



## 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

*2 Samuel 5: 1-3;*

*Psalms 121;*

*Colossians 1: 12-20*

*Luke 23: 35-43*

<b>This Week</b> <b>20th November – 27th November</b> <b>(Psalter Week 2)</b>	<b>Holy Mass &amp; Services</b>	<b>Other Events</b>
<b>Sunday 20th November</b> <b>Solemnity of Christ the King</b> <b>Year C</b> Retiring Collection for Catholic Youth Services	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MF) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm Holy Mass	After all Masses: Tea, coffee & cake in the Parish Hall Piety Stall and Traidcraft unavailable. 10.30 am: Children Leading Mass
<b>Monday 21st November</b> Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> <b>9.15 am Holy Communion Service</b>	
<b>Tuesday 22nd November</b> Memorial of St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Maureen Powles RIP (AM)	6.00 pm: Lights of Love Service, followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall.
<b>Wednesday 23rd November</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 24th November</b> Memorial of St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Holy Mass	
<b>Friday 25th November</b> Memorial of St. Catherine of Alexandria	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Deceased members of the Dargan Family (MB)	
<b>Saturday 26th November</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>10.30 am Holy Rosary</b> 11.00 am Thanksgiving - 5 years of Wednesday Adoration	<b>10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions</b>
<b>Sunday 27th November</b> <b>First Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Year A</b>	8.30 am Moira & Fred Dollin (FB) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm Toby Burke RIP (MB)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea, Piety and Traidcraft Stalls in the Hall 12 Noon: Baptism

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

8.30 am & 10.30 am: I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house".

6.00 pm: I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us follow the path to the house of the Lord. I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us follow the path to the mountain of God.

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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, Paul Harding, 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).

**RECENT DEAD**

Your prayers are asked for **Maureen Powles** who died recently. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. The funeral service will be on Monday 28th November at 11.30 am at Worcester Crematorium. Please also remember her family members and friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

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**NOVEMBER : MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS**

In November we remember and pray especially for those who have died. At the back of church there are "In Remembrance" sheets. If you would like to remember in this special way loved ones who have died, write down their names, place the sheet in one of the envelopes provided and put it in the Holy Souls Box (**do not put any money in the envelope**). The Holy Souls Box will be placed near the altar at each Mass in November. It is a good time to offer the sacrifice of Mass for a loved one in November and also someone you know who is in need or close to you. There are Mass Intention Request envelopes available in the Narthex if you wish to have Mass offered for deceased relatives and friends.

**THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**

**8TH DECEMBER 2015 - 20TH NOVEMBER 2016**

On the insert in the newsletter there is an amended version of the Year of Mercy prayer. This will be said at all Masses today after Holy Communion. To mark the end of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, today there will be tea, coffee and cake after all Masses. Please join us to mark the end of this special year with your fellow parishioners.

**NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY - 20TH NOVEMBER 2016**

Today is National Youth Sunday and the children will be leading the 10.30 am Mass. There will also be a retiring collection for Catholic Youth Services. The Kenelm Youth Trust has been established by the Archdiocese of Birmingham to oversee and bring together the wide variety of youth work that is undertaken in various settings throughout the Archdiocese. Please support the work of the KYT, our Diocesan Youth Service in the<sup>2</sup>retiring collection. There are posters and flyers at the back of church with details of KYT events.

## 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](mailto: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!

### FATHER VINCENT

Father Vincent is away until Tuesday 22nd November to attend the Regional Chapter meeting of the Sacred Heart Order. During this period there will be Holy Communion Services on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. In Father Vincent's absence please speak to Father Brian Boyle for any spiritual matters. For anything else, including Mass Intentions, please contact Kate Dalglish at [sacredheartdroitwich@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sacredheartdroitwich@hotmail.co.uk) or on 01905 773258.

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### FLOWER GROUP APPEAL

The Sacred Heart Flower group would like to welcome new members. Do you want to arrange lovely flowers to be displayed in our beautiful church? The parish has a small budget to pay for the flowers so it costs you nothing and you get the opportunity to arrange several times a year and to join in with group sessions at Christmas and Easter. You can be a beginner or experienced flower arranger: we can accommodate all levels of enthusiasm. We sometimes work on our own or with a friend from the group. We will be producing the rota for next year in the next few weeks so if you are interested in joining our group please contact the parish office, Father Vincent or Kate Dalglish on 01905 773258. We look forward to hearing from you.

