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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

*Exodus 17: 3-7;*

*Psalm 94;*

*Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8*

*John 4: 5-42*

<b>This Week 19th March - 26th March (Psalter Week 3)</b>	<b>Holy Mass &amp; Services</b>	<b>Other Events</b>
<b>Sunday 19th March Third Sunday of Lent Year A</b>	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton (MF) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm John Weaver (MW)	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 20th March</b> Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Ints. of Fr. David Doran (PD)	10.30 am: St. Joseph's Feast Day Mass at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School. 12.30 pm - 2.30pm: Community Meal
<b>Tuesday 21st March</b> Lent feria	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> <b>9.15 am Holy Communion Service</b>	7.00 pm: Choir Practice 7.30 pm: The Big Picture
<b>Wednesday 22nd March</b> Lent feria	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Holy Mass	<b>10.00 am - 9.00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
<b>Thursday 23rd March</b> Lent feria	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Holy Mass	
<b>Friday 24th March</b> Lent feria	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Holy Mass	
<b>Saturday 25th March</b> Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord	<b>10.30 am Holy Rosary</b> <b>11.00 am Holy Communion Service</b>	<b>10.15 - 10.45 am: Confessions</b>
<b>Sunday 26th March</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Year A</b> Retiring Collection for the Holy Ghost Fathers	8.30 am People of the Parish 10.30 am Douglas Hopton (GH) 6.00 pm Holy Mass	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall. Traidcraft & Piety Stalls unavailable. 4.30 pm Stations of the Cross 12 Noon: Baptism

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.00 pm:

**O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts (52 Laudate).**

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Gerry Ceclich  
Cynthia Sharkey

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### PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Ralph & Milly Arnold, Mary Arulandhu, 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.

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### HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

As in previous years we will need volunteers to assist with the Holy Week Liturgies, most notably to assist with: Watching between the Mass of the Lord's Supper and Midnight on Holy Thursday, Celebration of the Washing of the Feet at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, Reading of Scriptures on Holy Thursday, Passion Readings on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, Reading of Scriptures at the Easter Vigil and to assist with distribution of Holy Communion on Holy Thursday, at the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday. Sets of clipboards for signing-up of volunteers have been placed at the back of the Church. Thanks in advance for your generosity of time and spirit. When you are arriving and leaving before the Blessed Sacrament during this Watching period you should, **if possible, do so by adoring the Blessed Sacrament on both knees. Please remain silent until you reach the car park.** Thank you.

### LENTEN ALMS 2017

This year during Lent the Church is raising funds for Father Hudson's Care, the social care agency of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, to help sustain their work with those experiencing great need. 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 to collect your Lenten alms. Thank you for your support.

### DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The annual Day of Recollection will be on Saturday 8th April from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm, in the Parish Hall. The guest speaker is Fr. Brian McGinley. Please remember to bring a packed lunch with you; tea and coffee will be provided.

### READERS & MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

New Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist are being recruited for our parish. If anyone would like to serve as a Minister of the Eucharist or would like to read the Scriptures for Sunday Masses please speak to Fr. Vincent SCJ. Training is given to new Ministers of the Eucharist and you<sup>2</sup> will be commissioned at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday.

## **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.

## **PA SYSTEM**

The Sound Engineer is making the final adjustments to the Sound System on Thursday 23rd March, shortly after morning Mass. Father Vincent would like to invite all Readers and any others who may use the microphones to attend for training. Many thanks for your co-operation and support.

## **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 remaining Sundays, please speak to Fr. Vincent. Many thanks.

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## **LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES**

Lent Reconciliation Services at churches within the Deanery are on the following dates at 7.30 pm:

- Tuesday 4th April, St. Ambrose Church, Kidderminster
- Friday 7th April, Sacred Heart Church, Droitwich
- Monday 10th April, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch
- Tuesday 11th April, St. Peter's, Bromsgrove

## **RCIA - WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS INTO OUR FAITH**

This year we welcome Darren Brown into our faith at the Easter Vigil Mass in our Church. Fr. Vincent asks you to pray for Darren as he prepares for the rite of the scrutinies on coming Sundays at the 6.00 pm Masses. May God bless him and his family.

