



## 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 Kings 3: 5, 7-12*

*Psalm 118;*

*Romans 8: 28-30*

*Matthew 13: 44-52*

<b>This Week</b> <b>30th July - 6th August</b> <b>(Psalter Week 1)</b>	<b>Holy Mass &amp; Services</b>	<b>Other Events</b>
<b>Sunday 30th July</b> <b>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	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
<b>Monday 31st July</b> Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Holy Mass	7.00pm: Church Tour
<b>Tuesday 1st August</b> Memorial of St. Alphonsus Mary de'Ligouri, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MF)	11.00 am: Church Tour 7.00 pm: Choir Practice
<b>Wednesday 2nd August</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	<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 3rd August</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Angela Roussos RIP (VG)	
<b>Friday 4th August</b> Memorial of St. John Mary Vianney, Priest	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Holy Mass	
<b>Saturday 5th August</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>10.30 am Holy Rosary</b> 11.00 am Susan Maxfield - Birthday (CM)	<b>10.15 - 10.45 am: Confessions</b>
<b>Sunday 6th August</b> <b>Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord</b>	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MF) 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 & Traidcraft Stalls unavailable

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## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**8.30 am & 10.30 am: Lord, how I love your law!**

**6.00pm: The word of God is more desired than gold; the word of God is sweeter than honey. Light to our eyes the Lord's command is clear; greater than gold the message of eternal life.**

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## **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** 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 18th August at 1.00 pm with the Reception of her Body on Thursday 17th August at 6.00 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 **Elliot Vincenzo Rettino** who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism today. Please keep him and his parents in your kind thoughts and prayers.

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## **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.

## **PLANNED FOOTWAY MAINTENANCE**

Worcester Highways will be resurfacing the footway outside the Church in August. The work is expected to commence on Monday 21st August and will last for nine days. Please note that this start date is weather dependent and subject to change; we will keep you up to date with any further information we receive. We have been assured that access should be maintained to both the disabled parking and the Presbytery whilst this work is ongoing.

## **CHOIR PRACTICE**

The next choir practice is on Tuesday 1st August at 7.00 pm. New members are always welcome if you would like to join us.

## 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.

## 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.

## BIG BIBLE STUDY - SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 10.00 AM - 13.00 PM

### PRAY - STUDY - EAT

This year the Ecumenical Big Bible Study will be held at St. George's Hall, Sansome Place, Worcester on Saturday 30th September. The leaders for the morning are Archbishop Bernard Longley, Bishop John Inge and Alison Mackay, Regional Minister for the Heart of England Baptist Association. The cost is £4.00 per person; this includes a bread and soup lunch. To register your place please contact 01905 732900. Please visit [www.cofe-worcester.org.uk](http://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk) or see the poster on the noticeboard for further details.

## 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](http://www.paxchristi.org.uk).

## TRAIDCRAFT

The stall 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.

## PARISH GROUPS

Please could all parish groups who use the hall leave the rooms clean and tidy. This includes putting away any tables and chairs that are used. Thank you for your co-operation.

## BIBLE STUDY GROUP

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

**Main Collection:**

**£277.36**

**Gift Aid: £282.00**

**Mass Attendance**

**Last Sunday: 273**

**Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.**

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

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

### **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.



### **Next Sunday's Mass Readings**

*Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14*

*Psalms 96;*

*2 Peter 1: 16-19*

*Matthew 17: 1-9*

## **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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.zoes-place.org.uk/coventry).

### **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.

### **HARVINGTON PILGRIMAGE - SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER**

This year the Annual Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall, Shrine of the English Martyrs, is on Sunday 3rd September. Mass is at 3.00 pm with Confessions from 1.45 pm until 2.30 pm. Rt. Rev. Robert Byrne CO, Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham will be the principal celebrant and preacher. Free timed tours of Harvington Hall are available to all pilgrims on the day and can be booked in the Hall's courtyard when you arrive. Please bring your own chairs. All information is on the poster on the noticeboard.



### **HOLIDAYS**

Father Vincent would like to wish everyone travelling on their holidays a safe journey and a relaxing time away.

*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.*