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### SVP: THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Giving tree will be in the side chapel from 27<sup>th</sup> November. For parishioners who are new to our parish the idea is to take an angel from the tree, purchase a present suitable for a child whose details are given on the angel and return it wrapped in suitable paper with the angel attached. There are additional angels in the box by the tree. The last date for bringing the presents to church is Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup>. The presents will be distributed mainly to Father Hudson homes and some to families supported by St Vincent de Paul Society locally. **Thank you for supporting this annual appeal.**

### MISSION - RED BOXES

It's the last collection for 2016, so I would be grateful if you could kindly bring in your boxes to Church at your convenience until the end of November. If you are not able to bring your box to church please contact Maria on 07525 087415 or at [goretticruz@msn.com](mailto:goretticruz@msn.com); she will be delighted to collect it from your home. The number of "box holders" has been declining for the last couple of years. There is now an urgent need for more parishioners to help this wonderful cause. Please contact Maria or Father Vincent if you would like to become a "Red Box Holder". For all our parishioners that contribute so sincerely on a regular basis I, on behalf of Missio's Association for the Propagation of the Faith (APF), would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your prayers, generosity and continuing support which brings faith and hope to where they are most needed.

### READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

There is a new rota available for the period from Sunday 11th December 2016 until Sunday 1st January 2017 that has been distributed via email. If you require a paper copy or if there are any problems please contact Kate Dalglish. If you are unable to take your turn on the rota, please arrange to swap with someone else. Many thanks.

### CONFIRMATION MASS: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Confirmation Mass is on Friday 9th December at 7.00 pm.

Would any parishioners be willing to help by serving tea and coffee in the Parish Hall after the Mass? If you are able to help, please contact Kate Dalglish on 01905 773258.

### SYRIAN REFUGEES UNDERWEAR APPEAL

Thank you to all who contributed to this appeal, your response as usual was magnificent and so heart warming. If anyone missed the appeal items can also be sent along with the monthly knitting collection, as the need is so desperate.

**Main Collection:**

**£260.41**

**Gift Aid: £242.50**

**Mass Attendance**

**Last Sunday: 300**

**Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.**

**Additional gift aid  
donation for the  
Johnson**

**Association: £2.00**

**Thank you for your  
generosity.**

### **CLOSING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**

'May the balm of  
mercy reach everyone,  
both believers and  
those far away, as a  
sign that the Kingdom  
of God is already  
present in our midst!'

*- Pope Francis*



**Next Sunday's Mass  
Readings**

*Isaiah 2: 1-5;*

*Psalms 121;*

*Romans 13: 11-14*

*Matthew 24: 37 - 44*

The new parish website is now up, alive – and kicking! You can find it at [www.sacredheartdroitwich.org.uk](http://www.sacredheartdroitwich.org.uk). You will recognise some features from the old website and many new ones. For example newsletters/bulletins are now on the website, events are listed – so please feed in to us anything you are planning. If you can think of any improvements, additions or updates, please feed them in to the Webmaster, Fr Vincent or the Parish Secretary (follow "Links"). The intention is to try and keep the site alive and fresh, so your input on updates is needed.

### **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.

### **FOODBANK - NEW WISH LIST AND APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS**

A new wish list is on the noticeboard. Please note the deadline of Friday 2nd December for any items that are Christmas specific. There is a collection box in the entrance to church if you would like to donate any items. Thank you for your generosity. Since the Foodbank began work in 2014, they have been relying on the help given by their team of Volunteers. While the number of clients has grown, the number of volunteers no longer matches the need and they would welcome more volunteers. Can you spare 3 hours once or twice a month to help? For further details and an application form, please see the letter on the noticeboard at the back of church.

### **CHARITY KNITTING**

Many thanks for the beautiful items donated this month, they will be so gratefully received by the children and adults in the camps particularly with the onset of winter. Wool, knitting needles, patterns and some buttons are available in the porch to defray costs. Donations of the same can be deposited there. The next collection will be on Friday 2nd December. If anyone would like to help, please knit anything you feel will help the refugees stave off the cold. Again thank you so much for the care and thought which has gone into the exquisite items knitted.

### **ORDER OF MALTA - LOURDES PILGRIMAGE**

The Order of Malta will be holding their one week pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady in Lourdes from Friday 5th May 2017 until Thursday 11th May 2017. For further details, please see the poster on the noticeboard and/or contact Duncan McKechnie at [secretarytohospitalpilgrims@gmail.com](mailto:secretarytohospitalpilgrims@gmail.com) or on 07990 594441.