



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

Isaiah 11: 1-10;

Psalms 71;

Romans 15: 4-9

Matthew 3: 1 - 12

This Week 4th December – 11th December (Psalter Week 2)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 4th December Second Sunday of Advent Year A Retiring Collection for the Poor Parishes	8.30 am Deceased members of the Larkin & McNeil families (K & EL) 10.30 am The Lansley Family (P & KG) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea, Traidcraft Stall in the Hall. Piety Stall unavailable.
Monday 5th December Feast of St. Birinus, Bishop	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Bernard Green RIP (RB)	1.15pm - 2.30 pm: St. Joseph's Carol Concert Rehearsal in Church
Tuesday 6th December Advent Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	
Wednesday 7th December Memorial of St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Marie Keegan RIP (TG)	10.00 am - 9.00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 8th December Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Geof Hill (BH)	
Friday 9th December Advent Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	7.00 pm: Confirmation Mass
Saturday 10th December Advent Feria	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Ints. of Colum MacCourt (MR)	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 11th December Third Sunday of Advent Year A Retiring Collection for Father Hudson's Society	8.30 am Patricia & Christopher (Jim) Simpson (SR) 10.30 am Dorothy Garfield RIP (CL) 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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Cynthia Sharkey

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: In his days justice shall flourish and
peace until the moon fails.
6.00 pm: In his days justice will flourish. Peace will reign 'til
the moon fades. May His name be blessed forever
and endure like the noon-day sun.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Ralph & Milly Arnold, Mary Arulandhu, Christopher and Mary Campbell-
Johnston, Barbara Conway, Jonathan Cunningham, 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, Sarah Trueman, Ann
Turton, Jim Tustain, Mary Wallace, Mark Wightman, Brigid Yates and Fr.
Tom's sisters (Bridgie & Maura).

CONFIRMATION MASS

Bishop Robert Byrne, Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham, will confirm 33 young
people in our parish on Friday 9th December 2016 at 7.00 pm. Please
remember them in your thoughts and prayers so that the Holy Spirit may
dwell in the hearts of our young people and their families and may they be
strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Advent Penitential Service here at the Sacred Heart will take place in
the evening on Tuesday 20th December 2016. The time will be confirmed in
due course.

SVP: THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Giving tree is now in the side chapel. 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 11th. 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.**

FATHER HUDSON'S SOCIETY

On Sunday 11th December the Second Collection will be for Father
Hudson's Society. Father Hudson's is the social care agency of the
Archdiocese, reaching out to support vulnerable people, young and old.
Father Hudson's care is not standing still, but changing to meet the needs of
the people in the Archdiocese. For more information on what the charity
does and whom it helps, or to donate online, visit
www.fatherhudsons.org.uk. Please give generously to this worthy cause.
Gift Aid envelopes will be available on the pews for you to take away today
and return next week. Many thanks.

MIDNIGHT MASS, ST. CHAD'S CATHEDRAL

The BBC are broadcasting this year's Christmas Midnight Mass from St.
Chad's Cathedral. Some of our sick and housebound parishioners may
appreciate being able to record and/or view this broadcast.

WEDNESDAY ADORATION

Please note that over the Christmas break there will be no Adoration in the Lady Chapel for three weeks: Wednesday 21st December, Wednesday 28th December and Wednesday 4th January. Adoration will resume on Wednesday 11th January 2017. Many thanks for your support and prayers. Catherine Ingram.

CHURCH CLEANING

Rotas for the New Year are at the back of Church. Please could all Cleaning Groups come along on Monday 19th December at 9.45 am, after Mass, to give the church a good clean for Christmas. Thank you for your continued help. We are always in need of further volunteers to join us. If you are interested, please contact Pat Webb on 01905 455702.

CHRISTMAS ITEMS ON THE TRADCRAFT STALL

The Traidcraft stall is open after Mass this morning. As a change from routine, the stall will be open on consecutive Sundays: Sunday 4th December and Sunday 11th December. We have a terrific range of Christmas cards this year: colourful, reasonable prices, nearly all Christian. There are also Advent Calendars, with or without chocolate, many food and gift items you may not have seen before and catalogues for you to browse. Remember that there are no postal charges when ordering from the stall.

KENELM YOUTH TRUST

There are two free places available for the Youth Ministry Conference with Archbishop Bernard Longley and David Wells at Alton Castle on 25th March 2017. This conference is aimed at youth ministers, deacons, priests and young adults. In addition there is also one free place available for the Adrenaline NCS Leadership Programme for 6th Formers at Soli this December. If any of our young adults are interested in going to either, please speak to Father Vincent. There is a card with more details of the Adrenaline programme on the noticeboard at the back of church.

