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Sacratissimi Cordis Jesu  
BETHARRAM

## 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 20: 1-17;*  
*Psalm 18;*  
*1 Corinthians 1: 22 - 25*  
*John 2: 13-25*

<b>This Week</b> <b>4th March - 11th March</b> <b>(Psalter Week 3)</b>	<b>Holy Mass &amp; Services</b>	<b>Other Events</b>
<b>Sunday 4th March</b> <b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Year B</b> Retiring Collection for Cathedral Maintenance	8.30 am Mary & James McDonnell (N & B) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm Rowan Finch (MM)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Traidcraft Stall in the hall
<b>Monday 5th March</b> Lent feria	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> <b>9.15 am Holy Communion Service</b>	7.00 pm: SVP Meeting
<b>Tuesday 6th March</b> Lent feria	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Mary McCann RIP (VF)	6.30 pm: FHC Meeting at St. Joseph's School 7.00 pm: Choir Practice 7.30 pm: Bible Study Group
<b>Wednesday 7th March</b> Lent feria	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Sara Newman RIP (GN)	<b>10.00 am - 9.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
<b>Thursday 8th March</b> Lent feria	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Rosemary O'Grady RIP (S & SR)	
<b>Friday 9th March</b> Lent feria	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> <b>9.15 am Holy Communion Service</b>	9.45 am: Stations of the Cross
<b>Saturday 10th March</b> Lent feria	<b>10.30 am Holy Rosary</b> <b>11.00 am Holy Communion Service</b>	
<b>Sunday 11th March</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Year B</b>	8.30 am Michael O'Grady RIP (CE & MO) 10.30 am Denis Brady (CB) 6.00 pm John Weaver (MW)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Piety Stall in the hall 12 Noon: Baptism

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Cynthia Sharkey

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am: You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

10.30 am: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

6.00 pm: 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; richer than gold the message of eternal life.

## 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, Beryl Hill, Louise Hill, Marie Hopkins, Julia Howles, Alan Hurst, Michael James, Mike Jennings, Eileen Kilminster, Billy Lydon, Kevin McCorry, Jackie McLean, Agnes May, Rob O'Sullivan, Liz Prakash, Rosemarie Preece, Barbara Quigley, James Regan, Michael Sheridan, Bob Shuck, Jacky Smith, Anne & Philip Smith, Pat Smith, Sarah Trueman, Ann Turton, Jim Tustain, David Veale, Mary Wallace, Breda Wightman, Mark Wightman, Richard Wightman, Brigid Yates and Fr. Tom's sister, Maura.

## RECENT DEAD

Your prayers are asked for **Irene Murphy** who died recently. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Her Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 22nd March at 12 noon with the Reception of her Body at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 21st March. After the Requiem Mass there will be a cremation at 1.45 pm at Worcester Crematorium. Please also remember her family members and friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

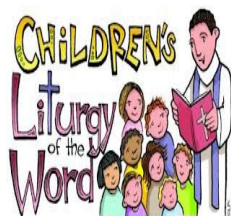
## FATHER VINCENT

Father Vincent has travelled back to India to be with his mother, Mary Arulandhu, who is not very well. Please keep Father Vincent, his mother and their family in your thoughts and prayers. Details of Masses and Services will be in the newsletter and on the parish website. **These will change each week.** In Father Vincent's absence, please contact Father Brian or Kate Dalglish. To arrange a Mass Intention, please contact Kate Dalglish. Please could any Eucharistic Ministers who are willing to lead the Holy Communion Services contact Kate Dalglish as soon as possible so that a rota can be arranged. Many thanks.

## THANK YOU

Max Jourdir is stepping down as Chairman of the Finance Committee after 12 years. On behalf of the parish, Fr. Vincent would like to thank Max for his many years work as Chairman and also thank Mike Clarke who is taking over from Max.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY



New volunteers are needed to help with Children's Liturgy during the 10.30 am Mass on Sundays. Please consider joining this rota. Sufficient support is needed to keep Children's Liturgy up and running. If you are interested, please speak to Shelagh Young or contact the Parish Office.

## WAY OF THE CROSS: LENT 2018

The season of Lent invites us to ponder more deeply on Jesus' journey to Calvary. The Stations of the Cross are an ancient tradition in the Catholic Church going back to the fourth century when Christians went on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Like many of our Catholic traditions, the Stations of the Cross are rich, deep and meaningful. They help us to understand the sufferings and passion of Jesus Christ and prepare ourselves for the great feast of the Resurrection. This year this traditional devotion is at 9.45 am, just after the Mass, on each Friday during Lent. The Stations of the Cross are also still in place outside the church. The cold weather is likely to have deterred some visitors but hopefully more people will visit once the weather improves.

## HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

As in previous years we will need volunteers to assist with the Holy Week Liturgies, most notably to assist with: Watching between the Mass of the Lord's Supper and Midnight on Holy Thursday, Celebration of the Washing of the Feet at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, Reading of Scriptures on Holy Thursday, Passion Readings on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, Reading of Scriptures at the Easter Vigil and to assist with distribution of Holy Communion on Holy Thursday, at the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday. Sets of clipboards for signing-up of volunteers have been placed at the back of the Church. Thanks in advance for your generosity of time and spirit. When you are arriving and leaving before the Blessed Sacrament during this Watching period you should, **if possible, do so by adoring the Blessed Sacrament on both knees. Please remain silent until you reach the car park.** Thank you.