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## **ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD MASS OF THANKSGIVING**

The Mass of Thanksgiving for Altar Servers is at St. Chad's Cathedral on Saturday 25th March at 12 Noon. Please could all Altar Servers who are attending take their own cassock and cotta. The Mass will be followed by a time of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament to allow those attending to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life and to allow some time for personal reflection and discernment. The day will conclude with light refreshments in the Grimshaw Room.

## **MISSION APPEAL**

Next Sunday we welcome Fr. Colman who will be making an appeal and sharing his mission experience on behalf of the Holy Ghost Fathers at all Masses. Please see the poster on the noticeboard for examples of how donations are being used by the Holy Ghost Fathers. Your support will greatly help the Holy Ghost Fathers in their missionary work abroad. Many thanks.

## **CHARITY KNITTING & REFUGEE UNDERWEAR APPEAL**

Thank you for the items recently donated. The items will be sent to the Refugee Camps in France, Greece and Syria in the near future. Boxes for donations are in the porch. The next collection dates are Saturday 1st April and Saturday 6th May. Thank you for your continued support.

## **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.

## **CHOIR PRACTICES**

The choir practices for Holy Week will be on Tuesday 21st March, Tuesday 28th March and Tuesday 4th April at 7.00 pm. Please note that these are provisional dates. New members are always welcome.

## **MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2017**

This year the Pilgrimage takes place from Tuesday 23rd May until Tuesday 30th May. Travel is from Birmingham Airport via Monarch Airline and includes transfer to the accommodation with our Medjugorje family. If you would like further information, please contact Bob Grant on 01299 851588.

## **GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2017-2018**

The new envelopes for the 2017-2018 Tax Year are now available for collection from the Narthex. If there are any parishioners who would like to join the Gift Aid scheme please give your details to Father Vincent SCJ.

## KENELM YOUTH TRUST: FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Main Collection:

**£234.91**

**Gift Aid: £235.45**

**Mass Attendance**

**Last Sunday: 314**

**Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.**

**Last week's retiring**

**collection for**

**CAFOD raised:**

**£589.35.**

**There was also an  
additional Gift Aid  
donation of £5.00 for  
Cathedral  
Maintenance.**

**Thank you for your  
generosity.**

### PARISH RECIPE BOOK

We now have 9 recipes from 6 Parishioners, plus 1 other. Thankyou to those who have sent them. Please, may we have lots more...surely we don't all eat ready meals !!!

Mike & Joan Sherrard  
(msherrard151mjs@yahoo.com).

### Next Sunday's Mass Readings

1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-7,  
10-13;

Psalms 22;

Ephesians 5: 8-14

John 9: 1-41

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.

### HARVINGTON HALL: VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Harvington Hall is in need of shop and reception volunteers on weekends. The Hall Manager, Emma Pullen, would be most grateful to hear from anyone willing to help on the following dates in particular: Sunday 19th March, Saturday 25th March and/or Sunday 26th March. She will be there herself to give support so you won't be alone! There is also a need for help on a more permanent basis even if it is only one day per month. Please contact Emma on 01562 777846.

### CHURCHES TOGETHER: LENT COURSE 2017

#### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The next meeting is on Wednesday 22nd March at 7.30 pm at the Salvation Army and will 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. For full details of the course and venues please see the poster on the noticeboard. All are welcome.

### ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM PILGRIMAGES 2017

There are Pilgrimages to Lourdes (Thursday 27th July until Friday 4th August), Rome (Sunday 8th October until Friday 13th October) and Fatima (Thursday 7th December until Sunday 10th December) during 2017. If you are interested in going on any of these pilgrimages, please see the poster on the noticeboard for further information and/or contact Andrew Oldnall on 0121 440 8623 or at [andrewsoldnall@gmail.com](mailto:andrewsoldnall@gmail.com).

### A RETREAT WITH A DIFFERENCE

A Foyer de Charité Retreat will be held at the new Retreat Centre in Walsingham from 6.00 pm on Sunday 30th April until midday on Saturday 6th May. The theme is *God's Plan for the Fullness of Time* and the preacher will be Mgr. Keith Barltrop, with help from Foyer members and past retreatants. For further information or to book a place please see the poster on the noticeboard and/or contact Mgr. Barltrop at [keithbarltrop@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:keithbarltrop@rcdow.org.uk) or on 07879 953953 or at St. Mary of the Angels, Moorhouse Road, Bayswater, London W2 5DJ.

*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.*

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