



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

Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19

Psalm 85;

Romans 8: 26-27

Matthew 13: 24-43

This Week 23rd July - 30th July (Psalter Week 4)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 23rd July Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30 am Frances Veale RIP (AM) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm Mae McGregor RIP (PG)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall. Piety Stall unavailable Traidcraft Stall in the Hall
Monday 24th July Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Frank & Joan Patterson (MJ)	12.30 pm - 2.30 pm: Community Meal 6.45 pm: Sacred Heart Parish Hall Keyholders meeting
Tuesday 25th July Feast of St. James, Apostle	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Catherine Kelly (P & CI)	
Wednesday 26th July Memorial of Ss. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	10.00 am - 9.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 27th July Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	11.30 am: Funeral Service 5.00 pm: Wedding Rehearsal
Friday 28th July Feast of Our Lady of Betherram	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	12.30 pm: Wedding Service
Saturday 29th July Memorial of St. Martha	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Ints. of Fran & Callum (M. Family)	10.15 - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 30th July Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30 am People of the Parish 10.30 am Holy Mass 6.00 pm John & Mary Ryan (DR)	12 Noon: Baptism 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: O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

6.00pm: Show to us your love and mercy, give us your saving
help. (repeat)

PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Ralph & Milly Arnold, Mary Arulandhu, John Blackman, Monica Campbell, Christopher and Mary Campbell-Johnston, Barbara Conway, Bernadette Violet Duffy, Alan Francis, Natasha Hake, Louise Hill, Marie Hopkins, Julia Howles, Alan Hurst, Michael James, Mike Jennings, Eileen Kilminster, Billy Lydon, Jackie McLean, Michael Sheridan, Rob O'Sullivan, Liz Prakash, Barbara Quigley, James Regan, Bob Shuck, Jacky Smith, Anne & Philip Smith, Pat Smith, Sarah Trueman, Bob Turner, Ann Turton, Jim Tustain, Mary Wallace, Mark Wightman, Brigid Yates and Fr. Tom's sister, Maura.

RECENT DEAD

Your prayers are asked for **Mae McGregor** and **Joan Eileen Smith** who died recently. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. The Funeral Service for Joan will be on Thursday 27th July at 11.30 am followed by a burial at 12.30 pm at St. Mary's Churchyard. Please also remember their family members and friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

SUMMER FAIR

Thank you to all those parishioners who donated raffle prizes and other items, helped with stalls and counting or supported the event by attending on the day. The total amount raised was £3031.41. After deducting £196.56 expenses, the net total to be shared between the Sacred Heart Church and St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School is £2834.85, £1417.42 each.

ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK

The Annual Sponsored Walk in aid of the Sacred Heart Missionary Work in India will take place in the Sandwell Valley on Saturday 30th September from 1.30 pm. Brother Patrick has decided to join the sponsored walk; if you would like to support this fund raising effort, there is a sponsorship form available at the back of church to sponsor and support him. If you would like to walk in the Sandwell Valley, more sponsorship forms are available at the back of church. Please join Brother Patrick to support the Sacred Heart Missionary work. For further details please speak to Fr. Vincent or Brother Patrick. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

TRANSPORT TO 10.30 AM MASS: HELP REQUIRED!

Are the SVP group or is any individual able to help Sally McCool by giving her a lift from Cutnall Green to the 10.30 am Mass on Sundays. Please speak to Fr. Vincent if you are able to help. Many thanks.

SACRED HEART PARISH: QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR CONCERNS

If any parishioners have any questions or comments regarding the running of the Sacred Heart Parish please could these be raised with Father Vincent via email, phone or in person. Many thanks.

PARISH SECRETARY

During the school summer holidays, my working days and hours may vary from usual and I will be out of the office from Monday 7th August until Friday 18th August inclusive. If I am unavailable and you need to speak to someone urgently please contact Caroline Healy on 01905 779437 for any queries relating to the Parish Hall and Father Vincent SCJ for everything else. Many thanks, Kate Dalglish.

READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

There is a new rota available for the period from Sunday 6th August 2017 until Sunday 12th November 2017 that has been distributed via email. A few copies are available at the back of church for those who are not on the distribution list. If you are unable to take your turn on the rota, please arrange to swap with someone else. If there are any problems or if anyone would like to join the Readers' and Eucharistic Ministers' Rota, please speak to Father Vincent. Many thanks.

BIRMINGHAM CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL CONFERENCE

This year is the 30th Anniversary Conference and the theme is *"They will know WE are Christians by OUR love"* with speakers Fr. Chris Thomas, Michelle Moran and Bruce Yocum. The Conference takes place from 1.00 pm on Monday 7th August until 1.00 pm on Friday 11th August at St. John's Hotel, 651 Warwick Road, Solihull, B91 1AT. Day visitors are welcome; registration opens at 9.00 am each morning. Further information can be found in the leaflets at the back of Church.

