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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 58: 7-10;
Psalm 111;
1 Corinthians 2: 1-5
Matthew 5: 13-16

This Week 9th February - 16th February (Psalter Week 1)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 9th February Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Retiring Collection for Racial Justice	8.30 am Ingram Family - Thank you (BB) 10.30 am Denis & Peggy Regan RIP (BB) 6.00 pm Oliver Andrade RIP (KA)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall
Monday 10th February Memorial of St. Scholastica, Virgin	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Private Intention (McG)	
Tuesday 11th February Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Catherine and Charles McGlinchey (G McG)	
Wednesday 12th February Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Barry Hill RIP (MH) 12 Noon Funeral Service	10.00 am - 9.00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Please note that Adoration will cease at 11.30 am for the Funeral Service and resume at 1.00 pm
Thursday 13th February Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Myra O'Donnell (G McG)	Interment of Ashes
Friday 14th February Feast of St. Cyril, Monk, and St. Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mary Bowditch (CB)	9.45 am - 10.15 am: Adoration and Devotion to the Sacred Heart
Saturday 15th February Feria in Ordinary Time	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Doyle Family RIP (BB)	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions 11.00 am Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing
Sunday 16th February Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Retiring Collection for LIFE	8.30 am Intentions of Brenda Trow (MM) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm John Ryan (DR)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.00 pm:

The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.

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 **Barry Hill** who died recently. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. 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 his family and friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

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. Fr. George would like to meet with all children **not** at St. Joseph's with their parents on Saturday 22nd February at 5.00 pm in the Parish Hall. The Commitment Mass will be at 10.30 am on Sunday 1st March.

ADORATION - WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

There is a Funeral Service at 12 noon on Wednesday 12th February. Brother Patrick will repose the Blessed Sacrament at approximately 11.30 am. After the Funeral Service Adoration will resume at 1.00 pm.

ASHRAY: INDIA VISIT

Due to unforeseen circumstances John and Gina Pilley have had to postpone their trip to the Ashray project in Varanasi India. They will rearrange the trip at a later date and will let you all know when that is planned. Thank you for your continued support of the parish project.

MASS INTENTIONS

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 Tuesday 3rd March.

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. 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 or Cecilia or Max Jourdiier at mandcjourdiier@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.

SACRED HEART 200 CLUB JANUARY 2020 DRAW

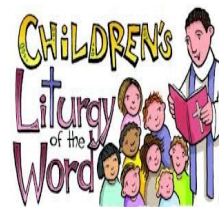
The winners in the January draw are:

1st prize	£75	No. 28	JB
2nd prize	£50	No. 30	JH
3rd prize	£25	No. 60	JB

Number of tickets sold: 174. More members are still required. Please support your parish and buy a ticket. Application forms are on the shelf at the back of church. Thank you.

FAITHJUSTICE

FaithJustice is an exciting new initiative aimed at Catholic young adults. In 2020 there will be events focussed on the Climate Emergency, the Arms Trade, Disability, Migration and other issues of concern. Please visit www.faithjustice.org.uk for further information.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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

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

EVC UGANDA APPEAL

We have received the following message of thanks: "EVC Uganda wishes to thank your Parishioners for their great generosity in raising £2,800.42 in support of our work in providing a real future through education for some of the poorest children in the world".

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

There will be a fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland from Monday 20th April 2020. Please see the poster on the noticeboard for full details.

Main Collection:

£187.97

Gift Aid: £217.52

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 254

**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**

Ecclesiasticus 15: 15-20;

Psalm 118;

1 Corinthians 2: 6-10

Matthew 5: 17-37

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 Foodbank 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. 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 before Friday 14th February.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE

The Thanksgiving Masses for Marriage will take place at 12 noon on Saturday 9th May and Saturday May 16th 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. 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 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