



## 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

*Exodus 22: 20-26;*  
*Psalms 17;*  
*1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10*  
*Matthew 22: 34-40*

This Week 29th October - 5th November (Psalter Week 2)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
<b>Sunday 29th October</b> <b>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Retiring Collection for the SVP	8.30 am Patrick and Nessa Cruise RIP (ER) 10.30 am Shelia Manion - Birthday (SM) 6.00 pm Holy Mass	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Piety & Traidcraft Stalls in the Parish Hall
<b>Monday 30th October</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> <b>9.15 am Holy Communion Service</b>	
<b>Tuesday 31st October</b> Feria in Ordinary Time.	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Holy Mass	7.00 pm: Choir Practice 7.30 pm: Bible Study Group
<b>Wednesday 1st November</b> <b>Solemnity of All Saints</b>	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Manuel Bermejo RIP (RB) 7.30 pm Holy Mass	<b>10.00 am - 7.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
<b>Thursday 2nd November</b> <b>The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed</b>	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Holy Mass 6.15 pm Deceased Members & Ladies of Droitwich Catenians	
<b>Friday 3rd November</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> <b>9.15 am Holy Communion Service</b>	
<b>Saturday 4th November</b> Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop	<b>10.30 am Holy Rosary</b> 11.00 am Holy Mass	<b>Confessions by appointment only</b>
<b>Sunday 5th November</b> <b>Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Retiring Collection for the Johnson Association	8.30 am Holy Mass 10.30 am Holy Mass 6.00 pm Holy Mass	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Piety & Traidcraft Stalls unavailable

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: I love you, Lord, my strength.  
6.00 pm: Lord I love you, you are my strength, you are my shelter, my God and my king. You keep me from harm in the shadow of your wing. Lord I love you and that is why I sing. (AK10)

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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, 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, David Veale, Mary Wallace, Mark Wightman, Brigid Yates and Fr. Tom's sister, Maura.

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### FATHER VINCENT

Father Vincent is in India 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.

### SVP

Today there will be a retiring collection for the SVP. Please give generously to this collection to enable the SVP to continue helping those in need.

### GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN, GENTLEWOMEN, BOYS AND GIRLS!

This seems very early to be thinking about Christmas but the time just flies by. This year our Christmas Fayre will be on Saturday 9th December starting at 12 Noon. Please note in your diary and keep the date free. As always we need your help to make sure it is a success. During the next 8 weeks I will be asking you each week to concentrate your giving towards a particular stall. Let me be frank: we have not been overwhelmed so far with scarves or toiletries. We desperately need stock for our fayre or it won't happen! Please continue to rifle through your wardrobes and cupboards to see what you can spare for us. For this next week we ask that you think about the toy stall. I am sure that those of you with children will want to have a clear-out in any case before Christmas. Please bring us what you can spare for us to resell so your surplus goes to a good home. Toys must be in good condition and in working order. Children's books will also be much appreciated. Jigsaws and board games must have all the pieces. You will find a box at the back of church to put your donations in (including next Sunday 5th November). Larger items can be left outside the Romero Room in the hall. **Remember, without your help and generosity, the Christmas Fayre cannot take place.**

### CHOIR PRACTICE

The next choir practice is on Tuesday 31st October at 7.00 pm. New members are always welcome if you would like to join us.

### SACRED HEART COMMUNITY

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Fr. Tom Kelly SCJ  
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### SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES

Gerry Ceclich  
Cynthia Sharkey

*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.*

### NOVEMBER : MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

In November we remember and pray especially for those who have died. At the back of church there are "In Remembrance" sheets. If you would like to remember in this special way loved ones who have died, write down their names, place the sheet in one of the envelopes provided and put it in the Holy Souls Box (**do not put any money in the envelope**). The Holy Souls Box will be placed near the altar at each Mass in November. It is a good time to offer the sacrifice of Mass for a loved one in November and also someone you know who is in need or close to you. There are Mass Intention Request envelopes available in the Narthex if you wish to have Mass offered for deceased relatives and friends.

### WEDNESDAY ADORATION

Grateful thanks to all those who visit the Lady Chapel on Wednesday and enable the Sacred Heart Church to continue weekly Adoration. Please note on Wednesday 1st November, All Saints Day, Adoration will end at 7.00 pm as evening Mass will begin at 7.30 pm. Don't miss the opportunity to visit God in the Eucharist and spend time in his loving Presence. Everyone is welcome.

### JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

The next meeting of Justice and Peace Group will be on Wednesday 8th November, not Wednesday 1st November (All Saints Day). Agenda includes a report of Diocesan Conference, Christmas Cards to Prisoners, Stations of Cross outside. All are welcome.

