



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

Ezekial 33: 7-9

Psalm 94;

Romans 13: 8-10

Matthew 18: 15-20

This Week 10th September - 17th September (Psalter Week 3)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
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 George Mason RIP (MM)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall. Piety & Traidcraft Stalls in the Parish Hall 12 Noon: Baptism
Monday 11th September Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Kathleen Widdop RIP (PD)	
Tuesday 12th September Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	10.30 am: New Term Mass at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School 7.30 pm: Bible Study Group
Wednesday 13th September Memorial of St. John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Peter & Doreen Doran (PD)	10.00 am - 9.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.30 pm: Finance Committee Meeting
Thursday 14th September Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Nina Read - Birthday (MM)	
Friday 15th September Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Frances & Ernie Veale RIP (MD)	2.30 pm: Rosary of the Seven Sorrows followed by Stations of the Cross
Saturday 16th September Memorial of Ss. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am John & Ruby Martin & Molly & Frank Quegley (I & MM)	10.15 - 10.45 am: Confessions 11.00 am: Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing
Sunday 17th September Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Retiring Collection for Home Mission Sunday	8.30 am People of the Parish 10.30 am Kay Rose Blade (BM & JN) 6.00 pm Holy Mass	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall. Piety & Traidcraft Stalls in the Parish Hall

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.00 pm: O that today you would listen to
his voice! Harden not your
hearts.**

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.

BAPTISM

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

HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL CORMAC MURPHY-O'CONNOR, RIP

Dear Parishioners, The Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Vincent Nichols announced the news in a statement: "I am writing to let you know the sad news that Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor died peacefully on Friday 1st September 2017 surrounded by family and friends. Please pray for the repose of his soul." The funeral rites for His Eminence Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor have been arranged for Tuesday 12th September with the Reception of the Body at 10.00 am and Solemn Vespers of the Dead at 5.00 pm. On Wednesday 13th September at 12 noon there will be a Funeral Mass followed by a burial at Westminster Cathedral. Prayer cards are available from the back of church.

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 Dalglish. To arrange a Mass Intention, please contact Kate Dalglish. 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 the Parish Office so that a rota can be arranged. Many thanks.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Friday is the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, the memorial of Mary's sevenfold sufferings in her own martyrdom as she witnesses the rejection, Passion and Death of her beloved Son. A few of us plan to mark this feast with the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows, which will commence at 2.30 pm on Friday 15th September and be followed by Stations of the Cross at around 3.00 pm. If you are able to join us, it will save us from being too few, will show love and honour to our blessed Mother and will please her Son, in whose sufferings for our sake his Mother inevitably shared.

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Christmas Fair is coming soon! This year our parish Christmas Fair will be held on **Saturday 9th December in the Parish Hall. Please put this date in your diary and support this event.** This is one of the biggest events to raise money for our parish and an opportunity to catch up with friends and meet new people. We need to start thinking about prizes for the raffle so we are looking for an attractive 1st prize for the raffle tickets. **Can anyone help us by donating a prize?** If you can, please contact Fr. Vincent SCJ or the Parish Office. There will be a meeting on Friday 22nd September at 6.00 pm in the Romero Room of the Parish Hall. This meeting is to plan and organise the coming Christmas Fair. Fr. Vincent would like to invite those people who run the stalls and people who would like to help at this Christmas Fair. New and bright ideas are always most welcome! Let us make it a successful one!

NEXT WEEK: HOME MISSION SUNDAY

Often when we hear the word 'Mission' it is associated with the valuable work of helping people in other countries. Whilst important, we also need to share our faith with those we love, know and meet - right here on home turf. By donating to the second collection you will enable the Home Mission Office to produce resources, help parishes and equip people to share their faith with others.

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.

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!

CHRISTMAS

MASSES

Please note that our Mass times for 2017 will be

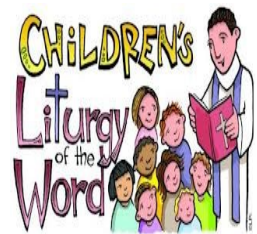
Christmas Eve:

5.00 pm (Children's Mass)

8.00 pm (Midnight Mass), with carols from 7.30 pm

Christmas Day:

one Mass only at 9.30 am.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUPS

These will resume on Sunday 17th September during the 10.30 am Mass. There will be no Children's Liturgy groups on Sunday 24th September due to the road closures.

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:

£364.60

Gift Aid: £276.05

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 288

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

FOODBANK

A new wish list for September 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.

SHOPPING AND CLEANING SERVICES

A reliable lady is seeking employment by assisting anyone who needs support with shopping or cleaning. Please contact Stella on 07916 335685 if you are interested.



Next Sunday's Mass Readings

*Ecclesiasticus 27: 30 -
28: 7*

Psalms 102;

Romans 14: 7-9

Matthew 18: 21-35

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. 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.

FATHER HUDSON'S CARE

On Sunday 24th September there will be a retiring collection for Father Hudson's Care. Father Hudson's mission is to provide Catholic social care in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, reaching out to support vulnerable people young and old. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

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@friendsoftheholylnd.org.uk or visit www.friendsoftheholylnd.org.uk/national-gathering.

HUGH DALY

Next week, 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.

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.