



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
Ecclesiasticus 27: 30 - 28: 7
Psalms 102;
Romans 14: 7-9
Matthew 18: 21-35

This Week 17th September - 24th September (Psalter Week 4)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
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
Monday 18th 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 19th September Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Kevin McCorry (MM)	7.30 pm: Bible Study Group
Wednesday 20th September Memorial of St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions, Martyrs	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Ints. of Gretta & Fred Moulton (MR)	10.00 am - 9.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 21st September Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	
Friday 22nd September Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	6.00 pm: Christmas Fair Meeting (Romero Room)
Saturday 23rd September Memorial of St. Pio of Pietrelcina	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Holy Mass	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 24th September Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Retiring Collection for Fr. Hudson's Society	8.30 am Peggy & Denis Regan RIP (BB) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm Ints. of Nicholas & Daniel Doran (PD)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall. Piety & Traidcraft Stalls in the Parish Hall

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES

Gerry Ceclich
Cynthia Sharkey

8.30 am & 10.30 am: The Lord is Compassion and love, slow
to anger and rich in mercy.

6.00 pm: My soul give thanks to the Lord all my being bless his
holy name.

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, Kevin McCorry, Jackie McLean, 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.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY

The Home Mission Office exists to help the Church throughout England and Wales to share the joy of the Gospel. It can seem daunting to share such a personal part of our lives as our faith in Jesus Christ. However, we could pray for the people we carry in our hearts to encounter him for themselves. Prayer cards and prayer maps for families are available from the back of church. If you would like to pray for the spread of the Good News on a regular basis, please sign up to our newsletter via homemission.org.uk. Please consider contributing to today's second collection. The money received from this collection ensures the Catholic Faith Centre is resourced and is able to respond to those who have questions about the Catholic Faith. It is possible to donate online at catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Donate.

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. A rota of Eucharistic Ministers to lead these is at the back of church. Thank you to those who have volunteered.

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! If you would like to donate a prize for the raffle there is a clipboard at the back of church.

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!

CAKE SALE!

Georgina Flowerdew will be volunteering for Restless Development in Zambia for 3 months from September 2017. She will be selling cakes in the Parish Hall after Mass today to raise money for the International Citizen Service. The International Citizen Service is a programme that brings young people from different countries together to fight poverty and it is via this programme that Georgina has been selected to go to Zambia.

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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Come and hear Marie's story: *From 5 abortions to healing with Christ*, a testimony you will never forget. The 40 Days for Life Kick-off event is on Sunday 24th September at 3.00 pm in the Upper Cloister Room, Birmingham Oratory, 141 Hagley Road, B16 8UE. All are welcome. For further information please see the poster and flyers at the back of church or contact Isabel on 07773 501721.

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.

CHRISTMAS

MASSES

Please note that our Mass times for 2017 will be

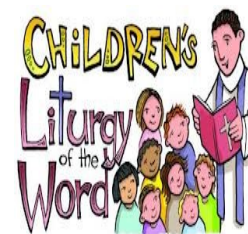
Christmas Eve:

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 today 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.

NEW EDITION: BIBLE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Main Collection:

£284.73

Gift Aid: £161.00

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 292

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**The retiring collection
for the Catholic
Education Service
raised: £ 177.75**

Gift Aid: £65.50

**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

Isaiah 55: 6 - 9

Psalms 144;

Philippians 1: 20-24, 27

Matthew 20: 1-16

This bible is in the very popular YOUCAT format. It is abridged for easier understanding and has commentaries and tips about how to put Scripture into practice. It is a perfect present for a young person. It also includes a touching personal preface by Pope Francis. This bible is available from the Piety Stall for £20.00. Catholic diaries, calendars and Christmas cards are now also available at the Piety stall.

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.

CTS BOOK STAND

Several newly published books are now on sale. Titles include *Finding God in Anxiety and Depression* and *Finding God when a Loved One Loses Faith*. CTS books are now available as e-books. The website is www.ctsbooks.org/ebooks.

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.

QUIZ NIGHT: FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2017

7.30 PM IN THE SACRED HEART PARISH HALL

Droitwich Spa French and German Twinning Groups cordially invite you to bring a team of six to a professionally led quiz with ploughman's supper included in the cost of £8 per person. Booking is essential for catering purposes; further details can be obtained from Mike Nott on 07756 876269.

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. 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.

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.

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