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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

Joshua 5: 9-12;
Psalm 33;
2 Corinthians 5: 17-21;
Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

This Week 31st March - 7th April (Psalter Week 4)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 31st March Fourth Sunday of Lent Year C Retiring collection for the SVP	8.30 am George McClenaghan RIP (MM) 10.30 am Kevin Blackwell RIP (NB) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall 5.00 pm: Stations of the Cross
Monday 1st April Lent feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	10.00 am: FHC Reconciliation 12.30 pm - 2.00 pm: Community Meal 7.00pm: SVP Meeting
Tuesday 2nd April Lent feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Nicolasa Clarete RIP (CC)	
Wednesday 3rd April Lent feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	10.00 pm - 9.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00 pm: Lent Retreat
Thursday 4th April Lent feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	
Friday 5th April Lent feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Betchie & Borja Nava RIP (CC)	10.00 am: Church Tour (Private Group) 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm: Adoration and Devotion to the Sacred Heart
Saturday 6th April Lent feria	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Holy Mass	10.00 am - 4.00 pm Day of Recollection for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers 11.30 am: FHC preparation (Parish Children)
Sunday 7th April Fifth Sunday of Lent Year C Retiring collection for the Cyclone Idai Emergency Appeal	8.30 am Margaret, Margherita and Bobby McCool (JA) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm Holy Mass	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Traidcraft Stall Available 5.00 pm: Stations of the Cross

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REPRESENTATIVES**

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

6.00 pm: I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise always on
my lips. In the Lord my soul shall make its boast; the
humble shall hear and be glad. AK 17.

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, Patrick Cussen,
Eileen Dalton, Delores Delaney, Bernadette Duffy, Alan Francis, Beryl Hill,
Alan Hurst, John Jennings, Rosemarie Preece, Michael Sheridan, Aidan
Skinner, Jacky Smith, Breda Wightman, Mark Wightman, Richard Wightman
& Brigid Yates.

**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.**

SECOND COLLECTION

Today there will be an appeal and collection for the SVP. Please give
generously to this collection and help support the work of our SVP in the
local area. Thank you.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Your prayers are asked for **David Veale** who died recently. May his soul and
the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in
peace. His Requiem Mass is on Thursday 11th April at 11.30 am with the
Reception of his Body at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 10th April. The Requiem
Mass will be followed by a Cremation at Worcester Crematorium at
1.00 pm. Please also remember his family members and friends in your kind
thoughts and prayers.

DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART

Do you want to devote an hour with the Sacred Heart of Jesus? Here is an
occasion as we are preparing for the Centenary celebration we have an
opportunity to deepen our devotion to the Sacred Heart. On every Friday
from 7.00 pm until 8.00 pm we have Devotion to the Sacred Heart with
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Please come along with your family
and friends to experience the blessings of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

DISASTERS EMERGENCY COMMITTEE/CAFOD:

CYCLONE IDAI EMERGENCY APPEAL

A cyclone swept through Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe, leaving
behind a trail of destruction. Hundreds have been killed and millions are
affected. Houses, roads and bridges have been ripped apart and agricultural
land is completely submerged. The UN predicts that this may become one
of the worst weather-related disasters on record in the southern
hemisphere. There will be a retiring collection for the Cyclone Idai
Emergency Appeal on Sunday 7th April. Please support this appeal and pray
for those affected. If you wish to donate online then the websites are
www.dec.org.uk or www.cafod.org.uk.



MOTHERING SUNDAY

We would like to wish all mothers a Happy Mother's Day. We hope you enjoy your special day.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: LENT 2019 - NEW START TIME

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

After many years in the role, Shelagh Young is stepping down as leader of the Children's Liturgy groups. We would like to thank Shelagh for leading the Children's Liturgy Groups and her dedication to the young people in our parish. If anyone is interested in taking over this role, please contact Fr. George SCJ.

CHOIR PRACTICES FOR HOLY WEEK

Choir practices for Holy week are on the following dates: Tuesday 9th April and Tuesday 16th April, both at 7.00 pm. New members are always welcome if you would like to join us.

LENT RETREAT 2019

Please keep in your prayers the Jesuit online Lent Retreat that is now taking place. The next meeting is on Wednesday 3rd April at 7.00 pm in the Parish Hall.

