



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

Jeremiah 20: 7-9

Psalm 62;

Romans 12: 1-2

Matthew 16: 21-27

This Week 3rd September - 10th September (Psalter Week 2)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 3rd September Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MF) 10.30 am Holy Mass 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall. Piety & Traidcraft Stalls in the Parish Hall
Monday 4th September Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	12.30 pm - 2.30 pm: Community Meal 7.00 pm: SVP Meeting
Tuesday 5th September Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	7.30 pm: Bible Study Group
Wednesday 6th September Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Ints. of Rita Horne (MR)	10.00 am - 9.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.30 pm: Justice & Peace Group (Romero Room) 7.30 pm: Parish Council Meeting (Elgar Room)
Thursday 7th September Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Lee Jefferies RIP (CS)	
Friday 8th September Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Patricia Glover RIP (CL)	
Saturday 9th September Feria in Ordinary Time	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Holy Mass	10.15 - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 10th September Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Retiring Collection for the Catholic Education Service	8.30 am Mr. & Mrs. Hall - 60th Wedding Anniversary (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. Piety & Traidcraft Stalls in the Parish Hall 12 Noon: Baptism

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my
God.

6. 00 pm: To be announced during Mass

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, Carol Nott, Rose O'Grady, Rob O'Sullivan, Liz Prakash, Barbara Quigley, James Regan, Michael Sheridan, 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.

FATHER VINCENT

Father Vincent will be in India from Tuesday 26th September until Monday 6th November. Please check the newsletter for details of Masses and Services. In Father Vincent's absence, please contact Father Brian or Kate Dalgleish. There will be Holy Communion Services on some days during this period. Please could any Eucharistic Ministers who are willing to lead these services contact Kate Dalgleish so that a rota can be arranged. Many thanks.

APPEAL TO FORM A SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND FUNDRAISING TEAM: COULD IT BE YOU?

Fr. Vincent would like to form a Social Committee and Fundraising Team in the parish. The aim of the team is to organise the social events and Summer and Christmas Fairs to support our parish financially and socially. There are so many opportunities to bring our parishioners together through social events and the fairs are organised only twice a year. We need this team in the parish. Please consider taking up this important role. Can you help? Please contact Fr. Vincent SCJ or the Parish Office.

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.

THE OFFICIAL CATHOLIC DIRECTORY OF ENGLAND AND WALES

The Directory will be published on Tuesday 5th December 2017 but demand is expected to be high. You can order online at www.thecatholicuniverse.com/PP or you can pay by cheque or credit card by contacting The Universe Media Group Limited, The Official Catholic Directory, Guardian Print Centre, Longbridge Road, Trafford Park, Manchester, M17 1SN. Tel: 0161 908 5301. Price is £35.00, including postage and packing.

SACRED HEART CHURCH LADIES GROUP

WEDNESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 7.30 PM IN THE PARISH HALL

The new Programme for 2017-2018 has been organised and the first event is entitled '*A Fashion Show with a Difference*'. Suffice to say there will be a variety of items for us to view and if something really takes our fancy there will be the opportunity to make a purchase or two. Hopefully this will be an evening that will appeal to quite a few of our female parishioners. You don't have to be a member to come along and join in; we are always very happy to welcome 'new faces'. The evening starts at 7.30 pm and finishes at 9.30 pm and includes a cup of coffee/tea and a biscuit. So come along and join the fun.

FLOWER GROUP APPEAL

We need new volunteers to join this group of enthusiastic flower arrangers. It is a privilege to arrange flowers for Mass in our beautiful church twice or three times a year and then to be involved with decorating the church for Christmas and Easter celebrations. We need more people to join the group and a new leader. Christine McElroy has kindly led our group for the past twelve months but is unable to continue due to other commitments. We need someone who has organisational skills as well as an interest in flower arranging. If you feel that you can help in any way please contact Father Vincent. You do not need to be an expert – enthusiastic beginners are also welcome!

PARISH SVP: WAITROSE COMMUNITY FUND

The Parish SVP is to benefit from the Waitrose Community Fund during the month of September. Please collect whatever green tokens you are entitled to and put them in the SVP box and ask all your friends to do likewise! That way the SVP will share £1,000. Thank you.

13TH BIRMINGHAM DIOCESAN JUSTICE & PEACE ASSEMBLY

The 13th Birmingham Diocesan Justice and Peace Assembly takes place on Saturday 14th October from 10.30 am until 4.15 pm at St. Peter's Catholic School, Whitefields Road, Solihull, B91 3NZ. The cost is £8.00 (low income and students £5.00). Please bring your own lunch. For further details on how to book please see the poster on the noticeboard or contact Janet Vaughan at bham.jandp@gmail.com.

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

The Justice and Peace Group's next meeting will be on Wednesday 6th September at 7.30 pm in the Romero Room. The agenda will include Laudate Si/ Greening the Parish and the Diocesan Conference agenda. All are welcome.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Bible Study Group will restart on Tuesday 5th September at 7.30 pm.

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.

FOODBANK

Foodbank have produced a Visitor Information leaflet. This is at the back of church if you would like to read it.

THANK YOU

There is a poster on the noticeboard from Life saying thank you for your donations. The funds will be put towards Life's Link One initiative; for further details of this please see the flyer at the back of church.

TEAM 100 VELO BIRMINGHAM

On Sunday 24th September the West Midlands will host a 100 mile closed road cycling event. For details of the routes and times of the road closures in this area please see the poster on the noticeboard.

Main Collection:
£320.84

Gift Aid: £225.60

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 273

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

GIFT AID TAX REBATE

The parish has received a refund of £9573.68 from HMRC. Thank you for your donations. If anyone would like to donate via the gift aid scheme please speak to Fr. Vincent or contact the Parish Office.

PIETY STALL

The Piety Stall will re-open today.

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

Ezekial 33: 7-9

Psalms 94;

Romans 13: 8-10

Matthew 18: 15-20

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 or see the poster on the noticeboard for further details.

VINCENTIAN VOLUNTEERS

Are you aged between 18-35? Have you ever wanted to spend a year making a real difference in the community? Have you thought about trying to live out Gospel values in a faith-filled community? If the answer to these questions is yes, then become a Vincentian Volunteer - living in community, serving the needy in our society and living out your faith practically. Spend a year that will change your life. If you want to know more then visit www.vincentianvolunteers.org.uk

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.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND: NATIONAL GATHERING

The Friends of the Holy Land National Gathering is on Saturday 30th September from 10.30 am until 4.00 pm at the Parish Centre, St. Francis of Assisi, Kenilworth, CV8 1HL. All welcome to attend to hear about the challenges faced by Christians living in the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan and how FHL is giving hope to the most vulnerable families. For more information, see the poster on the noticeboard. To reserve your free place, which includes lunch, contact the FHL office on 01926 512980, office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk or visit www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/national-gathering.

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.