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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

Exodus 17: 3-7;

Psalms 94;

Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

John 4: 5-42

This Week 15th March - 22nd March (Psalter Week 3)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
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
Monday 16th March Lent Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Wyn & Finn Fielding RIP (BB)	7.00 pm: SVP Meeting
Tuesday 17th March Feast of St. Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Private Intention (I & MM)	7.00 pm: Choir Practice
Wednesday 18th March Lent Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Teresa Wunderlick (GC)	10.00 am - 9.00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00 pm: Lent Retreat
Thursday 19th March Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Private Intention (SM)	
Friday 20th March Lent Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Maurice Ferriter (MS)	9.45 am - 10.15 am: Adoration and Devotion to the Sacred Heart
Saturday 21st March Lent Feria	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Colum MacCourt (P & AC)	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 22nd March Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A Retiring Collection for the SVP	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MF) 10.30 am Bernadette Violet Duffy RIP (PD) 6.00 pm Marian Button (MS)	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 & 6.00 pm:

**O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden
not your hearts' (52 Laudate)**

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 Dalgleish. 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, Pat Smith, Catherine Concannon &
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. There will be no Masses with the
Sacrament of Anointing 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.

PASSION PLAY

In 1986/87 Churches in Droitwich joined together to sing, putting on a
number of shows. On the 11th April 1987 a Passion Play was performed in
and around Droitwich, starting in St. Andrew's Square for the entrance into
Jerusalem, then behind the Health Centre for the Last Supper, St Andrew's
Church Garden for the Agony in the Garden and finally in Vines Park for the
Crucifixion and Resurrection. On Friday 27th March at 7.00 pm in the
Church Hall we are showing a copy of the recording on a large screen. Come
and see faces you may remember from the past. The film lasts for one and a
quarter hours, followed by tea and biscuits.

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 Friday 17th April.

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

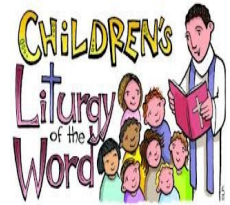
Our church is a very important building, not just at the heart of our spiritual and parish life, but also historically and architecturally for us as a parish and for the wider community. For many years David Holden has collected a variety of materials concerning our church and the benefactors, architect, 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:

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

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.

FHC CLASSES - PARISH CHILDREN

For children not at Catholic schools, the FHC Preparation Classes will begin on Saturday 21st March at 10.00 am.

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.

REFUGEE KNITTING & REFUGEE UNDERWEAR

Main Collection:

£267.53

Gift Aid: £117.57

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 270

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**The retiring collection
for CAFOD raised:**

£397.93

**Thank you for your
generosity.**

NEWMAN

ASSOCIATION - WORCESTER CIRCLE

The next meeting is on Thursday 26th March at 7.30 pm at St. George's Parish Hall, Worcester. The Anglican Bishop of Worcester, John Inge will speak on the topic *Canterbury and Rome*. All are welcome; the charge for non-members is £3.00.



Next Sunday's Mass Readings

*1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-7,
10-13;*

Psalms 22;

Ephesians 5: 8-14;

John 9: 1-41

Once again thank you so very much for the wonderful selection of knitted items donated this month. Please avail yourselves to the wool and related items in the church porch cupboards to help defray your costs. Donations of the same are most welcome. A massive thank you for the quantity and variety of underwear received this month. Thank you so very much for your continual support of these collections. The need at present is sadly more urgent than ever with the current numbers of displaced people. Your donations are taken to People in Motion to be dispatched to the camps if you wish to read about the organisation see their website <https://www.people-in-motion.co.uk> where other larger local collection points are also listed. The next collection is on Saturday 4th April.

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 18th 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