



## 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 35: 1-6, 10;*  
*Psalms 145;*  
*James 5: 7-10*  
*Matthew 11: 2 - 11*

This Week 11th December – 18th December (Psalter Week 3)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
<b>Sunday 11th December</b> <b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Year A</b> 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
<b>Monday 12th December</b> Advent Feria	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Michael Donovan (BD)	6.30 pm: St. Joseph's School Carol Concert
<b>Tuesday 13th December</b> Memorial of St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Charles & Catherine McGunchey (GM)	
<b>Wednesday 14th December</b> Memorial of St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Maria Mellville (AG)	<b>10.00 am - 9.00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
<b>Thursday 15th December</b> Advent Feria	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Charles Hoare RIP (EK)	10.30 am: Nativity Mass at St. Joseph's School
<b>Friday 16th December</b> Advent Feria	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Katie Hobday (GM)	
<b>Saturday 17th December</b> Advent Feria	<b>10.30 am Holy Rosary</b> 11.00 am Holy Mass	<b>10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions</b>
<b>Sunday 18th December</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Year A</b>	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MF) 10.30 am Tony Bond RIP (JB) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall. Traidcraft & Piety Stall unavailable.

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**8.30 am & 10.30 am: Come, Lord, and save us.**

**6.00 pm: Come Lord and save us (repeat) Maranatha! Come  
into our world.**

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**PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS**

Ralph & Milly Arnold, Mary Arulandhu, Adam Barnridge, 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).

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**FATHER HUDSON'S SOCIETY**

Today, 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](http://www.fatherhudsons.org.uk). Please give generously to this worthy cause. Many thanks.

**CRIB OFFERINGS**

This year this parish will be donating crib offerings to Friends of the Holy Land. Every penny will help the poorest Christian families, especially in and around Bethlehem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel, with education, employment, health and housing initiatives. FHL is apolitical and ecumenical. For further information, please see the poster on the noticeboard. Please keep our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land in your prayers at this time.

**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.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR - A THANK YOU**

Fr. Vincent would like to say a big thank you to Mike & Joan Sherrard for organising the Fairs this year and to all those who helped run the Christmas Fair successfully. A special thanks to all those who donated goods, prizes and cakes and to those who supported the Parish on the day. The amount raised will be announced in due course.

**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.

### CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

This year we have introduced an early Mass on Christmas Eve at 5.00 pm for the families with young children and our elderly parishioners. Please take Christmas Services cards with you today for the details of services for this Christmas. The times of the Christmas Masses will be reviewed for next year. We will need readers and Eucharistic Ministers to assist Christmas Liturgies, most notably to distribute the Holy Communion on Christmas Eve at 5.00 pm, First Mass of Christmas, and 8.00 pm Mass, Midnight Mass. A clipboard for signing up has been placed at the back of Church. Thank you in advance for your generosity of time and spirit.

### PARISH SECRETARY

I will be out of the office from Monday 19th December until Tuesday 3rd January inclusive with the exception of Friday 23rd December and Friday 30th December. During this time if you have any urgent Parish Hall queries, please could you contact Caroline Healy on 01905 779437. For any other urgent query, please contact Father Vincent. Many thanks.

### 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.

### NEWSLETTER

Over the Christmas period, please could any items for the newsletter be submitted by Thursday 22nd December for the Christmas Day newsletter and by Thursday 29th December for the New Year's Day newsletter. To celebrate Christmas, the newsletter on Christmas Day will be a variety of colours before returning to the usual single colour on New Year's Day.

### 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.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS TO PRISONERS

Thank you for the Cards to Prisoners you have generously done; more are available at back of church. It is the last day today. They will be taken direct to the Prison early next week. Thank you for your support.

*To all our  
young people  
who received  
the Sacrament  
of  
Confirmation  
last  
Friday: may  
the Holy  
Spirit dwell in  
your hearts  
forever.*

### ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL CAROL CONCERT

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

### TEA/COFFEE MAKING ROTA

Please collect from the back of the church.

Thank you to those involved.

### BIDDING PRAYER ROTA

Please collect from the back of the church.

Thank you to those involved.

### TRAIDCRAFT STALL

Today is the last day this year for the Traidcraft Stall; we still have Christmas cards and seasonal gifts. Please stock up on usual items; our next opening will be Sunday 8th January 2017.

**Main Collection:****£285.96****Gift Aid: £267.30****Mass Attendance****Last Sunday: 330**

**Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.**

**Last week's retiring  
collection for  
the Poor Parishes  
raised: £209.31**

**Gift Aid: £137.05**

**Thank you for your  
generosity.**

**JOB VACANCY**

Christian Music  
Ministries require an  
Administrator/  
Communications  
Manager to cover for  
Maternity Leave. For  
full details please see  
the poster on the  
noticeboard. The  
closing date is Saturday  
31st December.



**Next Sunday's Mass  
Readings**

*Isaiah 7: 10-14;**Psalms 23;**Romans 1: 1-7**Matthew 1: 18 - 24***CAROL SINGING WITH CHURCHES TOGETHER**

Churches Together are carol singing on Thursday 15th December at 7.00pm at the Railway Inn, near the town Marina, where we get a very warm welcome. Come along, and bring a friend!

**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.

**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.