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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

*Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26;*  
*Psalm 102;*  
*1 John 4: 11-16;*  
*John 17: 11-19*

<b>This Week</b> <b>13th May - 20th May</b> <b>(Psalter Week 3)</b>	<b>Holy Mass &amp; Services</b>	<b>Other Events</b>
<b>Sunday 13th May</b> <b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Year B</b> Retiring Collection for Catholic Communications	8.30 am Irene Murphy RIP (BB) 10.30 am Holy Mass 6.00pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Traidcraft Stall in the hall
<b>Monday 14th May</b> Feast of St. Michael Garicoits	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Ints. of Joel	7.00 pm: SVP Meeting
<b>Tuesday 15th May</b> Easter Feria	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Ints. of Joel	6.30 pm: FHC Meeting at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School 7.00 pm Choir Practice
<b>Wednesday 16th May</b> Easter Feria	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Ints. of Joel	<b>10. 00 am - 9.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
<b>Thursday 17th May</b> Easter Feria	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Ints. of Joel	5.00 pm: Wedding Rehearsal
<b>Friday 18th May</b> Easter Feria	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Gabriel - sick (AM)	
<b>Saturday 19th May</b> Easter Feria	<b>10.30 am Holy Rosary</b> 11.00 am George Hancock - sick (AM)	<b>10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions</b> 12.30 pm Wedding Service
<b>Sunday 20th May</b> <b>Solemnity of Pentecost</b> <b>Year B</b>	8.30 am Rose O'Grady RIP (Sacred Heart Ladies Group) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00pm Holy Mass	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Piety Stall in the hall

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## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**8.30 am & 10.30 am:** The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

**6.00 pm:** My soul give thanks to the Lord, all my being bless  
his holy name. AK 31.

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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, Beryl Hill, Louise Hill, Marie Hopkins, Julia Howles, Alan Hurst, Michael James, Mike Jennings, Eileen Kilminster, Billy Lydon, Kevin McCorry, Jackie McLean, Rob O'Sullivan, Liz Prakash, Rosemarie Preece, Barbara Quigley, James Regan, Michael Sheridan, Bob Shuck, Jacky Smith, Anne & Philip 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.

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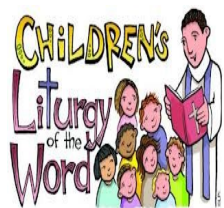
### WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

In his message for World Communications Day 2018 Pope Francis speaks of journalists as "the protectors of news". That their task is "not just a job; it is a mission". He reminds us that persons are at the heart of information, that informing others means forming others: "That is why ensuring accuracy of sources and protecting communication are real means of promoting goodness, generating trust and opening the way to communion and peace". On this World Communications Day we pray for those who work in the media and also for the valuable work carried out on our behalf by the Communications Office of the Bishops' Conference. Working with journalists across both national and international media outlets, it provides a professional news service to the Church and to the world. Please support this work by giving generously to the retiring collection.

### GRAND SUMMER RAFFLE

We hope to launch our Grand Summer Raffle shortly, but first we need your support. In the past parishioners have been very generous in donating prizes for our raffles and we appeal to you, once again to see what you can provide. Our summer raffle is always a fun way to bring in a large amount of money to help with the overheads of the parish. There will be a clipboard at the back of church for you to note down any prizes you are able to provide or promise. You can also leave any prizes with Father Vincent or Brother Patrick. **Let's make this the best ever!**

### 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. The number of volunteers is now at a critically low level and if additional help is not found the group may cease. If you are interested, please speak to Shelagh Young or contact the Parish Office.

## A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: ASHRAY - OUR MILLENNIUM PROJECT

For those of you who missed the talk on Ashray earlier in the year there is a second opportunity to hear it on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00 pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome and again there will be no collection and admission is free. We look forward to seeing those of you who were unable to attend last time. Please contact John and Gina Pilley at ashraydroitwich@gmail.com or on 07914 920298 for further information.

## REQUEST FOR HELP

An elderly Droitwich lady, currently living in Lugano and running a charity in Bosnia, is looking for a base and bed in Droitwich from Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> until Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June inclusive. Could anyone who could host this lady please contact Clare Lynam on 01905 778775 with the terms they could offer.

## "A YEAR WITH THE CATECHISM: 365 DAY READING PLAN"

In the 1990s we were encouraged to buy a copy of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Now a 365 day reading plan has just been published by CTS, priced at £12.95. This new book "brings the treasures of the Catechism to aspiring readers in manageable, bite-sized pieces. Each day a brief reflection breaks open the selected text, explains unfamiliar terms, and unlocks the spiritual and pastoral meaning". There are posters about the Catechism and this book in the church porch. If you would like to see or order a copy, please contact Paul Ingram on 01905 778053.

