



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 49: 14-15;

Psalms 61;

1 Corinthians 4: 1-5

Matthew 6: 24-34

This Week 26th February – 5th March (Psalter Week 4)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 26th February Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Retiring Collection for the PA System	8.30 am People of the Parish 10.30 am Rowan Finch RIP (MM) 6.00 pm Holy Mass	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall. Traidcraft & Piety Stalls unavailable. 12 Noon: Baptisms
Monday 27th February Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	
Tuesday 28th February Memorial of St. Oswald, Bishop	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am N.S. Matthews (SM)	7.30 pm: The Big Picture
Wednesday 1st March Ash Wednesday	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Patricia Ceclich RIP (GC) 7.30 pm Holy Mass	10.00 am - 7.00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 1.30 pm: Mass at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Thursday 2nd March Feast of St. Chad, Bishop, Patron of the Diocese	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Elizabeth Matthew (SM)	6.15 pm Catenian Mass
Friday 3rd March Friday after Ash Wednesday	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Paul Seddon RIP (RB)	
Saturday 4th March Saturday after Ash Wednesday	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Frances Manion RIP (SM)	10.15 - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 5th March First Sunday of Lent Year A Retiring Collection for Cathedral Maintenance	8.30 am Helen Thomson (MT) 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 in the Hall 4.30 pm: Stations of the Cross

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: In God alone is my soul at rest.

6.00pm: In God alone is my soul at rest.

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Ralph & Milly Arnold, Mary Arulandhu, Adam Barnridge, Monica Campbell, 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, Eileen Kilminster, Billy Lydon, Mae McGregor, Jackie McLean, Rob O' Sullivan, Liz Prakash, 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 sister, Maura.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our parish family and into the Universal Church **Lorelai Anderson O'Neill & Payton Esme O'Neill**, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism today. Please keep them and their parents in your kind thoughts and prayers.

SEASON OF LENT

Lent is the time of repentance, prayer and fasting, consisting of 40 days starting from Ash Wednesday. It is a day of fasting and abstinence when ashes are blessed and imposed on the foreheads of the faithful to remind them of their obligation: to do penance for their sins, to seek spiritual renewal by means of prayer, fasting and good works and by bearing with patience and for God's purposes the trials and difficulties of every day life.

INSTALLATION OF NEW PA SOUND SYSTEM IN THE CHURCH

A new PA sound system has been installed in the Church. We ask for your patience whilst final adjustments are made. The cost of replacing the existing PA sound system is approximately £4,000.00. To help cover the cost, there is a retiring collection today for the new Sound System. Many thanks for your generosity.

MASS FOR FRIENDS & SUPPORTERS OF CAFOD

CAFOD Lent Fast Day is Friday 10th March. Bishop Robert Byrne will be celebrating a CAFOD Lenten Fast Day Vigil Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Redditch on Thursday 9th March at 7.00 pm. All friends and supporters of CAFOD are welcome at this Deanery event. The Sacred Heart choir has been asked to sing at this Mass.

WEDNESDAY ADORATION

Thank you to all the very loyal and dedicated pledged adorers and visitors. Please note that on Ash Wednesday, 1st March 2017, the evening Mass is at 7.30 pm and Adoration will end at 7.00 pm. We would welcome newcomers to join the Adoration rota or who are willing to go on a reserve list. Please contact Catherine Ingram on 01905 778053. Everyone is welcome to visit the chapel at any time during the usual times of 10.00 am until 9.00 pm. Thank you.

PARISH CENSUS 2017

It is now several years since a parish census was completed. New census cards are now at the back of church. We would be grateful if **ALL** parishioners could complete these for parish records. In accordance with the Data Protection Act, these details will only be used by the parish and will not be forwarded on to third parties. All records are kept securely. Once completed, Census forms can either be returned to the Presbytery or placed in the box at the back of church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: LENT 2017

Lent is a time to reflect more deeply on Jesus' journey to Calvary. This year once again this traditional devotion is at 4.30 pm on each Sunday of Lent. In the last few years, individuals and groups have offered to lead the reflection. If you wish to lead this devotion on one of the Sundays, please speak to Fr. Vincent. Many thanks.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 8th March at 7:30 pm in the Elgar Room of the Parish Hall. If any parishioner has an item for discussion at this meeting please let Fr. Vincent know or contact Jenny Leonard on 775596 before Saturday 4th March.

