



## 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 8: 23 – 9: 3;*

*Psalms 26;*

*1 Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17*

*Matthew 4: 12-23*

<b>This Week</b> <b>22nd January – 29th January</b> <b>(Psalter Week 3)</b>	<b>Holy Mass &amp; Services</b>	<b>Other Events</b>
<b>Sunday 22nd January</b> <b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Year A</b>	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton (MF) 10.30 am Antonina Markowski RIP 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall. Traidcraft & Piety Stalls in the Hall
<b>Monday 23rd January</b> Memorial of St. Nicholas Owen, Religious	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Mairi MacKenzie RIP (I & MM)	12.30 pm - 2.30 pm: Community Meal
<b>Tuesday 24th January</b> Memorial of St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Holy Mass	6.00 pm: First Holy Communion Meeting for the Parish group
<b>Wednesday 25th January</b> Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Pat & Judith Cussen & Family (I & MM)	<b>10.00 am - 9.00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
<b>Thursday 26th January</b> Memorial of Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Shay Moloney (ME)	
<b>Friday 27th January</b> Memorial of Blessed Edward Oldcorne, Priest, Martyr	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Richard Dolan RIP (SD)	
<b>Saturday 28th January</b> Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church	<b>10.30 am Holy Rosary</b> 11.00 am Julie MacDarmid - sick (CM)	<b>10.15 - 10.45 am: Confessions</b>
<b>Sunday 29th January</b> <b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Year A</b>	8.30 am Shirley Kilminster RIP (EK) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm Holy Mass	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall. Traidcraft & Piety Stalls unavailable. 12 Noon: Baptism

## **SACRED HEART COMMUNITY**

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## **SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES**

Gerry Ceclich  
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## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**8.30 am & 10.30 am:** The Lord is my light and my help.

**6.00 pm:** There is one thing I ask of the Lord (repeat). For this I  
long, to live in the house of God each day of my life,  
each day of my life.

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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, 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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## **PARISH CATECHIST**

Dear parishioners, Jackie McLean served as parish catechist for several years; now she has decided to retire from her duties due to her health. Fr. Vincent SCJ would like to say a very sincere thank you to Jackie personally and on behalf of you all for her long and devoted service to the parish. Jackie has run so many activities in the parish, in particular the Sacramental preparation for children and adults, such as First Holy Communion, Confirmation, preparing the Catechumens, running the Journey in Faith Group etc. I am really grateful to her for the service and commitment that she rendered to the parish and to me, especially for the last three years. Now we have Maria Jenkins who has taken up the role of parish Catechist and will help the parish. Fr. Vincent SCJ would like to form a team to lead the Sacramental preparation in the parish. If anyone would like to help her and the parish, please contact Fr. Vincent SCJ. Many thanks.

## **HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2017**

For children who do not attend a Catholic school, Holy Communion preparation classes will start on Sunday mornings at 9.15 am. The first class will be on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February and will be followed by the Commitment Mass at 10.30 am. All classes must be attended by at least one parent or guardian. In addition to Sunday mornings, there will be regular parents meetings at St Joseph's School. If you would like your child to take part in the programme, you are asked to attend a meeting with Fr Vincent on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 6.00 pm in the parish hall where you will be given all the dates of classes, parents meetings, etc. Please bring a photocopy of your child's Baptismal Certificate to this meeting.

## **GIFT AID ANNUAL TAX REFUND**

The annual Tax Refund for the 2015/2016 Tax Year has now been received by the parish. We received a refund of £8884.47 from Gift Aid donations and £1,245.00 from the Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme for loose money.

### **10.30 MASS TEA/COFFEE ROTA: HELP REQUIRED**

Due to an individual leaving the parish, there are seven weeks during 2017 with no-one on the rota to make tea and coffee after the 10.30 Mass. These weeks are: Sunday 26th February, Sunday 16th April, Sunday 4th June, Sunday 23rd July, Sunday 10th September, Sunday 29th October and Sunday 17th December. If anyone is able to cover any of these weeks, please contact Kate Dalglish on 01905 773258. Many thanks.

### **THEFTS**

There have been a number of thefts at the Sacred Heart Church in recent weeks. Thieves have targeted both collection boxes and an individual's possessions. Please could all parishioners be vigilant whilst in church and we advise that personal belongings are kept with you.

### **JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP**

The next meeting of the Justice and Peace group will be on Wednesday 1st February at 7.00 pm in the Elgar Room. This is mainly to discuss the future of the group.

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### **DROITWICH SPA MEETING CENTRE**

All Churches in Droitwich have been asked to spread the word about the DSMC and its positive effect on the lives of many local people. The Droitwich Spa Meeting Centre has been running for over a year supporting anyone in the local area with mild and moderate dementia, and their families and carers. People living with dementia can attend up to three days per week to take part in recreational and social activities, such as singing, shopping, reminiscence, music, dance, sporting groups, creativity sessions and outings. Please see the letter and leaflet on the noticeboard and further information and details of how to help the centre through volunteering.

