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## 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 31: 31-34;*  
*Psalms 50;*  
*Hebrews 5: 7-9*  
*John 12: 20-30*

<b>This Week 18th March - 25th March (Psalter Week 1)</b>	<b>Holy Mass &amp; Services</b>	<b>Other Events</b>
<b>Sunday 18th March</b> <b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Year B</b> Retiring collection for Ashray	8.30 am George McClonaghan (MM) 10.30 am Arnie Nick Lin (NM) 6.00 pm Holy Mass	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Traidcraft Stall in the hall
<b>Monday 19th March</b> Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am David Michael Joel RIP (CH)	7.00 pm: SVP Meeting
<b>Tuesday 20th March</b> Lent feria	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> <b>9.15 am Holy Communion Service</b>	7.00 pm: Choir Practice 7.30 pm: Bible Study Group
<b>Wednesday 21st March</b> Lent feria	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> <b>9.15 am Holy Communion Service</b>	<b>10.00 am - 9.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> 7.00 pm: Reception of the Body 7.30 pm: Sacred Heart Ladies Group
<b>Thursday 22nd March</b> Lent feria	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Private Intention 12 Noon Requiem Mass	7.30 pm: Lent Penitential Service
<b>Friday 23rd March</b> Lent feria	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Irene Murphy RIP (AM)	9.45 am: Stations of the Cross
<b>Saturday 24th March</b> Lent feria	<b>10.30 am Holy Rosary</b> <b>11.00 am Holy Communion Service</b>	
<b>Sunday 25th March</b> <b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b> <b>Year B</b> Retiring collection for Easter Flowers	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MF) 10.30 am Holy Mass 6.00 pm Holy Mass	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Piety Stall in the hall

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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### SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES

Gerry Ceclich

Cynthia Sharkey

8.30 am & 10.30 am: A pure heart create for me, O God.

6.00 pm: A pure heart create for me O my God: a spirit of love  
within me. 20 AK

### 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.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy Groups will be leading the 10.30 am Mass today. 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.

### EASTER SUNDAY - 10.30 AM MASS

We would like to invite all children to bring a shaker to the family Mass at 10:30 am on Easter Sunday. If you don't have a shaker why not make one from an empty plastic drinks bottle and rice etc. Decorate it as well if you like!

### LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Lent Penitential Services at churches within the Deanery are on the following dates at 7.30 pm:

- Monday 19th March, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch
- Tuesday 20th March, St. Ambrose Church, Kidderminster
- Wednesday 21st March, St. Peter's Church, Bromsgrove
- Thursday 22nd March, Sacred Heart Church, Droitwich

## WAY OF THE CROSS: LENT 2018

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. 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.

### 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.

### READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

There is a new rota available for the period from Sunday 22nd April until Sunday 29th July that has been distributed via email. A few copies are available at the back of church for those who are not on the distribution list. If you are unable to take your turn on the rota, please arrange to swap with someone else. If there are any problems or if anyone would like to join the Readers' and Eucharistic Ministers' Rota, please contact the Parish Office. Many thanks.

### ALTAR SERVERS

Would all servers who wish to take part in services during Holy Week please add their names to the list in the sacristy. Alternatively, please write your name, along with the services you will be attending, on a piece of paper and give this to Brother Patrick. Be aware that if you are willing to serve at the Easter Vigil you will need to attend the meeting for servers on Holy Saturday morning at 11o'clock. Thank you.

### HALL PLATES

If anyone has any plates from the Parish Hall, please could these be returned to the Presbytery as soon as possible. There are currently 20 missing and if these cannot be located we will need to pay to replace them.

### SACRED HEART LADIES GROUP: WEDNESDAY 21ST MARCH AT 7.30 PM

This month's Meeting is entitled the *Basement Project* and relates to the North Worcestershire Group in particular. What does it do? Well, it provides support, advice and information to homeless and potentially homeless young people between the ages of 16-25 years. We are very happy to welcome along Sophie Harrison who will talk to us and give us a lot more information about *The Basement Project*. So why not come along to the Parish Hall on Wednesday 21st March and get the inside story. As usual tea/coffee/biscuits will be available and we look forward to a full house.

### GIFT AID

For those parishioners that gift aid their weekly offerings, the new envelopes are at the back of church. Please can you take the box with your name on for use in the Tax Year starting Friday 6th April 2018.

### 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.

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

A copy of the draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February is available on the notice board at the back of church. If anyone would like their own copy of the minutes please contact Jenny on 01905 775596.

### CHOIR PRACTICE

The next choir practice is on Tuesday 20th March at 7.00 pm. New members are always welcome if you would like to join us.

### CHURCH CLEANING

Please could all Cleaning Groups come along on Wednesday 28th March at 9.45 am after mass to give the church a good clean for Easter. Thanks to you all for your continued help. If anyone would like to join one of our groups please contact Pat Webb on 01905 455702.<sub>3</sub>

Main Collection:

£295.92

Gift Aid: £243.91

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 301

Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.

There were additional  
Gift Aid donations for  
Cathedral

Maintenance of  
£8.48.

Thank you for your  
generosity.

### DROITWICH SVP

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be contacted on  
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### Next Sunday's Mass

#### Readings

Isaiah 50: 4-7;

Psalm 21;

Philippians 2: 6-11

Mark 14: 1 - 15: 47

*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 on Tuesday 20th March from 7.30 pm until 9.30 pm at the Baptist Church. The theme for this talk is *A Technicolour Lent: Viewing Easter through the Rainbow*. This talk includes 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 & UNDERWEAR, HAT, SCARVES AND GLOVES COLLECTION

Thank you for your continual support of these appeals, your kindness is so appreciated by the organisers as well as the recipients. 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.

### GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS: FRIDAY 30TH MARCH

The Walk of Witness begins at the Sacred Heart Church at 10.10 am with a short Service. We then walk down the Worcester Rd, following the Cross, into Victoria Square for a service at 11.00 am. We need volunteers to be marshals to keep the walkers safe and people to help carry the Cross. Marshals will need to wear a high viz jacket and arrive at 10.00 am to get instructions.

### NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM SUNDAY 22ND APRIL: 10.30 AM UNTIL 5.30 PM

A warm invitation to the first, annual pilgrimage for Catholic men. Meet, talk and share the faith with other men; listen to speakers, celebrate confession and Mass, pray for families and for the country; process to the old Abbey grounds for Benediction. We welcome lay and religious, single and married, young and old, fathers and sons. *"When England returns to Walsingham, Our Lady will return to England"* (Pope Leo XIII, 1887). For more information visit [www.catholicman.co.uk](http://www.catholicman.co.uk).

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### LISTEN TO THE CRY OF NATURE

When we fail to realise the worth of a poor person, a human embryo, a person with disabilities, for instance, we are failing the whole life of the world. "There can be no renewal of our relationship with nature without a renewal of humanity itself." Christian thought sees human beings "with their unique capacities of knowledge, will, freedom and responsibility" as possessing a particular dignity above other creatures...leading to esteem for each person and respect for others". Christianity, true to its own identity and truth received from Jesus Christ, "reveals its eternal newness" in reflecting on these issues in our changing historical situations. (117/121)