ADVENT JOURNEY

The "Walk with Me" booklet and calendar for the Advent journey are now available at the back of the church. This booklet is to help focus on our relationship with God and with people during Advent. Please consider taking a copy home to help prepare for Christmas. These are free but donations would be gratefully received and given to the Missions in India. Thank you.

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

The Advent meeting of the Justice and Peace Group will be on Wednesday 7th December at 7.00 pm at 10 The Larches, Worcester Road. Please note the change of time and venue. We will discuss how to promote Laudate Si/Live Simply within the Parish, and look at Advent through the pages of Walk with Me booklet. This meeting is open to all: please come and join us.

RiDL

The next Retreat in Daily Life support group will be on Thursday 15th December at 7.30 pm at the home of Mary and Jeff Causier, 8 Addenbrooke Road, 01905 775265. This will be led by Debbie Prigg, focusing on Matthew 1: 18-25. All are welcome to join us or, if you would like to know more about it, please contact Debbie Prigg on 01905 771288 or dprigg@btinternet.com.

SYRIAN REFUGEES UNDERWEAR APPEAL

Thank you for the new under wear recently donated, as with the knitting it will be despatched to the three camps mentioned above. Apparently there is a desperate need for these items, so although the appeal was initially meant to be a one off, items can be sent with the knitting in the future if you wish to donate.

BIDDING PRAYER ROTA

Please collect from the back of the church.

Thank you to those involved.

CHRISTMAS CARDS TO PRISONERS

This Sunday the Justice and Peace Group will be asking you to send Christmas cards to Prisoners at Long Lartin Maximum Security Prison near Evesham. Cards are available in the benches and at back of church until Sunday 11th December. On Monday 12 Dec. all the cards will be delivered to the Prison. Thank you for your support.

TEA/COFFEE MAKING ROTA

Please collect from the back of the church.

Thank you to those involved.

Main Collection:

£263.82

Gift Aid: £250.00

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 339

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL CAROL CONCERT

This concert will be
on Monday 12th
December at 6.30
pm. All are welcome.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION - WORCESTER CIRCLE

The Newman Association
invites you to their
Christmas Party and
Quiz, on Thursday 8th
December at 7.30pm at
St George's Parish Hall,
Worcester. All are
welcome.



Next Sunday's Mass Readings

Isaiah 35: 1-6;

Psalms 10;

James 5: 7-10

Matthew 11: 2 - 11

CAROL SINGING WITH CHURCHES TOGETHER

Churches Together have arranged two Carol Singing events and would love to have lots of singers come along. We are not a choir, just people who like to sing and bring a bit of Christmas joy to others. So, if you can, come along and sing in St Andrew's precinct (near Peacock's) on Saturday 10th December from 10.30 am until 11.30 am. On Thursday 15th December at 7.00pm we are again singing at the Railway Inn, near the town Marina, where we get a very warm welcome. Come along, and bring a friend!

THE ART OF DYING WELL

The Art of Dying Well is a new website that offers a helping hand to those grappling with issues around death and dying. Based in the Catholic tradition but open to all, it features real-life stories about dealing with the journey through death to eternal life. It is launching in November - the traditional month of remembering and praying for the dead. The website can be found at www.artofdyingwell.org and prayer cards are available at the back of church.

SACRED HEART 200 CLUB NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2016 DRAWS

November:

1st prize	£75	No. 132	G. Hayes
2nd prize	£50	No. 138	G. Tomlinson
3rd prize	£25	No. 154	A. May

December:

1st prize	£75	No. 59	C. Bloor-Crotty
2nd prize	£50	No. 221	G. Ceclich
3rd prize	£25	No. 56	P. & J. Cussen

5 Additional Christmas Prizes:

1	£10	No. 30	J. Howard
2	£10	No. 110	F. & P. Fawcett
3	£10	No. 174	K. Greenfield
4	£10	No. 137	J. Roberts
5	£10	No. 99	P. Reed

REFUGEE KNITTING

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR YOUR INCREDIBLE RESPONSE TO THE RECENT APPEAL. The knitting as usual was so beautiful and made with such love and care. I so wish we were able to see the children's and adult's responses when they receive the items. For parishioners who may like to help in the future, we send all sizes of hats, gloves, scarves, baby and children's jumpers and cardigans, pram and bed blankets and knitted toys. If anyone wishes to knit adult sizes these would be so gratefully accepted also. Wool, patterns, needles and buttons are available in the porch to help defray costs and donations of the same would be very welcome. Currently the items are being despatched to camps in France, Lebanon and Egypt and the monthly collections will continue into the new year. The January date to be yet arranged. Once again thank you all so much for your continual support.