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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

Genesis 12: 1-4;

Psalm 32;

Timothy 1: 18-20

Matthew 17: 1-9

This Week 8th March - 15th March (Psalter Week 2)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 8th March Second Sunday of Lent Year A Retiring Collection for CAFOD	8.30 am Sara Theresa Newman RIP (GN) 10.30 am Bernadette Violet Duffy RIP (PD) 6.00 pm Gillian Ryan (DR)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall 5.00 pm Stations of the Cross
Monday 9th March Lent Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Tom O'Toole RIP (BB)	
Tuesday 10th March Lent Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Michael O'Grady RIP (CE)	
Wednesday 11th March Lent Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Butson - Halesowen (SD)	10.00 am - 9.00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00 pm: Lent Retreat
Thursday 12th March Lent Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Ken Bourne RIP (NL)	
Friday 13th March Lent Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Gough Family RIP (BB)	9.45 am - 10.15 am: Adoration and Devotion to the Sacred Heart
Saturday 14th March Lent Feria	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Barry Hill RIP (MH)	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 15th March Third Sunday of Lent Year A	8.30 am Mary Hanson RIP (AM) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm Anne Rafferty RIP (I & MM)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall 5.00 pm Stations of the Cross

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30am: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we
place all our hope in you.

6.00 pm: The word of God is more desired than gold; the word
of God is sweeter than honey. Light to our eyes, the
Lord's command is clear; greater than gold the
message of eternal life.

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, Pat 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 & Yurek
Mazgajczyk** 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.

CORONAVIRUS COVID-19

Although there have been no cases in the parish, as a precautionary
measure, the Holy Eucharist will be offered in only one kind and will be
given in hand. Please also refrain from using the physical sign of peace. This
will be the process until further notice. Many thanks for your understanding
and co-operation. Fr. George Mathew SCJ.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The annual Day of Recollection will be on **Saturday 28th March** from
10.00 am until 3.30 pm in the Parish Hall. The guest speaker is Fr. Alex
Rebello. Please remember to bring a packed lunch with you; tea and coffee
will be provided. It is recommended that all Readers and Eucharistic
Ministers attend this without fail. Fr. George Mathew SCJ.

THE SOWER: LENT EDITION

The Lent Edition of the Diocesan publication *The Sower* is available from
the Narthex or online at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/diocesan-magazine>
or via email from the Parish Office.

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 Monday 30th March.

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.

SACRED HEART CHURCH ARCHIVE

Our church is a very important building, not just at the heart of our spiritual and parish life, but also historically and architecturally for us as a parish and for the wider community. For many years David Holden has collected a variety of materials concerning our church and the benefactors, architect, artists and craftsmen who designed and built it. These have now become the foundation and nucleus of our Church Archive which will be kept securely in the Parish Hall. Of course, an archive has to be a living collection. More material was added recently after our celebration of the centenary of the laying of the foundation stone of the church on 25th November 2019, The Feast of St. Catherine of Alexandria. We plan to form a group, The Church Archive Group, which will meet maybe three times per year. During the meetings we will learn more about the church building (David has some fascinating stories!), study original documents and photographs, perhaps undertake little research projects and review further additions to the archive. Some people may want to become involved in giving tours of the church to school parties and other groups who come to visit. Would this be of interest to you? We hope that a few dedicated and enthusiastic people will want to be involved in learning about our history and preserving our heritage for future generations. Please contact David Holden on 01905 775475 to register your interest.

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.

REQUEST FOR HELP

The SVP have a young client who is working to put a home together. He has need of a single wardrobe. Would anyone have such an item that they no longer have use for and would be willing to pass on to someone who does? If you think you can help, speak to any SVP member or contact Kevin Larkin direct on 01905 776122 or at kevin.elizabeth@btinternet.com. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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

Mass:

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

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12th February 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.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY & MOTHERS' DAY

Cards for St. Patrick's Day and Mothers' Day are now available from the card stand in the Narthex.

BROMSGROVE JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP: WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YEMEN?

Please see the poster on the noticeboard for details of the presentation on Tuesday 10th March at 7.30 pm at St. Peter's Community Centre Bromsgrove. All are welcome.

Main Collection:**£259.15****Gift Aid: £247.50****Mass Attendance****Last Sunday: 305****Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.****The retiring collection
for Cathedral****Maintenance raised:
£81.71****Gift Aid: £113.10****Thank you for your
generosity.****ARCHDIOCESE OF
BIRMINGHAM
JOB VACANCY**

Please see the poster
on the noticeboard
for full details of a
Finance Support
Manager role at the
Archdiocese of
Birmingham. The
closing date for
applications is noon
on Monday 9th
March.

**Next Sunday's Mass
Readings***Exodus 17: 3-7;**Psalms 94;**Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8**John 4: 5-42***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.

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 until Sunday 5th April. 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.

CHOIR PRACTICES

There will be choir practices for Holy Week on the following dates, all at 7.00 pm: Tuesday 17th March, Tuesday 24th March & Tuesday 31st March. New members are always welcome if you would like to join us.

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 11th March from 7.00 until 8.00 pm. Any names and contact numbers provided will be kept for the duration of the retreat only and then destroyed.

DIRECTION FOR OUR TIMES

Copies of the six Passiontide Locutions given by Jesus to Anne in 2018 are available at the back of the Church, as they were at this time last year. They are well worth reading and reflecting upon during the Lenten season.

FOODBANK

There is a new wish list from Foodbank on the noticeboard in the Narthex. Any donations can be put in the box in the church porch. Thank you for your continued generosity.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note the following dates in your diaries:

First Holy Communion Mass**Saturday 13th June at 11.00 am**