



## SACRED HEART & ST CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

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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**  
*Ecclesiasticus 35: 12-14,  
16-19;*  
*Psalm 32;*  
*2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18*  
*Luke 18: 9-14*

<b>This Week</b> <b>23rd October – 30th October</b> <b>(Psalter Week 2)</b>	<b>Holy Mass &amp; Services</b>	<b>Other Events</b>
<b>Sunday 23rd October</b> <b>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Year C</b> Retiring Collection for World Mission Sunday	8.30 am Patrick & Nessa Cruise RIP (ER) 10.30 am Dmytro Major (A & PC) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Piety Stall and Traidcraft unavailable. 12 Noon: Baptism
<b>Monday 24th October</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Holy Mass	6.45 pm: Keyholders Meeting
<b>Tuesday 25th October</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Holy Mass	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm: The Big Picture
<b>Wednesday 26th October</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Holy Mass	<b>10.00 am - 9.00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
<b>Thursday 27th October</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Holy Mass	
<b>Friday 28th October</b> Feast of Ss. Simon & Jude, Apostles	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Margaret Harding (MM)	
<b>Saturday 29th October</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>10.30 am Holy Rosary</b> 11.00 am Alek Markowski RIP	<b>10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions</b>
<b>Sunday 30th October</b> <b>Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Year C</b>	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MF) 10.30 am Michael Brookes RIP (MM) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea, Piety and Traidcraft Stalls in the Hall

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## **SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES**

Gerry Ceclich

Cynthia Sharkey

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**8.30 am:** This poor man called; the Lord heard him.

**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.

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## **PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS**

Ralph & Milly Arnold, Mary Arulandhu, Christopher and Mary Campbell-Johnston, Barbara Conway, Tia Cunningham, Bernadette Violet Duffy, Alan Francis, Natasha Hake, Louise Hill, Marie Hopkins, Julia Howles, Alan Hurst, Michael James, Mike Jennings, Billy Lydon, Eileen Kilminster, Mae McGregor, Jackie McLean, Rob O'Sullivan, Liz Prakash, John Price, Barbara Quigley, James Regan, Bob Shuck, Jacky Smith, Anne & Philip Smith, Pat Smith, Ann Turton, Jim Tustain, Mary Wallace, Mark Wightman, Sr. Lelia Wright, Brigid Yates and Fr. Tom's sisters (Bridgie & Maura).

## **BAPTISM**

We welcome into our parish family and into the Universal Church **Mollie Ella Blake**, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism today. Please keep her and her parents in your kind thoughts and prayers.

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## **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - 23RD OCTOBER 2016**

Today the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. Your prayers and donations today will support the work of missionaries, like those in Rwanda, as they share God's mercy and love with those who are suffering. The World Mission Sunday collection will support mission projects worldwide that bring God's love and the Gospel message of dignity for all. Please give what you can and, if possible, please use the Gift Aid envelopes if you are a taxpayer. Thank you.

## **ALEK MARKOWSKI RIP - MEMORIAL MASS**

A Memorial Mass to celebrate the life of Alojzy Markowski will be held at the Sacred Heart Church on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 11am. At Alek's request there will be refreshments for you in the hall after Mass. All are welcome.

## **HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES**

Fr. Vincent will be away from Wednesday 2nd November until Tuesday 22nd November to attend the Regional Chapter meeting of the Sacred Heart Order. In his absence there will be Holy Communion Services on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Are any Eucharistic Ministers willing to lead these Holy Communion Services? If you are able to help, please forward your name, dates that you are available and contact details to Kate Dalglish, either via email to sacredheartdroitwich@hotmail.co.uk or on 01905 773258. A rota will then be arranged. Many thanks.

## **JOURNEY IN FAITH: THE BIG PICTURE**

*The Big Picture* has started and will continue every Tuesday evening, at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall.

## 2017 PARISH DIARIES

The 2017 Parish Diaries have arrived and are available to collect from the Narthex. The diaries are free, but any donations would be much appreciated.

### SVP

The Parish SVP are most grateful for your donation of £524.32 in last week's collection. This may increase by a further £10. SVP members are much encouraged by your support; rest assured your donations will be put to good use in and around Droitwich. Thankyou.

### SACRED HEART PARISH HALL KEYHOLDERS

The next meeting of Hall Keyholders will be on Monday 24th October at 6.45 pm in the Romero Room. Please note that after this date no further bookings will be accepted for November.

### SYRIAN REFUGEES - CLOTHING APPEAL

The Bromsgrove and Redditch Welcome Refugees Group have been told there is a desperate shortage of new underwear in the Syrian Refugee Camps. If anyone would like to buy pants for adults or children to help alleviate this situation, a box is available at the back of the church for any donations. Items need to be collected by Friday 4th November for shipment. Many thanks in anticipation of your continual kindness.

### WEDNESDAY ADORATION

This November the weekly Wednesday Adoration will, by God's grace, have reached 5 years. This is also as a result of the very loyal and dedicated pledged adorers and visitors. Heartfelt thanks for all your support and prayers. God shows this tremendous love in being present among us in the small consecrated Host in the monstrance. It would be fitting if this devotion could continue in the Parish. We do struggle to have people visit the Lady Chapel at certain times and particularly in the afternoon. If anyone would be interested in pledging to join the Adoration rota or go on a reserve list to visit, please contact Catherine Ingram on 01905 778053. All are welcome to visit the Chapel at any time from 10.00 am until 9.00 pm. Thank you.

