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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 8: 23 - 9: 3;

*Psalm 26;*

*I Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17*

*Matthew 4: 12-23*

<b>This Week</b> <b>26th January - 2nd February</b> <b>(Psalter Week 3)</b>	<b>Holy Mass &amp; Services</b>	<b>Other Events</b>
<b>Sunday 26th January</b> <b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Year A</b> Retiring Collection for Empowering Vulnerable Children Uganda	8.30 am Deceased members of the Rawlings Family (S & SR) 10.30 am Philip Moody RIP (BB) 6.00 pm Francis McCabe RIP (GMcG)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall
<b>Monday 27th January</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> <b>9.15 am Holy Communion Service</b>	6.45 pm: Parish Hall Keyholders Meeting
<b>Tuesday 28th January</b> Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> <b>9.15 am Holy Communion Service</b>	
<b>Wednesday 29th January</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> <b>9.15 am Holy Communion Service</b>	<b>10.00 am - 9.00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
<b>Thursday 30th January</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> <b>9.15 am Holy Communion Service</b>	11.00 am: Church Tour (Private Group)
<b>Friday 31st January</b> Memorial of St. John Bosco, Priest	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> <b>9.15 am Holy Communion Service</b>	<b>9.45 am - 10.15 am: Adoration and Devotion to the Sacred Heart</b>
<b>Saturday 1st February</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>10.30 am Holy Rosary</b> 11.00 am Holy Mass	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
<b>Sunday 2nd February</b> <b>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</b> <b>Year A</b>	8.30 am Private Intention (McG) 10.30 am Bernadette Violet Duffy RIP (PD) 6.00 pm Katie Hobday (GMcG)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Piety Stall Available

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**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)

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**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.**

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**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Your prayers are asked for **Barry Hill & Kenneth Bourne** who died recently.  
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy  
of God rest in peace. The Funeral Service for Kenneth Bourne will be on  
Monday 3rd February at 1.30 pm, followed by a burial at St. Mary's  
churchyard at 2.30 pm. The Funeral Service for Barry Hill will be on  
Wednesday 12th February at midday, followed by a Cremation at  
Worcester Crematorium at 1.00 pm. Please keep their family and friends in  
your kind thoughts and prayers.

**MISSION APPEAL: EMPOWERING VULNERABLE CHILDREN UGANDA**

Today there will be an appeal and collection for Empowering Vulnerable  
Children Uganda. Since the beginning of January 2014 a great deal of hard  
work has been undertaken by a group of local people in Bedford, England  
who are passionately committed to offering a better life to desperately  
poor and orphaned children in southern Uganda. EVC Uganda seeks to  
provide many such children with a caring and loving environment, where  
education can take place and they can experience a happy childhood and  
have increased opportunities and hope for the future. Please pray for these  
children and the volunteers and help support them through the second  
collection today.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN NOT AT A  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL - UPDATED!**

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 or  
email sacredheartdroitwich@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible. There will  
be an initial meeting on Tuesday 28th January at 6.30pm at St. Joseph's  
School. Fr. George would like to meet with all children **not** at St. Joseph's  
with their parents on Saturday 22nd February. The time will be confirmed  
in due course. The Commitment Mass will be at 10.30 am on Sunday 1st  
March.

## **SATURDAY 1ST FEBRUARY**

There will be Mass on Saturday 1st February at 11.00 am. A priest will also be available to hear Confessions from 10.15 am until 10.45 am.

### **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 Friday 28th February.

### **REFUGEE COLLECTIONS**

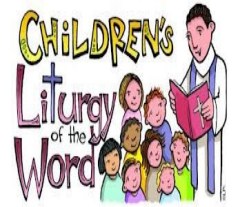
Thank you so much for the tremendous amount of new underwear recently donated and the pre-loved hats, scarves and gloves. They will be so gratefully received in the camps. If anyone wishes to knit items to help keep the refugees warm during this cold spell; wool, needles, patterns and buttons are available in the cupboards in the church entrance, and donations of the same can be left here. The next collection day is Saturday 8th February.

