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## 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

*Genesis 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7;*  
*Psalm 50;*  
*Romans 5: 12-19*  
*Matthew 4: 1-11*

<b>This Week</b> <b>5th March - 12th March</b> <b>(Psalter Week 1)</b>	<b>Holy Mass &amp; Services</b>	<b>Other Events</b>
<b>Sunday 5th March</b> <b>First Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Year A</b> 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
<b>Monday 6th March</b> Lent feria	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am John Price RIP (Memorial Mass)	12.30 pm - 2.30 pm: Community Meal
<b>Tuesday 7th March</b> Lent feria	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Anne Kiely - sick (B & AP)	7.30 pm: The Big Picture
<b>Wednesday 8th March</b> Lent feria	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Josephine O'Connor RIP (ST)	<b>10.00 am - 9.00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> 7.30 pm: Parish Council Meeting
<b>Thursday 9th March</b> Lent feria	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Gretta O'Brien (FC)	
<b>Friday 10th March</b> Lent feria	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Holy Mass	Lent Fast Day
<b>Saturday 11th March</b> Lent feria	<b>10.30 am Holy Rosary</b> 11.00 am Eileen Frogatt RIP (BB)	<b>10.15 - 10.45 am: Confessions</b>
<b>Sunday 12th March</b> <b>Second Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Year A</b> Retiring Collection for CAFOD	8.30 am Michael O'Grady RIP (RO) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm Manuel, Maria & Sebastien Cruz (MC)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall. Traidcraft & Piety Stalls unavailable. 4.30 pm Stations of the Cross

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

6.00pm: A pure heart create for me O my God: a spirit of love within me. (Repeat)

### SACRED HEART COMMUNITY

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Gerry Ceclich  
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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.

### LENTEN ALMS 2017

This year during Lent the Church is raising funds for Father Hudson's Care to help sustain their work with those experiencing great need. Father Hudson's is the social care agency of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Part of its work includes providing support for frail and isolated older people and providing a temporary shelter for rough sleepers in the centre of Birmingham. As part of your sacrificial giving during Lent please remember the work of Father Hudson's Care. On Sundays during Lent there will be a basket in the Narthex with a display card of Father Hudson's Care. Thank you for your support.

### PA SYSTEM

Thank you for supporting last week's retiring collection for the PA system. This raised £346.33. There will be another retiring collection for this cause in April. Thank you for your generosity.

### MASS FOR FRIENDS & SUPPORTERS OF CAFOD

CAFOD Lent Fast Day is on 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.

### CAFOD: LENT FAST DAY

Next week the retiring collection is in aid of CAFOD. If you would like to make a donation to CAFOD, please could you take an envelope from the pews or the back of church today and return these on Sunday 12th March. Many thanks for your generosity.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS: LENT 2017

Lent is a time to reflect more deeply on Jesus's 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 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.

## 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.

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## 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.

## 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.

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## SACRED HEART LADIES GROUP

### WEDNESDAY 15TH MARCH AT 7.30 PM IN THE PARISH HALL

I'm sure we will all remember the entertaining and informative evening we had last June when Judy Hlland, a Magistrate on the Worcester Bench, came along to 'open our eyes' to a variety of information relating to the Magistrate Service. Needless to say we are delighted to welcome Judy back again and this time she will give us some background on how a Magistrate is appointed, bail decisions and how they are fixed. We will also have the opportunity to 'participate' in a couple of interesting topics!! We are fortunate that Judy's colleague, Richard Poppleton, will also be joining us once again so this promises to be a REALLY informative and fun evening. As usual the meeting starts at 7.30 pm and finishes at 9.30 pm with the added attraction of tea/coffee and biscuits. We are always happy to welcome new faces to our meetings. Don't worry if you are not a member, if any of the subject matters appeal to you just come along and join us. We look forward to a full house on Wednesday 15th March.

## THE BIG PICTURE

The Big Picture has restarted and will continue in the Parish Hall weekly at 7.30 pm on Tuesdays until Tuesday 4th April.

## 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; any donations will go to the Missions. Thank you.

## MEMORIAL MASS

On Monday 6th March there will be a Memorial Mass for John Price at 9.15 am. This will be followed by the interment of ashes. All are welcome.

## APPEAL FOR HELP

Does anyone have, or know anyone who has, a double buggy that they would be willing to donate to the SVP? If you are able to help, please contact Kate Dagleish on 01905 773258 or speak to Gina Pilley on 0771 362 3997. Many thanks.

**Main Collection:**

**£213.68**

**Gift Aid: £212.59**

**Mass Attendance**

**Last Sunday: 290**

**Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.**

**Last week's retiring  
collection for**

**the Sound System  
raised: £346.33**

**Thank you for your  
generosity.**

**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 12: 1-4;*

*Psalm 32;*

*2 Timothy 1: 8-10*

*Matthew 17: 1-9*

**FLAME 2017: SATURDAY 11TH MARCH, SSE ARENA, WEMBLEY**

10,000 young people from across the country! Cardinal Vincent Nicholls commends this event to you, "*Flame has now become an important part of the Catholic Calendar and mission in England and Wales. It is a unique opportunity for young Catholics to experience a joyful and missionary Church. In this setting of the SSE Arena, young people will experience Christ's presence through times of prayerful worship and inspiring speakers as well as through music and much true enthusiasm.*" We encourage all young people aged 14-25 years to take part. Music will be led by the incredible Double Grammy Award Winner, Matt Redman. Please email maria.bracken@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk if you would like to attend. The cost is £35.00 per person. This includes ticket entrance, transport with a local pick up, insurance and Diocesan t-shirt. Please see the posters on the noticeboard for other forthcoming events organised by the Kenelm Youth Trust. For further information on any of these events, please visit [www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk](http://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk), [www.bcys.co.uk](http://www.bcys.co.uk) or contact 01538 703613.

**SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS**

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.

**NEWMAN ASSOCIATION - WORCESTER CIRCLE**

The next meeting is on Thursday 16th March at 7.30 pm at St. George's Parish Hall, Worcester. The speaker is Father Robert Gay, OP and the subject is *Dying Well: Ethics at the End of Life*. All are welcome; the charge for non-members is £3.00

**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.

*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.*