### 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1967 ABORTION ACT

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children and the Union of Catholic Mothers are working to commemorate the lives of unborn children lost by abortion since the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act. At all Masses on Sunday 22nd October, you will be invited to complete a postcard asking your MP to act to protect unborn babies. Please support this initiative which gives us an opportunity to make our voices heard on behalf of unborn children.

### PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR - SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER AT 12 NOON

Raffle tickets are now on sale. This is by far the biggest earner of the event, so please take and sell as many as you can to make the event a financial success. If you are able to contribute raffle prizes or are willing to volunteer to be a stallholder or help set up/clear away please contact Mike or Joan Sherrard on 01905 779350 or email msherrard151mjs@yahoo.com. You can help make it a social success by being there on the day and meeting parishioners you know and those who attend other Masses!

### JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY PRAYER

*Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us to  
be merciful like the  
heavenly Father and  
have told us that  
whoever sees you,  
sees Him.*

*Lord Jesus Christ,  
you are the visible  
face of the invisible  
Father, of the God  
who manifests his  
power above all by  
forgiveness and  
mercy: let the Church  
be your visible face in  
the world.*

*Send your spirit so  
that the Jubilee of  
Mercy may be a year  
of grace from the  
Lord and your Church,  
with renewed  
enthusiasm, may  
bring good news to  
the poor, proclaim  
liberty to captives  
and the oppressed,  
and restore sight to  
the blind.*

*We ask this through  
the intercession of  
Mary, Mother of  
Mercy. You live and  
reign with the Father  
and the Holy Spirit  
forever and ever.*

### **Main Collection:**

**£234.00**

**Gift Aid: £246.50**

**Mass Attendance**

**Last Sunday: 308**

**Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.**

**Last week's retiring  
collection for  
the SVP raised:  
£524.32**

**Thank you for your  
generosity.**

### **TARANTARA CHOIR**

The Tarantara Choir will be singing a selection of songs on Saturday 19th November at 8.00 pm at St. George's Catholic Church Hall. Tickets are £10.00, under 16 years are free and you can pay on the door. The proceeds will go to Friends of the Holy Land and Parishes for Peace to support Christians in the Holy Land and Iraqi Christian Refugees in Jordan.



### **Next Sunday's Mass Readings**

*Wisdom 11: 22 - 12: 2;*

*Psalms 144;*

*2 Thessalonians 1: 11 -  
2: 2*

*Luke 19: 1-10*

### **GOING INTO HOSPITAL**

Please do let the parish priest know if you are going into hospital. Furthermore, it is ESSENTIAL that you ask for the Catholic chaplain when in hospital. Chaplains are no longer automatically given the names of Catholic patients. Many health care providers (e.g. Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Mental Health Units) apportion resources for chaplaincy in line with how many requests are made, so you are actually doing the Church a favour by requesting the chaplaincy and sacraments whilst in hospital.

### **FOODBANK**

The response to the recent wish list has been great. A new list of items is on the noticeboard and there is a collection box in the entrance to church if you would like to donate any items. Thank you for your generosity.

### **JOHN HENRY NEWMAN: A SAINT FOR THE MIDLANDS**

*Meeting Newman* is a unique event being held in the Archdiocese of Birmingham. For one date only Newman University, Oscott College and the Maryvale Institute will be dedicated to hosting a speaker-led event, deepening your knowledge and awareness of this remarkable man's life, loves and inspirations. For a full experience of what this exhibition has to offer try and attend each speaker-led event, but if you can only manage one you won't be disappointed. Admission is free. Please see the poster on the noticeboard for details for further details and/or visit [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk).

### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

40 Days for Life Birmingham will be holding their next campaign from 8.00 am until 8.00 pm every day until Sunday 6th November outside Marie Stopes abortion clinic, 4 Arthur Road, Edgbaston, B15 2UL. Please contact Isabel Vaughan-Spice on 07773 501921 or [izzyvs@gmail.com](mailto:izzyvs@gmail.com) if you are planning to attend. For further details please see the poster and flyers at the back of church.

### **ST. RICHARD'S HOSPICE - LIGHTS OF LOVE SERVICE**

Once again this year within Churches Together we are hosting a special ecumenical service, Lights of Love, dedicated to those who have died and gone to rest with the Lord. Everyone in our parish who has lost a loved one is welcome to dedicate a light of love on Tuesday 22nd November at 6.00 pm. Refreshments will be available afterwards in our parish hall. This is one of many Lights of Love services across Worcestershire, please check the noticeboard for detail of the others. These services are free to attend and open to everyone. St. Richard's Hospice provides free specialist palliative care for patients living with life-limiting illnesses and supports their families. Each year the hospice team supports over 2,500 patients and family members in Worcestershire with compassion, kindness, dignity and respect. St. Richard's Hospice is an independent charity and is grateful for all donations to help it to continue its work. Please see the flyers at the back of church for details of forthcoming fundraising events in aid of St. Richard's Hospice.