### **ONLINE LENT RETREAT 2020**

As in 2019, this retreat is being offered throughout the UK through the "Pathways to God" website [www.pathwaystoGod.org/len-retreat-2020](http://www.pathwaystoGod.org/len-retreat-2020). The retreat offers an opportunity to deepen our knowledge of scripture and an introduction to different methods of prayer. The aim is to help people know, love and serve Jesus Christ more deeply. Participants can pray daily during Lent using the online prayer materials, which can be printed for people who would find this easier (this individual time of prayer is at home or wherever you wish). They come together as a group once a week on Wednesdays in Lent (excepting Ash Wednesday) from 7.00 pm until 8.00 pm in the Parish Hall to share how their prayer has been going and to be led through different ways of praying by people involved in Ignatian spirituality networks. The opening meeting is on Wednesday 19th February. If you are interested please contact Kate Dalglish on 01905 773258 or at [sacredheartdroitwich@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sacredheartdroitwich@hotmail.co.uk) or Cecilia or Max Jourdier at [mandcjourdier@gmail.com](mailto:mandcjourdier@gmail.com) Do come along, with no commitment, to the opening meeting at from 7.00 until 8.00 pm on Wednesday 19th February to hear more. There is a poster and flyers with more information on the noticeboard in the Narthex at the back of the church. Any names and contact numbers provided will be kept for the duration of the retreat only and then destroyed.

### **READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

There is a new rota available for the period from Sunday 9th February until Sunday 31st May that has been distributed via email. A few copies are available from the Sacristy for those who are not on the distribution list. Please contact Fr. George SCJ on his return if there are any problems. If you are unable to take your turn on the rota, please arrange to swap with someone else. Many thanks.



### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

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

Mass:

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

### **SACRED HEART PARISH HALL KEYHOLDERS**

The next meeting of Hall Keyholders will be on Monday 27th January at 6.45 pm in the Romero Room. After this date no further bookings will be accepted for February.

### **FR. GEORGE SCJ**

Fr. George SCJ is now away from the parish until Friday 7th February. Please check the newsletter for details of weekday Masses and Services during this period. Thank you to all the Eucharistic Ministers who are helping lead Holy Communion Services over the next few weeks.

**Main Collection:****£209.81****Gift Aid: £210.60****Mass Attendance****Last Sunday: 200****Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.****The retiring collection  
for Pax Christi raised:****£104.00****Gift Aid: £113.80****Thank you for your  
generosity.****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**

Malachi 3: 1-4;

Psalm 23;

Hebrews 2: 14-18

Luke 2: 22-40

**FOODBANK - NEW WISH LIST**

Thanks to the generosity of the people who live in Droitwich and the wider area we had over 6400 kg of food, toiletries and gift donated during the run up to Christmas. If anyone 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. There is a letter and certificate from Foodbank on the noticeboard. Thank you all 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](mailto:kathryn@vocations.org.uk) before Friday 14th February.

**PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE**

There will be a fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020. The price is £599.00 per person sharing. This includes flight with 10 kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with breakfast and dinner. All entertainment and excursions included. Lunches on days out. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single room supplement £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com) for further information or to book. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

**ANNUAL THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE**

The Thanksgiving Masses for Marriage will take place at 12 noon on Saturday 9th May and Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> at St Chad's Cathedral followed by refreshments in the Grimshaw Room. The Mass invitation is open to all married couples as well as those preparing to marry in 2020. To find out more information or to register to attend one of the Masses please email Lianne Pap at [lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org). If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary this year, whether it is your 1st anniversary or every 5th year up to 60th (and every year after 60), you are asked to email Lianne Pap (Marriage and Family Life Co-ordinator) at [lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org) as all these couples will be listed in the Mass booklet. The search is on once again to find the longest married couple in the Diocese. Last year we had the privilege of discovering Mr & Mrs Beveridge, St Joseph's parish Goldenhill, who had been married for 75 years!

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Please note the following dates in your diaries:

**Lent Retreat Opening Meeting**

Wednesday 19th February at 7.00 pm

**First Holy Communion Commitment Mass**

Sunday 1st March at 10.30 am

**First Holy Communion Mass**

Saturday 13th June at 11.00 am