgeous blankets, scarf and glove sets and packaged them so beautifully. Also another very special thank you to the ladies who regularly knit such vast quantities of beautiful hats and scarves. These items will be so treasured by the people in the camps. As mentioned previously there will be no May collection; please keep knitting for the collection on Saturday 1st June.

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.

CHURCHES TOGETHER GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS - 19TH APRIL

This Annual event will start with a short Service at the Sacred Heart Church at 10.15 am. We will walk down the Worcester Rd, KEEPING TO THE PAVEMENT AT ALL TIMES, through the underpass, down St Andrew's Street, up through the Precinct and into Victoria Square for the Service at about 11.00 am. For the last few years the Good Friday Walk of Witness has been guided by volunteer marshals from all the Churches. We are again requesting volunteers to marshal the walk. If you wish to help in this way please contact Penny Gilfeather 01905 772215. Everyone is welcome to join the Walk, either at the Sacred Heart or in the Square.

SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY 11TH MAY

March for Life UK is happening in London. Join thousands of other pro-lifers in creating awareness of the hurt and damage abortion causes and helping to promote a culture of life. Inside festival (LifeFest19) from 9.30 am until 1.30 pm. Booking is required. March starts at 2.00 pm (no booking required). For more information please see the poster on the noticeboard or go to marchforlife.co.uk or call 07773 501721/07885 505116.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER NON-RESIDENTIAL WEEKEND AT ST. MARY'S
ON THE HILL, WEDNESBURY**

This is an enrichment weekend on the 29th and 30th of June 2019 for normal, ordinary marriages (NOT counselling). M.E. weekends have proved time and time again to be of immense value to couples however long they have been married. All discussions are private to the participating couples; there is no group work. Take advantage of a fairly local weekend! For further information go to www.wwme.org.uk or contact Phil & Rita Jackson on 0121 2447762 or email wackojacko456@hotmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE

Please note the following date in your diaries:

Friday 28th June 2019

Parish Centenary Celebrations begin