



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

Acts 2: 14, 22-33;

Psalms 15;

1 Peter 1: 17-21

Luke 24: 13-35

This Week 30th April - 7th May (Psalter Week 3)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 30th April Third Sunday of Easter	8.30 am Thanksgiving for the birth of Olivia Anna Sara Greenway (A & GN) 10.30 am Sheila McGrath (CL) 6.00 pm Paulose Edathala RIP (MF)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall. Traidcraft & Piety Stalls unavailable. 12 Noon: Baptism
Monday 1st May Easter feria	10.00 am Damien Doran RIP (PD)	12.30 pm - 2.30 pm: Community Meal
Tuesday 2nd May Memorial of St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Ints. of Iain & Marie Martin (P & CI)	7.30 pm Bible Study Group
Wednesday 3rd May Feast of Ss. Philip & James, Apostles	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	10.00 am - 9.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.30 pm Justice & Peace Group
Thursday 4th May Feast of the English Martyrs	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	2.00 pm: Church Tour 3.45 pm: Church Tour
Friday 5th May Easter feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	
Saturday 6th May Easter Feria	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Holy Mass	10.15 - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 7th May Fourth Sunday of Easter Retiring Collection for the Clergy Training Fund	8.30 am Mr. & Mrs Lloyd RIP (BB) 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

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am: Show us, Lord, the path of life.

10.30 am: Show us Lord show us Lord, show us Lord the path of life.

6.00 pm: Keep me safe O God, I take refuge in you. 40
Laudate.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Ralph & Milly Arnold, Mary Arulandhu, John Blackman, 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.

RECENT DEAD

Your prayers are asked for **Jean Marsh** who died recently. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. The Requiem Mass will be on Friday 12th May at 1.45 pm. Please also remember her family members and friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

BAPTISM

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

THANK YOU—LENTEN ALMS 2017

This year during Lent our parish raised £85.53 for Father Hudson's Care to support their work with those experiencing great need. This money will be spent to provide support for frail and isolated older people and provide a temporary shelter for rough sleepers in the centre of Birmingham. Fr. Vincent SCJ would like to say a big thank you for your support and generosity to raise money for a good cause.

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART - FRIDAY 23RD JUNE

Once again this year, we shall be celebrating our parish Feast Day with Mass at 7.00 pm, followed by a social and informal entertainment in the Parish Hall. Fr. Vincent SCJ would like to get some volunteers to organise this Feast Day and a shared table. If anyone can help in this matter, please could you speak to Fr. Vincent SCJ as soon as possible?

WELCOMING NEW FAMILIES OR INDIVIDUALS TO DROITWICH

Are you new to the parish? If so, please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Vincent Arulandhu SCJ and complete the census form of the parish. Census forms can be found in the Narthex of the Church. We can bless your home, especially during the season of Easter, and help you to meet other people in the parish, should you wish. Just let us know. Fr. Vincent SCJ.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham is on Saturday 13th May and will be led by Bishop Robert Byrne. The full itinerary is on the noticeboard. For further information please contact the Diocesan Organiser, Andrew Oldnall, on 0121 440 8623

CHARITY KNITTING

Thank you once again for the beautiful items donated recently, they are being despatched to the camp in Dunkirk. The next collection will be on Friday 5th May. The organisers have also asked for wool to be used for craft activities in the camps, so if you have any odd balls of wool they can be placed in the porch with the knitting.

REFUGEE UNDERWEAR APPEAL

Yet another thank you for your continued support. May I remind you, only small/medium items are required for the adults. To date the larger items I have been able to pass on to The Chernobyl Charity, but unfortunately from March 31st they ceased collecting and I have been unable to find another outlet. April's items will be collected on Friday 5th May.

SUMMER FAIR 2017

Our Summer Fair will be a joint affair with St. Joseph's School. It will be held on Saturday 8th July between 1.00 pm and 3.00 pm at St. Joseph's School. We need to start thinking about prizes for the raffle so that we can get tickets printed and have time to sell them prior to our Fair. Can you help by donating a prize? There is a clipboard at the back of church. Thank you. Chris & Terry Poulten.

ALTAR SERVERS

We would like to increase the number of altar servers. We invite children (with the consent, encouragement and support of their parents), young people and even perhaps, in certain cases, older people to consider the possibility of becoming an altar server. More will be said about this at the end of each Mass today, Sunday 30th April. Anyone who is interested should give name and details to Fr. Vincent. A meeting will be held in due course and a training programme for servers will be drawn up.

WELCOMERS - 8.30 AM MASS

The 8.30 am Hymn Book Rota is looking for new people to come and help. This really doesn't take too much time and the more people we have the better. We would welcome some younger members, so please consider joining us to welcome people into our beautiful church. Please phone Mary Child on 01905 345056 for more information.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

After the success of *The Big Picture* course the group has started Bible study to deepen the knowledge of the scriptures in a different way; that is, by reading the Bible in a group and sharing its meaning with others. This will take place on Tuesdays from 7.30 pm until 8.30 pm in the Elgar Room of the Parish Hall; refreshments are included. The group would like to welcome everyone to join them. The only requirement is to bring your own bible.

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.

INVITE

Join Bridget Bullock to celebrate her second Mother's Day with free tea and biscuits after the 8.30 am and 10.30 am on Sunday 7th May.

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

The next Justice and Peace Group meeting will be on Wednesday 3rd May at 7.30 pm in the Elgar Room. The group will discuss what more can be done to promote Laudate Si, papal letter, on *Care for our Common Home: the earth*, in this parish. All are welcome to come and help.

Main Collection:**£320.81****Gift Aid: £276.01****Mass Attendance****Last Sunday: 275**

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**The Good Friday
collection for
Holy Places raised:**

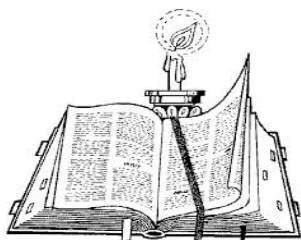
£147.26**Gift Aid: £110.00**

**Thank you for your
generosity.**

FOODBANK

Foodbank have
written to thank
parishioners for your
donations to
Foodbank.

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.



**Next Sunday's Mass
Readings**

*Acts 2: 14, 36-42;**Psalms 22;**1 Peter 2: 20-25**Luke 10: 1-10***SACRED HEART 200 CLUB APRIL 2017 DRAW**

1st prize	£75	No. 93	M. Mason
2nd prize	£50	No. 192	M. Thomson
3rd prize	£25	No. 197	T. Cree

Number of tickets sold: 196. More members are required please! Please support your parish. Application forms are on the shelf at the back of church.

CULTURAL EXCHANGE WITH CHINA (CEC)

Please see the posters on the noticeboard for details of their AGM and an opportunity to teach in China. Wednesday 24th May will be a special day of prayer with the Church of China. There are prayer cards at the back of church.

MARCH FOR LIFE UK - LIFEFEEST17

2017 marks the 50th anniversary of the passing of the Abortion Act. This year's March for Life takes place in Birmingham on Saturday 20th May. Join Bishop Robert Byrne as we remember the 8.7 million lives lost through abortion in the UK. For more details and full itinerary go to www.marchforlife.co.uk.

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.

CATHOLIC NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY:**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Please see the posters on the noticeboard for details of forthcoming events at the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham. These include 1061, a formation programme for young adults, the Dowry of Mary Pilgrimage on Sunday 10th September and Marriage and Family Pilgrimage Week from Saturday 12th August until Sunday 20th August.

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.