CHURCHES TOGETHER: LENT COURSE 2017

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

This course will run on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 pm, starting on Wednesday 8th March, at different venues in Droitwich. Each session will normally include some worship, a focus on a particular passage of scripture, a reflection on the theme and plenty of opportunity to discuss, question and enjoy fellowship together. The course will also run at St. Andrew's Parish Centre at 12 noon each Wednesday. For full details of the course and venues, please see the poster on the noticeboard. All are welcome.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT - COFFEE MORNING

As part of Fairtrade Fortnight we are holding a coffee morning in the Wesley Room at the Methodist Church on Saturday March 4th from 10.00 am until 12.30 pm. Great coffee and tea and delicious cakes made from Fairtrade/Traidcraft ingredients. Please come and bring your friends.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WORCESTERSHIRE QUIET DAY:

CREATIVE SABBATH

Churches Together in Worcestershire invite you to a Quiet Day, "*Creative Sabbath*", on Saturday 11th March at Droitwich Spa Methodist Church, Worcester Road from 10.00 am until 3.10 pm. The day will be led by Sr. Anna O'Connor. Tea and coffee are provided; please bring your own packed lunch. To book your place please contact Max Jourdier at mandcjourdier@gmail.com or on 01886 812259. Places are limited. The event is free, but donations of £5.00 towards the cost of the day would be welcome. For further details and to see the full programme for the day, please see the posters on the noticeboard.

TRAIDCRAFT REAL EASTER EGGS

Yes, we know...Lent has not even begun and we're talking Easter eggs! If you want them we are going to have to order them, so please let us know your requirements in good time. We have six in stock at the moment; they are reasonably priced and milk chocolate. Plain chocolate is available to order and is a little more expensive. All come with simple guide to the Easter story.

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Sally and Roger Rosinski who are celebrating their 25th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday 26th February. They will be renewing their marriage vows after the homily at the 8.30 am Mass on this day. Please pray for them.

THE BIG PICTURE

The Big Picture re-starts at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 28th February in the Parish Hall and will continue weekly until Tuesday 4th April.

CATENIAN MASS: THURSDAY 2ND MARCH AT 6.15 PM

All parishioners are welcome to participate in this Mass.

LENTEN JOURNEY

The "Walk with Me" booklet and calendar for the Lenten 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 Lent. Please consider taking a copy home to help prepare for Easter. These are free but a small donation would help defray expenses. Thank you.

Main Collection:

£231.47

Gift Aid: £160.60

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 270

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

PARISH RECIPE BOOK

To date we have received two recipes from parishioners, with a promise of a third. To make a book worthwhile we need many, many more! Should you wish to improve your diet or experiment with something new, please, please submit a Family favourite or two. Mike & Joan Sherrard
(msherrard151mjs@yahoo.com).



Next Sunday's Mass Readings

Genesis 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7;

Psalms 50;

Romans 5: 12-19

Matthew 4: 1-11

CHARITY KNITTING

Thank you so very much for the exquisite knitted items donated recently and the vast quantity of underwear. These are now en route to the co-ordinating warehouse for immediate despatch. If you wish to continue helping the collection boxes are available as you enter the church. Items to help with the knitting projects are available there and donations of the same would be gratefully received to help defray costs. The next consignment will be collected on Saturday 4th March. Again, thank you for the amazing support you continue to give the refugees.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2017

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is from Saturday 27th May until Friday 2nd June. The pastoral theme for all pilgrims to Lourdes for 2017 is *The Almighty has done great things for me!* Travel is either by coach or air. For further information or a booking form, please see the poster on the noticeboard or speak to Father Vincent. If there are any health professionals who would be interested in volunteering to serve the sick pilgrims, please speak to Father Vincent or contact the Pilgrimage Office on 0121 236 4585.

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS



Sainsbury's
Active Kids 2017
Eat well • Move well • Live well

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Droitwich are collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers and would be grateful for any vouchers parishioners are able to

donate. Please could these be put in the box in the narthex. Vouchers donated to St. Joseph's in previous years have been put towards the purchase of cookery equipment for the new bungalow, football equipment and netball equipment. Many thanks for your generosity.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: FRIDAY 3RD MARCH

This annual event comes from the Philippines this year, and there will be two services in the Methodist Church at 10.30 am and 7.30 pm. We are all warmly invited to attend, even men. Traidcraft Stall and refreshments after the services.

CHRISTIAN HEALING MINISTRY & LIFE PRAYER TRAINING COURSE

This training course takes place from Thursday 2nd March until Saturday 4th March and Thursday 22nd June until Saturday 24th June at Prior's Court, Hollow Lane, Staplow, Ledbury, HR8 1NQ. For further details of the course and how to book a place, please see the poster on the noticeboard.

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.