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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
Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18;
Psalm 102;
1 Corinthians 3: 16-23
Matthew 5: 38-48

This Week 23rd February - 1st March (Psalter Week 3)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 23rd February Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Mission Appeal	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MF) 10.30 am Deceased Members from both sides of the Family (BW) 6.00 pm Alan Remedios RIP (KA)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall
Monday 24th February Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Rosamond Conner (CJ)	6.45 pm: Parish Hall Keyholders Meeting
Tuesday 25th February Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Angela Wardle (BB)	
Wednesday 26th February Ash Wednesday	9.15 am For Families Recently Deceased (BB) 7.30 pm Holy Mass	10.00 am - 7.00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 27th February Thursday after Ash Wednesday	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Harry Remedios RIP (KA)	
Friday 28th February Friday after Ash Wednesday	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Barry Hill RIP (BB) 11.30 am Requiem Mass	9.45 am - 10.15 am: Adoration and Devotion to the Sacred Heart
Saturday 29th February Saturday after Ash Wednesday	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Elizabeth Sharkey RIP (CS)	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 1st March First Sunday of Lent Year A Retiring Collection for Cathedral Maintenance	8.30 am Patricia Ceclich RIP (GC) 10.30 am Ralph Arnold RIP (MS) 6.00 pm Bridie Pringle & Family (BB)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Piety Stall in the Hall 10.30 am FHC Commitment Mass 12 Noon Baptism 5.00 pm Stations of the Cross

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: The soul is compassion and love.
6.00 pm: My soul give thanks to the Lord AK 31

PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Please pray for all our parishioners, and/or their friends and relatives, who
are unwell:

Milly Arnold, Mary Arulandhu, Barbara Conway, Eileen Dalton, Delores
Delaney, Frank Fawcett, Alan Francis, Joan Graham, Beryl Hill, Alan Hurst,
John Jennings, Andrew McDermott, Stella McDermott, Jackie McLean,
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 **Ralph Arnold, Christina Whitehouse, Shirley
Hughes & Catherine Mary Copper** who died recently. May their souls and
the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in
peace. Please keep their families and friends in your kind thoughts and
prayers. The Requiem Mass for Shirley Hughes is on Friday 28th February at
11.30 am followed by a cremation at 1.00 pm. The Requiem Mass for
Catherine Mary Copper is on Monday 2nd March at 12 Noon.

MISSION APPEAL

Today the Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver will be here to make an
appeal on behalf of the Sisters Mission Committee of England and Wales.
They will tell us about their missionary work and will be grateful for your
support.

READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - CONTACT LIST

It has been brought to our attention that there are several contact numbers
that are either incorrect or missing. Over the next few weeks the rota
contact sheets will be in the Sacristy. Please could you check whether the
number displayed for you is correct and also sign to confirm that you are
happy for your number to be distributed with the rota. Many thanks. Kate
Dalglish

ASH WEDNESDAY - 26TH FEBRUARY

On Ash Wednesday there will be evening Mass at 7.30 pm. Please note that
due to the evening Mass Adoration will end at 7.00 pm. Sincere thanks to all
those who support Adoration. There will be no Morning Prayer on this day.

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 Wednesday 18th March. Some additional ad hoc dates during 2020 are also already booked.

ONLINE LENT RETREAT 2020

As in 2019, this retreat is being offered throughout the UK through the "Pathways to God" website www.pathwaystoGod.org/lent-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. The next meeting is on Wednesday 4th March from 7.00 until 8.00 pm. 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: LENT 2020

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.

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.

REFUGEE KNITTING & REFUGEE UNDERWEAR

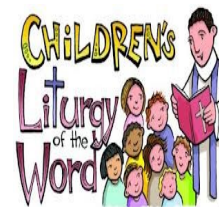
Thank you so very much for the exquisite variety and quantity of knitted items left this month. You have certainly been busy! The people in the camps will treasure them and be so moved by your kindness. Wool and related items are available in the church entrance cupboards to help defray your costs. Another massive thank you for the vast quantity and variety of refugee underwear items donated this month. Your continual support of this vital collection is so appreciated by the organisers as well as the recipients.

SACRED HEART 200 CLUB FEBRUARY 2020 DRAW

The winners in the June draw are:

1st prize	£75	No. 170	MW
2nd prize	£50	No. 2	PL
3rd prize	£25	No. 65	MO

Number of tickets sold: 172. 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.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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

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

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Women's World Day of Prayer service this year comes from the women of Zimbabwe and will be at St. Andrew's Church at 10.30 am. All are welcome, men included. The Sacred Heart Church has always supported this day and will have two readers involved.

Please come.

SACRED HEART PARISH HALL KEYHOLDERS

The next meeting of Hall Keyholders will be on Monday 24th February at 6.45 pm in the Romero Room. After this date no further bookings will be accepted for March.

Main Collection:
£194.91

Gift Aid: £245.70

Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 260

Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.

The retiring collection
for LIFE raised:
£104.97

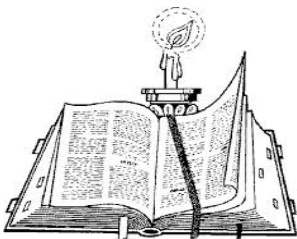
Gift Aid: £106.50

Additional Gift Aid
donation for Racial
Justice £7.00

Thank you for your
generosity.

HMP HEWELL **CHAPLAIN**

HMP Hewell seeks a RC Chaplain, which may be a lay person. For further information please contact 0845 241 5358 or email moj-recruitment-vetting-enquiries@gov.sscl.com. Please quote the job reference 32278.



Next Sunday's Mass
Readings

Genesis 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7;

Psalms 50;

Romans 5: 12-19

Matthew 4: 1-11

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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life is the largest internationally coordinated pro-life mobilization in history. 40 Days for Life Birmingham will be holding their peaceful, prayerful vigil outside BPAS The Robert Clinic, 162 Station Road, King's Norton, B30 1DB from 8.00 am until 8.00 pm every day from Wednesday 26th February until Sunday 5th April. There will be a launch event today at 2.00 pm in the Upper Cloister Room at The Oratory, 141 Hagley Road, Birmingham, B16 8UE. For more information or to book a prayer slot, please contact Isabel on 07773 501721 or izzyvs@gmail.com and/or see the poster on the noticeboard.

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!

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, departing on Monday 20th April 2020. £599.00 per person. Single supp. £100.00. Flight with 10kg bag, 4 nights' Knock House Hotel with breakfast and dinner. All excursions included. Lunches on days out. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages ATOL T7613.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note the following dates in your diaries:

First Holy Communion Commitment Mass

Sunday 1st March at 10.30 am

First Holy Communion Mass

Saturday 13th June at 11.00 am