### MISSION - RED BOXES

It's the second and last collection for 2017. I would be grateful if you could kindly bring your boxes to Church from Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October until Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November. For all our parishioners that contribute so sincerely on a regular basis I, on behalf of Missio's Association for the Propagation of the Faith (APF), would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your prayers, generosity and financial support. By supporting Missio, Pope Francis's official charity for overseas mission, you will be sharing the peace and love of Christ with all people by helping everyone in need regardless of background or belief. As always new Box Holders are needed. Please contact Maria or Kate Dalglish if you would like to become a Red Box Holder and support this wonderful cause; "The more we give the more we have". **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.** Maria's contact details are [goretticruz@msn.com](mailto:goretticruz@msn.com) or 07525 087415.

### CONFESSIONS

There will be no Confessions on Saturdays whilst Fr. Vincent is in India. Confessions will be by appointment only with Fr. Brian Boyle. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to arrange an appointment.

## CHRISTMAS

### MASSES

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.

### JOB VACANCY

The Archdiocese of Birmingham is currently recruiting for a Chief Operating Officer. Please see the poster on the noticeboard for further details. The closing date for applications is Monday 20th November 2017.

### £1 COINS

The old circular £1.00 coins are no longer legal tender. The Piety Stall will only accept the new multisided £1.00 coins. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

### DROITWICH CATENIANS

There will be Mass on Thursday 2nd November at 6.15 pm for the deceased Members and Ladies of Droitwich Catenians. All are invited to attend.

## BIBLE SUNDAY

### Main Collection:

**£354.77**

**Gift Aid: £236.62**

**Mass Attendance**

**Last Sunday: 297**

**Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.**

**The retiring collection  
for World Mission  
Sunday raised:**

**£259.37**

**Thank you for your  
generosity.**

### TRAIDCRAFT SALE

There will be a  
Traidcraft Sale at  
Droitwich Methodist  
Church on Saturday  
4<sup>th</sup> November from  
10.00 am until 12  
noon. Christmas gifts,  
cards, jewellery, toys  
plus grocery and  
household goods.  
Refreshments  
available. All  
welcome.



### Next Sunday's Mass Readings

*Malachi 1: 14 -  
2: 2, 8-10;*

*Psalms 130;*

*1 Thessalonians 2: 7-9*

*Matthew 23: 1-12*

Today is Bible Sunday. There are several copies of the Bible Society's *Word in Action* at the back of church if you would like to take a copy.

### LAUDATE SI

For readers of Laudate Si extracts wanting the complete document, 2 copies are available at back of church. If more are required please ask Paul Ingram who can get them quickly. These are approximately £5.00 a copy.

### REFUGEE KNITTING & CLOTHING COLLECTION

Thank you so much for the wonderful variety of beautiful items which will be forwarded to the Refugee Camps within the next week or so. The next collection date is November 4th, so please keep knitting! There are some wool and patterns at the entrance to the church to help defray costs. Donations of the same would be greatly appreciated. As the weather is getting colder the organisers have asked can we extend the underwear collection to include socks, hats, gloves and scarves. These will also be collected on November 4th. Many thanks for your continued support. Your kindness makes such a difference to the adults and children in the camps.

### LIGHTS OF LOVE SERVICE

Once again this year within Churches Together we are hosting a special ecumenical service, Lights of Love, dedicated to those who have died and gone to rest with the Lord. Everyone in our parish who has lost a loved one is welcome to dedicate a light of love on Tuesday 14th November at 6.00 pm. Refreshments will be available afterwards in our parish hall. This service is free to attend and open to everyone. Leaflets are available from the Narthex.

### 2017 ADVENT RETREAT AT BROWNSHILL MONASTERY, STROUD

The Bernadine Cistercian Sisters are running two Advent retreats based on the O Antiphons. Their retreats run from Friday 1st December until Sunday 3rd December and Wednesday 13th December until Friday 15th December. Places are limited but they do still have some spaces, particularly for the later date. Further information can be found at <http://www.bernardine.org/brownsbill-programme>. Please email [brownsbillbookings@bernardine.org](mailto:brownsbillbookings@bernardine.org) or contact 01453 883084 if you would like to attend.

### CONCERT AT ST. MARY'S HARVINGTON

In celebration of **ST. CECILIA'S DAY**, on Sunday 19th November at 6.00 pm in St. Mary's Church the Harvington Bach Choir and Orchestra will perform: Handel's *Zadok The Priest* and *Organ Concerto Op. 4 No. 4* followed by Purcell's *Come Ye Sons Of Art* and *Hail! Bright Cecilia*. Refreshments will be served during the interval. Tickets are £10 and will be available after both Masses on Sunday or by telephoning 01299 851511.

### LAUDATE SI

#### CLIMATE CHANGE AFFECTS THE POOR THE MOST

Many of the poor in our world live in areas particularly affected...Their way of living is largely dependent on natural reserves such as agriculture, fishing, forestry. These things are often now degraded, polluted, or overused; and the poor without any other resources, bear the burden. (20)

