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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 42: 1-4, 6-7;
Psalm 28;
Acts 10: 34-38
Matthew 3: 13-17

This Week 12th January - 19th January (Psalter Week 1)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 12th January Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Year A	8.30 am Yates Family (LH) 10.30 am Brigid Yates RIP 6.00 pm John & Mary Ryan (DR)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall
Monday 13th January Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Philip Moody RIP (MM)	
Tuesday 14th January Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Private Intention (JC)	
Wednesday 15th January Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	10.00 am - 9.00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 16th January Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	
Friday 17th January Memorial of St. Anthony, Abbot	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	
Saturday 18th January Feria in Ordinary Time	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Holy Communion Service	
Sunday 19th January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Retiring Collection for Pax Christi	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MF) 10.30 am Ann & Frank Ginty (MG) 6.00 pm Sr. Veronica ODC RIP (I & MM)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: The Lord will bless his people with peace.
6.00 pm: Show to us your love & mercy. (AK25).

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, Catherine Copper,
Eileen Dalton, Delores Delaney, Frank Fawcett, Alan Francis, Joan Graham,
Beryl Hill, Alan Hurst, John Jennings, Andrew McDermott, Stella
McDermott, Michael Sheridan, Aidan Skinner, Jacky Smith, Paul Smith,
Margaret Steward, Angela Wardle, Breda Wightman, Mark Wightman,
Richard Wightman & Monsignor Graham Wilkinson

**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 **Harriet Ross** who died recently. May her soul and
the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in
peace. The funeral service will be at 10.30 am on Tuesday 14th January
followed by a burial at St. Mary's Churchyard. Please keep her family and
friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

THANK YOU

Fr. George SCJ would like to thank all Parishioners who have helped over
the Christmas and New Year period. Your support is much
appreciated.

FR. GEORGE SCJ

Fr. George SCJ will be away from the Parish from Wednesday 15th January
until Friday 7th February inclusive. Please check the newsletter for details
of weekday Masses and Services during this period.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN NOT AT A CATHOLIC SCHOOL

If your child is in Year 3 or above and you would like her/him to be
prepared in the parish for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy
Communion in June 2020, please make yourself known to Fr. George SCJ,
Maria Jenkins or email sacredheartdroitwich@hotmail.co.uk as soon as
possible. There will be an initial meeting for parents on Tuesday 28th
January at 6.30pm. The Commitment Mass will be held at 10.30 am on
Sunday 1st March.

WEDNESDAY ADORATION

Adoration will resume on Wednesday 15th January 2020. We really do need new people to kindly pledge time to watch and pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament. It is a generous gift of your time but well worthwhile. Please contact Catherine Ingram on 01905 778053.

MASS INTENTIONS - UPDATED

Please note that due to Fr. George being away from the Parish there will be no Weekday or Saturday Mass Intentions from Wednesday 15th January until Friday 7th February inclusive. Any Mass Intentions requested during this period will be moved to a date after Fr. George's return. We make every effort to accommodate Mass Intentions on the dates requested however this is not always possible due to prior bookings. When submitting a Mass Intention request, please could you provide a phone number or email address so that we can contact you if needed. Due to GDPR regulations, with the exception of deceased individuals, we are unable to publish names unless the Request for Mass Intention Form at the back of church is completed. If we do not have a form the Intention will be listed in the newsletter and stated at Mass as Private Intention. Please note that the next available date for Mass Intentions is currently Saturday 22nd February.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM: JOB VACANCIES

The Archdiocese of Birmingham is looking to appoint a Safeguarding Advisor and a Strengthening Cluster Communities Officer. Please see the posters on the noticeboard for full details including closing dates.

TEA & COFFEE ROTAS

The Tea and Coffee rotas for 2020 are now available from the Narthex. Please collect a copy if you have not already done so.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION - WORCESTER CIRCLE

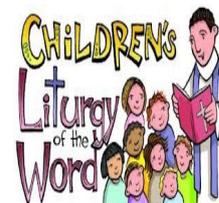
The next meeting is on Thursday 16th January at 7.30 pm at St. George's Parish Hall, Worcester. The Rev. Helen Caine, Superintendent South Worcestershire Methodist Circuit will speak on the topic: *Our Calling - Methodism Within the Christian Family*. All are welcome; the charge for non-members is £3.00.

CHURCH CLEANING

Cleaning rotas for the New Year 2020 are at the back of church to be collected. Thank you. Pat Webb.

REDDITCH CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY GROUP MEETING

You are invited to attend our meeting on Saturday 18th January, commencing at 11.15am in the parish centre of Our Lady of Mount Carmel church in Redditch. Our speaker is Canon John Udris, who is highly recommended. The talk is entitled *The Jesus of Therese*. We will pray together using Lectio Divina, and finish with a shared lunch. The meeting is open to all denominations so please invite your friends.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be Children's Liturgy on the following Sundays during the 10.30 am Mass:

12th January,
19th January,
26th January,
2nd February,
9th February,
1st March,
8th March,
15th March,
22nd March &
29th March.

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 20th November 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.

Main Collection:
£195.71
Gift Aid: £270.00
Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 249
Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.

ARCHDIOCESE OF
BIRMINGHAM
DIRECTORY 2020

We have a limited supply of the 2020 Archdiocesan Directory. These are available on a first come, first served basis from the Parish Office and are priced at £4.50.



Next Sunday's Mass

Readings

Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6;

Psalm 39;

I Corinthians 1: 1-3

John 1: 29-34

Welcome to everyone at Mass today, especially if you are new to our church or haven't been to Mass for some time. If you are of another Christian denomination or non-Christian you are warmly invited to approach the priest or minister and ask or signify your wish for a blessing.

FOODBANK - NEW WISH LIST

Thanks to the generosity of the people who live in Droitwich and the wider area we had over 6400kg of food, toiletries and gift donated during the run up to Christmas. If any one would like to donate there is a new list containing items they always use on the noticeboard. Please could any donations be placed in the box in the church porch. Thank you for your continued generosity.

ALTAR SERVERS MASS AT ST. CHAD'S CATHEDRAL

The Guild of St. Stephen's Thanksgiving Mass will take place on Saturday 7th March at 12 Noon. Bishop David McGough will preside and preach at the Mass which will be followed by Adoration and refreshments. All Altar Servers and their families are invited to attend. Please confirm your attendance to kathryn@vocations.org.uk before Friday 14th February.

PAX CHRISTI: PEACE SUNDAY - 19TH JANUARY 2020

Every year Pax Christi promotes the Holy Father's World Peace Day Message on the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. The theme for 2020 is *Peace as a Journey of Hope: Dialogue, Reconciliation and Ecological Conversion*. Pax Christi itself was born out of the experience of war 75 years ago. The founder, Martha Dortel-Claudot, began a campaign of prayer for peace in 1945, for reconciliation between the people of France and Germany and to encourage people to work to bring an end to war. Today Pax Christi is present in 50 countries: an international network of people of goodwill, inspired by our faith to work for peace built on justice, reconciliation and nonviolent change. Next Sunday there will be a retiring collection for Pax Christi. Please support this collection and the work of Pax Christi for peace, reconciliation and non-violence. Thank you for your generosity.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note the following date in your diaries:

First Holy Communion Commitment Mass

Sunday 1st March at 10.30 am