



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 6: 1-7;
Psalms 32;
1 Peter 2: 4-9
John 14: 1-12

This Week 14th May - 21st May (Psalter Week 1)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 14th May Fifth Sunday of Easter	8.30 am People of the Parish 10.30 am Margaret Cleary (MR) 6.00 pm Deceased members of the Mason family (MM)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall. Piety Stall unavailable Traidcraft Stall in the Hall
Monday 15th May Easter feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Tony Bond RIP (GB)	12.30 am - 2.30 pm: Community Meal
Tuesday 16th May Easter feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	7.30 pm: Bible Study Group
Wednesday 17th May Easter 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 - Sacred Heart Ladies Group AGM
Thursday 18th May Easter feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	
Friday 19th May Easter feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	
Saturday 20th May Easter Feria	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Holy Mass	10.15 - 10.45 am: Confessions 11.00 am: Anointing Mass
Sunday 21st May Sixth Sunday of Easter	8.30 am Private Intention 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm Holy Mass	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall. Piety Stall in the Hall Traidcraft Stall unavailable

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as
we place all our hope in you.

6.00 pm: Ring out your joy give glory to God. Lift up your
heart and sing. Let all creation tell of his name.
Praise him for evermore!

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.

GETTING READY FOR OUR SUMMER FAIR

SATURDAY 8TH JULY: 1.00 PM - 3.00 PM

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Planning for our summer fair, we need your help to make it a success.

How can I help?

- We need to start thinking about prizes for the raffle. Can you help by donating a raffle prize? There is a clipboard at the back of church.
- Raffle tickets will shortly be available. You can help by buying raffle tickets for the grand draw and by selling them in large quantities to your friends, neighbours and relatives.
- By provided goods for our various stalls. In particular over the coming eight weeks we are seeking items for the following stalls: **Toiletries, Tombola, bric-a-brac and cakes.**

For the next two Sundays, 21st and 28th May, can you please bring in any toiletries you may have. They need to be new and unopened, suitable for sale. There will be a box for you to place them, in the porch as you enter church.

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.

KEEPING SAFE

We have been made aware that there are people operating in the Droitwich area looking to raise money for non-registered charitable initiatives. If you are approached by anyone and have doubts, you should contact the Police or let Fr Vincent know if you need help with doing so.

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 evening with 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?

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. 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.

SACRED HEART LADIES GROUP AGM

WEDNESDAY 17TH MAY 7.30 PM - 9.30 PM IN THE PARISH HALL

Well, it's that time of the year again - yes, time for our Annual General Meeting. Needless to say we look forward to having a full house as it is an opportunity for everyone to have their say. Perhaps there is someone out there who might have a suggestion or two about items for next year's programme? Then once the 'business' side of the meeting is over it will be time for tea or coffee and, hopefully as it is the AGM, an opportunity to sample some cake!

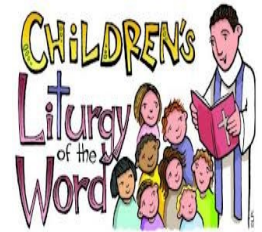
CELEBRATE BIRMINGHAM

SATURDAY 1ST JULY & SUNDAY 2ND JULY - ST. MARY'S COLLEGE, OSCOTT

Celebrate Birmingham is a lively Catholic faith-filled weekend for the whole family including: inspiring talks, children streams, Masses, Reconciliation and workshops. See the poster and leaflets at the back of church. For further information and bookings go to www.celebrateconference.org or contact Lisa Plimmer on 01564 772238 or email: birmingham@celebrateconference.org.

CHURCHES TOGETHER AGM

The CTiD AGM is on Wednesday June 7th at 7.30 pm at the Salvation Army Hall. This year's speaker will be Rev. Peter Tibke who was the Deacon at the Sacred Heart church until April 2015. In 2014 Peter became Roman Catholic Chaplain at Long Lartin prison and has since also become Roman Catholic Chaplain at HMP Oakwood. Peter will be speaking about his experiences and the challenges that this role presents focusing on Multi-Faith and Ecumenical Teamwork.



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 Dagleish. Many thanks.

INVITE

Join Bridget Bullock to celebrate her second Mother's Day today with free tea and biscuits after the 8.30 am and 10.30 am Masses.

JOB VACANCIES

The Archdiocese of Birmingham are currently recruiting for a Head of Communications and Community Engagement and a Press & Media Relations Officer. Please see the poster on the noticeboard if you are interested in either of these positions.

Main Collection:**£289.10****Gift Aid: £309.10****Mass Attendance****Last Sunday: 302**

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**The retiring collection
for the Clergy**

Training Fund raised:**£166.70****Gift Aid: £181.50**

**Thank you for your
generosity.**

LENT FAST DAY

CAFOD have thanked all parishioners for your support for Lent Fast Day. This letter is on the noticeboard if you would like to read it.

FOODBANK

A new wish list for May is on the noticeboard. There are a few items that Foodbank have run out of completely: tinned fruit, tinned spaghetti in tomato sauce and jam. 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 8: 5-8, 14-17;**Psalms 65;**1 Peter 3: 15-18**John 14: 15-21***MARCH FOR LIFE UK - LIFEEST17**

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.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION - WORCESTER CIRCLE

The next meeting is on Thursday 18th May at 7.30 pm at St. George's Parish Hall, Worcester. The speaker is Alan Smith and the subject is *Music in the Post-Conciliation Liturgy: a review of current developments in the Music and Liturgy of the Church*. All are welcome; the charge for visitors is £3.00.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION - WORCESTER CIRCLE**VISIT TO THE TRIANGULAR LODGE AND LYVEDON NEW BIELD****THURSDAY 8TH JUNE**

For further information on the Newman Association visit to these two venues connected with the Tresham family, of Gunpowder Plot fame, please contact Heather Down on 01905 21535 or email hcdownd@gmail.com.

FATIMA CENTENARY CELEBRATION**SATURDAY 13TH MAY - ST. GEORGE'S PARISH HALL, WORCESTER**

On Saturday 13th May at 1.00 pm there will be an opportunity to come together for a Bring and Share lunch followed by the showing of The Thirteenth Day, The Miracle at Fatima. For further details, please see the poster on the noticeboard. Please provide a plate of food for sharing. Thank you.

KNITTING FOR REFUGEES

Once again thank you so very much for the great variety of exquisite items recently donated. All were passed on to the sorting depot on Saturday 6th May. The next collection will be taken on Friday 2nd June. I also passed on all the wool and needles for use in the camps. If anyone wishes to replenish our stocks, items can be placed in the box in the porch.

REFUGEE UNDERWEAR APPEAL

Thank you once again for your continual response to this appeal. There is still an urgent need for items for children and adults (just small to medium sizes). As usual these will be collected with the knitting.

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.