

### 'Homage to Ravenna'

Midland Catholic History Society

Visit to church of the Sacred Heart and St Catherine, Droitwich

Wednesday 2 July 1.30 – 4.00 p.m.

This remarkable church is included in Elena Curti's recent *Fifty Catholic Churches To See Before You Die*. If you have never visited the church you would be well advised to respond to Ms. Curti's suggestion. If you have visited before you might like to take advantage of this opportunity to spend more time at the church and to hear a talk from a knowledgeable guide.



*'The vision of a local man and the skills of those who helped him to realise it lie behind this church's stunning mosaics. Walter Loveridge Hodgkinson wanted to build a basilica church like those he had seen in the ancient Italian city of Ravenna. And like those churches he wanted it to be decorated with mosaics. The architect, Frank Barry Peacock of Birmingham, and the artist, Gabriel Pippet from Solihull visited Ravenna and in particular the church of Sant' Apollinare. Peacock used brown brick, closely following the ancient basilica with a campanile. Once the building was complete it was a blank canvas for Pippet who spent decades designing mosaics.'*

(Taken from *Fifty Catholic Churches to See Before you Die*, Elena Curti)

Booking form and contact details attached