## COUNTING ROTA (COMMENCING SUNDAY 20TH MAY 2018)

The new counting rota has been sent via email to all who have provided us with email addresses. For those without email, an envelope has been left at the back of church. If there are any queries, please contact Kevin and Elizabeth Larkin (01905 776122 or kevin.elizabeth@btinternet.com). Thank you.

## SACRED HEART LADIES GROUP

### WEDNESDAY 16TH MAY AT 7.30 PM IN THE PARISH HALL

Well here we are in May once more and so it is time for our AGM. This is the chance for everyone to come along and air their views and maybe even come up with a few new ideas or suggestions for next year's programme. As usual tea/coffee will be available and, as in previous years, there will also be some nice cake to 'encourage' a full house! Look forward to seeing everyone.

## MISSIO - RED BOXES

It's the first collection for 2018. I would be grateful if you could kindly bring in your boxes to Church at your convenience from **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May until Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**. In the last year, members of the Red Box family in our Parish have raised a fantastic **£1,061.13**. *Thank you!* Please see "Thank you Poster" at the back of the church. Our sisters and brothers around the world continue to need our support. Please continue to support the work of the Red Box. If you don't already have a Red Box at home, or would like information on other ways to give to the Red Box, you can visit mission.org.uk or please contact Maria at goretticruz@msn.com or on 07525 087415. Thank you again.

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN DROITWICH AGM

This year's AGM will take place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm at the Methodist Church, Worcester Rd. The new Methodist Minister, Rev. Gary Molver, will be talking about the Church in his homeland, South Africa. Everyone is welcome to come along.

## CONFESSIONS

Confessions have resumed on Saturday mornings from 10.15 am until 10.45 am.

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next parish council meeting is on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May in the Elgar Room. If anyone has any item to be considered for discussion, please could they contact Fr. Vincent before Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

## FOODBANK

Foodbank would like to thank all parishioners for the additional items donated over the Easter period. They are very grateful for the support, which enables assistance to be given to those in our community who need help. A new wish list for May 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 continued generosity.

## COMBONI MISSIONARIES

Fr. Angelo has written to express his gratitude to all parishioners for your generosity towards the Mission.

**Main Collection:**

**£266.09**

**Gift Aid: £300.80**

**Mass Attendance**

**Last Sunday: 296**

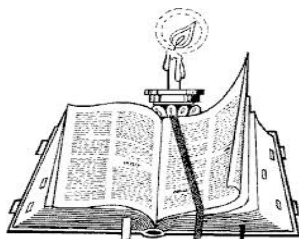
**Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.**

### **DROITWICH BIBLE STUDY ACTION GROUP**

Please see the poster on the noticeboard for details of the group's AGM on Tuesday 22nd May at 2.30 pm and also a letter appealing for new members.

### **DROITWICH SVP**

Sacred Heart SVP can be contacted on 0777 292 7535 or at droitwichsvp@googlemail.com.



### **Next Sunday's Mass**

#### **Readings**

*Acts 2: 1-11;*

*Psalms 103;*

*1 Corinthians 12: 3-7,  
12-13;*

*John 20: 19-23*

*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.*

### **PAX CHRISTI ANNUAL GATHERING**

The Annual Gathering will take place on Saturday 2nd June from 10.30 am until 4.30 pm at Our Lady and St. Patrick's Church Hall, Launder Street, Nottingham, NG2 1JQ. For further information please see the flyer on the noticeboard. All are welcome. The Annual Report from Pax Christi is also at the back of church if you would like to read it.

### **ANNUAL NOVENA AND PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS, MARYVALE**

Please see the poster at the back of church for details of the Annual Novena and Pilgrimage to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Maryvale. If you would like any further information please contact Maryvale House on 0121 360 8118.

### **CHARITY KNITTING**

A massive thank you once again for the beautiful items crafted with such care. Your generosity never ceases to amaze me! The knitting will be so gratefully received by the refugees in the camps. The next collection date is on Saturday 2nd June. Donations of wool, buttons, needles and patterns are always gratefully received and can be placed in the box at the church entrance.

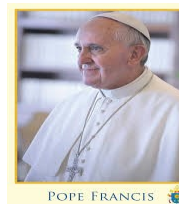
### **REFUGEE UNDERWEAR COLLECTION**

Yet another thank you for your continual support; your kindness and generosity is overwhelming. There is always a desperate need for NEW children's and small to medium adult underwear tights and socks. These items will also be collected on Saturday 2nd June.

## **LAUDATE SI**

### **LACK OF HOUSING A GRAVE PROBLEM IN MANY PLACES**

In many parts of the world, both rural and in large cities, and not only for the poor, having a home has much to do with a sense of personal dignity and the growth of families. The quality of life in cities has much to do with transport systems, often the source of much suffering for those who have to use them, congestion, pollution, lack of safety, "respect for our dignity as human beings often jars with the chaotic realities that people have to endure in city life". (152)



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