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

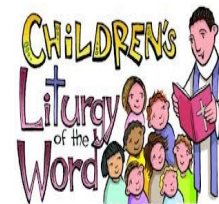
As in previous years we will need volunteers to assist with the Holy Week Liturgies, most notably to assist with: Watching between the Mass of the Lord's Supper and Midnight on Holy Thursday, Celebration of the Washing of the Feet at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, Reading of Scriptures on Holy Thursday, Passion Readings on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, Reading of Scriptures at the Easter Vigil and to assist with distribution of Holy Communion on Holy Thursday, at the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday. Sets of clipboards for signing-up of volunteers have been placed at the back of the Church. Thanks in advance for your generosity of time and spirit. When you are arriving and leaving before the Blessed Sacrament during this Watching period you should, **if possible, do so by adoring the Blessed Sacrament on both knees. Please remain silent until you reach the car park.** Thank you.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - NEW DATE

The annual Day of Recollection will be on **Saturday 6th April** from 10.00 am until 4.00 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. RSVP to Fr. George SCJ by **Wednesday 3rd April**.

SACRED HEART LADIES GROUP: WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL

Once again it's time for one of the favourite items on our Programme, which of course involves food!! This year we are off to the Holt Fleet Hotel, Ombersley, to enjoy a lovely lunch with no washing up involved! Can members please be there around 12 noon for 12.30 pm start. This is always a lovely social occasion with lots of time to chat and catch up with each other.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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

31st March,
& 7th April.

ALTAR SERVERS

Would all servers be aware that we would like you to ensure that your cassocks and cottas are washed before Easter. They are all easy-care and can be machine-washed.

TRAI DCRAFT

Easter cards and Easter eggs are now available from the Traidcraft stall.

NEW GIFT AID ENVELOPES FOR THE 2019-2020 TAX YEAR

The new envelopes are ready for collection in the Narthex, please can those who use the envelopes pick up their box when leaving church.

Main Collection:**£264.90****Gift Aid: £202.00****Mass Attendance****Last Sunday: 254**

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

FOODBANK

The March wish list from Foodbank is on the noticeboard. Items can be placed in the box at the entrance to church. Thank you for your generosity.

**ARCHDIOCESE OF
BIRMINGHAM
NEWSLETTER**

There are two copies of the latest newsletter from the Archdiocese at the back of church.

DROITWICH SVP

Sacred Heart SVP can be contacted on 0777 292 7535 or at droitwichsvp@gmail.com.

**Next Sunday's Mass****Readings***Isaiah 43: 16-21;**Psalms 125;**Philippians 3: 8-14;**John 8: 1-11***REFUGEE ITEMS**

Thank you for the items left this month, which were forwarded to the organisers last Saturday. The next collection will be on Saturday 6th April. Unfortunately there will be no May collection, but there will be one on Saturday 1st June. Thank you all once again for your wonderful support of this project.

EASTER SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

The newsletter for Easter Sunday will be printed on Wednesday 17th April. The deadline for receipt of items for the Easter Sunday newsletter is 2.00 pm on Tuesday 16th April. Please note that at all other times the deadline for receipt of items for the newsletter is 12 noon on Wednesdays. Many thanks.

DIRECTION FOR OUR TIMES

You are invited to read and meditate upon the locutions for Passiontide given to Anne, A Lay Apostle. Copies are available at the back of the church. Any enquiries to Iain and Marie Martin on 01905 798130.

CHURCHES TOGETHER GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS - 19TH APRIL

This Annual event will start with a short Service at the Sacred Heart Church at 10.15 am. We will walk down the Worcester Rd, KEEPING TO THE PAVEMENT AT ALL TIMES, through the underpass, down St Andrew's Street, up through the Precinct and into Victoria Square for the Service at about 11.00 am. For the last few years the Good Friday Walk of Witness has been guided by volunteer marshals from all the Churches. We are again requesting volunteers to marshal the walk. If you wish to help in this way please contact Penny Gilfeather 01905 772215. Everyone is welcome to join the Walk, either at the Sacred Heart or in the Square.

SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY 11TH MAY

March for Life UK is happening in London. Join thousands of other pro-lifers in creating awareness of the hurt and damage abortion causes and helping to promote a culture of life. Inside festival (LifeFest19) from 9.30 am until 1.30 pm. Booking is required. March starts at 2.00 pm (no booking required). For more information please see the poster on the noticeboard or go to marchforlife.co.uk or call 07773 501721/07885 505116.

FHC CLASSES - PARISH CHILDREN

The next preparation class for the Parish FHC Group is on Saturday 6th April at 11.30 am. Please note that it is now too late to join this group to receive the Sacrament on Saturday 22nd June 2019. Preparation has been ongoing for a number of weeks and the Commitment Mass has already taken place. If your child is in Year 3 or above and not at a Catholic school you can put their name down to receive their First Holy Communion in 2020 by emailing sacredheartdroitwich@hotmail.co.uk.

SAVE THE DATE

Please note the following date in your diaries:

Friday 28th June 2019

Parish Centenary Celebrations begin