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### **KENELM ON THE ROAD**

There are a variety of employment and volunteering opportunities within the Kenelm Youth Trust and in youth ministry within the Archdiocese of Birmingham. There are many opportunities (events, pilgrimages, retreats, youth groups, social action projects) for young people to deepen their faith and play a more active role within the community of the church. We are hosting three showcase evenings open to any parishioner keen to find out more. Join us at the venue nearest you. All are welcome!

- Monday 6th February: Don Bosco House, Coleshill at 7.00 pm.
- Wednesday 15th February: Alton Castle, Staffs at 7.00 pm.
- Thursday 9th March: The Dupuis Centre, St. John the Evangelist, Banbury at 7.00 pm.

If you require further information, please call BCYS on 01675 466912 or email [kristi.doughty@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk](mailto:kristi.doughty@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk).

### **FACE2FACE**

#### **CONFERENCE**

This conference is for young men aged 14 to 18 years. It takes place on Wednesday 5th April 2017 from 9.30 am until 5.30 pm at the National Motorcycle Museum. Entry is free; further details are on the poster on the noticeboard.

#### **FOODBANK - NEW WISH LIST**

A new wish list is on the noticeboard. There is a collection box in the entrance to church if you would like to donate any items. Thank you for your generosity.

### **RiDL**

The next Retreat in Daily Life support group will be on Thursday 26th January at 7.30 pm at the home of Mary and Jeff Causier, 8 Addenbrooke Road, 01905 775265. This will be led by Mary and Jeff, focusing on Matthew 5: 1-12. 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](mailto:dprigg@btinternet.com).

**Main Collection:****£346.11****Gift Aid: £246.50****Mass Attendance****Last Sunday: 312****Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.****Last week's retiring  
collection for****Pax Christi raised:****£309.60****Gift Aid: £143.00****Thank you for your  
generosity.****BELMONT ABBEY**

Booklets are available at the back of church with details of the 2017 Pastoral Programme for Retreats and Events at Belmont Abbey, Hereford. Please take one home with you; these booklets are free of charge.

**Next Sunday's Mass  
Readings**

*Zephaniah 2: 3,  
3: 12-13;*

*Psalms 145;*

*1 Corinthians 1:  
26-31*

*Matthew 5: 1-12*

**CHARITY KNITTING**

Once again, thank you for the wonderful items donated. Some were given to the homeless and local Syrian refugees and the remainder will be despatched to the refugee camps abroad this weekend. The next monthly collection will be on Saturday 4th February.

**REFUGEE UNDERWEAR COLLECTION**

Again, thank you for the underwear donated over the Christmas Season. That too will be despatched this weekend. As with the knitting this will be an ongoing monthly collection as the need is desperate. Only small/medium adult sizes are needed and all children's sizes. If you handed in larger items, I passed them onto the homeless and Chernobyl, so be assured all donations were passed on. These items will also be collected on Saturday 4th February.

**PARISH RECIPE BOOK**

If parishioners, families and friends could submit a favourite recipe or two, we'll collate them into a Sacred Heart Parish collection, have them bound into book form and offered for sale. All proceeds would go to Parish Funds. If you are willing, include your name or, if you prefer, a nom de plume so the source can be credited. A sentence or two describing where the recipe came from (e.g. Great Great Aunt Betty's Easter surprise, Cousin Jack's Children's Party standby) will add interest. Send by e-mail or hard copy to Joan & Mike Sherrard; e-mail msherrard151mjs@yahoo.com.

**FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND**

You may be aware that the Roman Catholic Diocese of Birmingham led by Archbishop Bernard and the Anglican Diocese of Worcester led by Bishop John went on an ecumenical pilgrimage to the Holy Land in November. It was the first ecumenical visit of its kind...ever. We also visited various projects supported by Friends of the Holy Land. On Thursday 26th January at 7pm at Droitwich Methodist Church, I and a number of other speakers will be talking about our experiences especially the projects we visited and the ecumenical nature of the trip. Reverend Beverley Jameson

**JOB VACANCY**

The governing body of Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School, Coventry is seeking to appoint a practising Catholic with a strong personal faith with the vision, leadership and energy to build and develop our strength as a high performing Catholic school. We are looking for a leader who will inspire students, staff, parents and governors and motivate the whole community to achieve outstanding status and ensure the best possible outcomes for each individual pupil. Please see the poster on the noticeboard for further details. The closing date is Friday 27th January at 12 noon.

*Welcome to everyone at Mass today, especially if you are new to our church or haven't been to Mass for some time. If you are of another Christian denomination or non-Christian you are warmly invited to approach the priest or minister and ask or signify your wish for a blessing.*