## MY DAILY GIFT TO THE MISSIONS

Fr. Vincent SCJ would like to thank all those who support the Sacred Heart Missions in India through cardboard *My Daily Gift to the Missions* boxes and through many other ways. These donation boxes are available at the back of church for you to take home, fill over time and then return. Your small donations are a great gift and valuable support to the Sacred Heart Fathers Missions in India. These donations help us to train young men in India, Thailand and Vietnam for the Priesthood. Fr. George Matthew SCJ, the Mission Co-ordinator, has produced a booklet *Mission Awareness* This booklet has information about the Missions that the Sacred Heart Fathers do in different countries. They are available from the Narthex. If you have not already done so, please consider taking a *My Daily Gift to the Missions* box and support this Missions work. Thank you for your continued support for the Indian Missions.

## FLOWER GROUP APPEAL

We are in need of new members to join this group. Flowers are arranged every fortnight by pairs or small groups of people at a time to suit the members of that group. We currently have our turn about twice per year, with the whole group coming together for Easter and Christmas. Money spent on flowers is reimbursed by the Parish. You would work with somebody who would show you where things are and give you help and guidance if you are new to this art. It really is a very lovely and rewarding way to serve the Lord and one another. Please contact Jenny Leonard on 01905 775596 to find out more, or speak to any member of our flower team, whose names appear on the rota on the noticeboard at the back of church.

## CONFESSIONS

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

## DROITWICH SPA FOODBANK

Foodbank are in urgent need of tinned potatoes, tea bags, toilet rolls, tinned fruit and jam. There is a box in the entrance of church for any donations. Thank you for your generosity.

## CHOIR PRACTICE

The choir practices for Holy Week are on the following dates during Lent: Tuesday 6th March, Tuesday 13th March, Tuesday 20th March, all at 7.00 pm.

There was also a practice last Tuesday. New members are always welcome if you would like to join us.

## 2018 PARISH DIARIES

The 2018 Parish Diaries are available to collect from the Narthex. The diaries are free, but any donations would be much appreciated and will be given to the Missions.

Main Collection:

£287.95

Gift Aid: £167.53

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 288

Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.

The retiring collection  
for CAFOD raised:  
£606.08

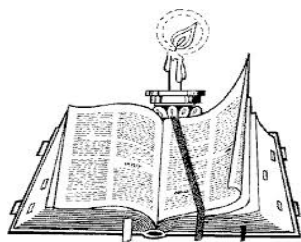
Thank you for your  
generosity.

**FAIRTRADE  
FORTNIGHT: MONDAY  
26TH FEBRUARY UNTIL  
SUNDAY 11TH MARCH**

Please see the poster on  
the noticeboard for  
details of Fairtrade  
Fortnight events in  
Droitwich.

**DROITWICH SVP**

Sacred Heart SVP can  
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**Next Sunday's Mass  
Readings**

*2 Chronicles 36: 14-16,  
19-23;*

*Psalms 136;*

*Ephesians 2: 4 - 10*

*John 3: 14-21*

*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.*

### CHURCHES TOGETHER IN DROITWICH: LENT TALKS

You are invited to come along to any or all of the Lent talks. The next talk is on Wednesday 7th March from 7.30 pm until 9.30 pm at the Salvation Army Hall. The theme for this talk is *A different Kind of Lent*. Please see the poster on the noticeboard for full details of the remaining dates, venues and themes. This should make for an interesting series of talks, all of which will include refreshments and time for chat/discussion. In Lent we are encouraged to do something extra, maybe this could be the extra for you!

### REFUGEE KNITTING

Thank you for your continual support of this appeal, your kindness is so appreciated by the organisers as well as the recipients. Many thanks once again for the vast quantity of hats donated, they are so needed at present. A particular thank you to the person who sent in such a large quantity of the most exquisite children's cardigans, jumpers and baby blankets. Also a special mention to the ladies who crocheted the beautiful adult blankets. The next collection will be on Friday 6th April, and no doubt it will be as special as ever. Wool, needles and patterns are available at the back of the church to help defray your costs and donations of the same are so welcome.

### REFUGEE UNDERWEAR, HAT, SCARVES AND GLOVES COLLECTION

Once again thank you to those who continue to support this appeal by donating new and good quality second hand items. Your continual kindness is so appreciated.

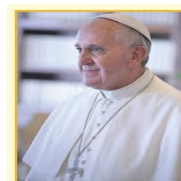
### JOB VACANCY

St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Brierley Hill is seeking to appoint a Vice Principal for September 2018. There is a requirement for the post holder to be a practising Catholic. Please see the poster on the noticeboard for full details. The closing date for applications is Tuesday 13th March at 12 noon. Interviews will be on Monday 26th March.

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### WHERE IS THE LARGER PICTURE?

"Life gradually becomes a surrender to situations conditioned by technology, itself viewed as the principal key to the meaning of existence". There are symptoms which point to what is wrong: environmental degradation, anxiety, loss of purpose of life and of community living. Nor are there genuine agreed moral horizons to which one can appeal. "People no longer seem to believe in a happy future". "Yet we can once more broaden our vision. We have the freedom needed to limit and direct technology. We can put it at the service of another type of progress; healthier, more human, more social" - for everyone. (111/ 113)



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