



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
1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13;
Psalms 22;
Ephesians 5: 8-14
John 9: 1-41

This Week 26th March - 2nd April (Psalter Week 4)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 26th March Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A 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
Monday 27th March Lent feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	10.30 am: Church Tour 6.45 pm: Parish Hall Keyholders Meeting
Tuesday 28th March Lent feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am George McClenaghan RIP (MM)	7.00 pm: Choir Practice 7.30 pm: The Big Picture
Wednesday 29th March Lent feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	10.00 am - 9.00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.30 pm: Lenten Course
Thursday 30th March Lent feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	10.30 am: FHC Reconciliation Service
Friday 31st March Lent feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Doreen Doran RIP (PD)	
Saturday 1st April Lent feria	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Holy Mass	10.15 - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 2nd April Fifth Sunday of Lent Year A Retiring Collection for the PA System	8.30 am People of the Parish 10.30 am Hazel Holder RIP (JM) 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

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: The Lord is my shepherd; there is
nothing I shall want.

6.00 pm: The Lord is my Shepherd (Hymn 948)

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.

BAPTISM

We welcome into our parish family and into the Universal Church **Jessica Maja Lowe** who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism today. Please keep her and her parents in your kind thoughts and prayers.

MISSION APPEAL

Today we welcome Fr. Colman Kimaryo 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.

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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM - JOB VACANCIES ²

Please see the poster on the noticeboard for details of current job vacancies at the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

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 will be commissioned at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday.

ALTAR SERVERS MC

Dear parishioners, Martin Greatrex has served as MC of the Altar Servers for more than ten years. He has now resigned from this position due to family commitments. Fr Vincent SCJ would like to say a very sincere thank you to Martin personally and on behalf of you all for his dedication and service forming and guiding the many young people to serve for Masses. Victor Gould has agreed to take the position of MC.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY- APPEAL FOR HELP

The Children's Liturgy group is struggling due to lack of assistance. We need volunteers to help the leader of each group. This involves helping with the activities and supervising the children in each group. Please, please help! If anyone is willing to volunteer to help, please speak to Fr. Vincent SCJ, Shelagh Young or Kate Dalglish. Many thanks.

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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A copy of the *draft* minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 8th March can be found on the noticeboard at the back of church. There is one permanent copy which should not be removed and four other copies which may be borrowed and returned when they have been read. If any parishioner would like their own copy please contact Jenny Leonard, Fr. Vincent SCJ or any member of the Parish Council.

CHURCH CLEANING

Please could all cleaning come along on Tuesday 11th April after Mass at 9.45 am to give the church as good clean for Easter. Thank for your continued help. Our number of volunteer cleaners are dropping. We now have four groups instead of our original five. We have some gentlemen who have joined us and it would be helpful to have more. Each group cleans six times during the year. Ladies or gentlemen if you can help please contact Pat Webb on 01905 455702.



MOTHERING SUNDAY

We would like to wish all mothers a Happy Mother's Day. We hope you enjoy your special day.

SPRING WALK

Would you like to join us for a spring walk?

Volunteers are needed for a walk around the new housing that is popping up around Droitwich. We have a new leaflet letting everyone know about our beautiful church and our spiritual community. If you would like to take a short walk, during the daytime, distributing these leaflets with a small group of volunteers, please contact Kate Hill on 07967 964236.

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.

Main Collection:

£254.75

Gift Aid: £211.50

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 312

Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.

CHOIR PRACTICES

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

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.



Next Sunday's Mass Readings

Ezekiel 37: 12-14;

Psalms 129;

Romans 8: 8-11

John 11: 1-45

CHURCHES TOGETHER: GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS

14TH APRIL

This Annual event will start with a short Service at the Sacred Heart Church at 10.15am. We will walk down the Worcester Rd, KEEPING TO THE PAVEMENT AT ALL TIMES, through the underpass, down St Andrew's St, up through the Precinct and into Victoria Square for the Service at about 11.00 am. For the last four years the Good Friday Walk of Witness has been guided by volunteer marshals from all the Churches. We are again requesting volunteers to marshal the walk. If you wish to help in this way please be at the Sacred Heart hall for 10.00am for a briefing, and, if possible, bringing a high viz jacket. We are also in need of someone to be a lead marshal to brief other marshals on the route and procedure, and to give instructions to the walkers before setting off from the Sacred Heart. If you feel you could help in this way and/or would like more information, please contact Penny Gilfeather on 01905 772215 or at peterwex@aol.com.

CHURCHES TOGETHER: LENT COURSE 2017

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The next meeting is on Wednesday 29th March at 7.30 pm at Droitwich Baptist Church. The theme is *Are we out of our comfort zone*. For full details of the course and venues please see the poster on the noticeboard. All are welcome.

TRAIDCRAFT REAL EASTER EGGS

If you would like a Traidcraft Real Easter Egg, we are going to have to order them, so please let us know your requirements in good time. They are available in milk or plain chocolate; all come with simple guide to the Easter story.

USING SOCIAL MEDIA FOR PARISH CATECHESIS & EVANGELISATION

The Birmingham evangelisation office warmly invite you to this workshop at St. George's, Worcester on Monday 27th March from 7.00 pm until 9.00 pm. There will be four 20 minutes presentations with resources and handouts available for those who would like to know more.

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.

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.