ST. CHAD'S PILGRIMAGE: SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2017

Bishop Michael Ipgrave, Bishop of Lichfield, and Archbishop Bernard Longley invite parishioners to participate in a pilgrim walk from St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham to Lichfield Cathedral, approximately 18 miles. This is not a sponsored event but an ecumenical initiative which will allow for people to take part in a stage of the walk if you feel that the whole distance is too much. The route will move from St. Chad's, along arranged canal paths, emerging at Perry Common then onward through Sutton Park and Little Aston. This walk is open to all; further details to follow soon.

CAFOD TALK

There will be a CAFOD talk on Monday 18th September from 10.30 am until 12 noon at St. George's Parish Hall, Worcester. Refreshments will be available from 10.00 am. Clare Dixon, Head of CAFOD's work in Latin America and the Caribbean, will be speaking about CAFOD's work with partner organisations in Latin America.

SACRED HEART PARISH HALL KEYHOLDERS

The next meeting of Hall Keyholders will be on Monday 24th July at 6.45 pm in the Romero Room. Please note that after this date no further bookings will be accepted for August.

NEWSLETTERS: FATHER HUDSON'S CARE & FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

Please see the newsletters on the noticeboard for updates from both Father Hudson's Care and Friends of the Holy Land.

PAX CHRISTI

Pax Christi have sent a thank you note and a briefing on the forthcoming Nuclear Weapon Ban Treaty negotiations; these are on the noticeboard. For further information on the work of Pax Christi please visit their website at www.paxchristi.org.uk.

TRAIDCRAFT

The stall is open today, but is closed throughout August. Should you wish to purchase something during August please contact Kevin & Elizabeth Larkin on 01905 776122. Thank you for your continued support.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

From this week onwards the Bible Study Group is on a break for the summer. The group will restart on Tuesday 5th September at 7.30 pm.

FOODBANK

A new wish list for July 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.

OUR LADY'S ROSARY GROUP, HOLY CROSS CHURCH, WHITWICK

31ST ROSARY RALLY: SUNDAY 27TH AUGUST 2017

You are warmly invited to join in our 31st Rosary Rally at Mount St. Bernard Abbey, Leicestershire. The rally commences with Mass at 2.00 pm; the Principal Celebrant is the Rt. Rev. Dom Erik Varden. For the full programme for the day please see the poster on the noticeboard. For further information please contact Mrs. A Gartland at anne.gartland@yahoo.co.uk or on 01530 451007

HUGH DALY

In September, Hugh Daly will be cycling 300 miles in four days from Cork to Giant's Causeway in Ireland to raise money for Zoe's Place Baby Hospice in Coventry. If you would like to support Hugh by donating to Zoe's Place, please donate either via Hugh's Just Giving page at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Hugh-Daly1 or there are sponsorship forms at the back of church. To find out more about Zoe's Place Baby Hospice and the work that they do visit their website at www.zoes-place.org.uk/coventry.

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA ENGLAND AND WALES

This year the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco will be travelling around the country, visiting various cathedrals, abbeys and churches. 2017 is the Centenary year of the Fatima message, which was given by the Blessed Virgin between May and October 1917. The Statue and Relics will be visiting St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham on Saturday 29th July and Sunday 30th July 2017. For further details please see the poster on the noticeboard.

SACRED HEART 200 CLUB JUNE 2017 DRAW

The winners in the June draw are:

1st prize	£75	No. 13	K. Larkin
2nd prize	£50	No. 5	C. Sharkey
3rd prize	£25	No. 167	C. Griffiths

Thank you to those people who have recently renewed their subscriptions. Please support your parish and purchase a ticket; to date, 197 tickets have been sold. Application forms at the back of church.

RiDL

The next Retreat in Daily Life support group will be on Thursday 27th July at 7.30 pm. This will focus on Matthew 13: 31-33 and 44-52. All are welcome; if you would like to attend or need more information please contact Debbie Prigg on 01905 771288 or dprigg@btinternet.com.

Main Collection:

£284.90

Gift Aid: £212.30

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 290

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

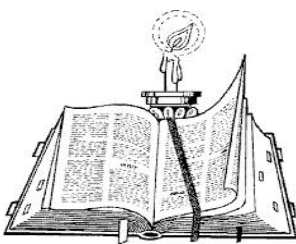
**Additional gift aid
donation for Day for
Life: £2.00**

**Additional gift aid
donation for Peter's
Pence: £5.00**

**Thank you for your
generosity.**

REFUGEE KNITTING & UNDERWEAR APPEAL

Any donations can be placed in the boxes in the entrance to church and will be gratefully received.



Next Sunday's Mass Readings

1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12

Psalms 118;

Romans 8: 28-30

Matthew 13: 44-52

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.