



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
Deuteronomy 6: 2-6;
Psalms 17;
Hebrews 7: 23-28;
Luke 12: 28-34

This Week 4th November - 11th November (Psalter Week 3)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 4th November Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B Retiring Collection for the Johnson Association	8.30 am The Dodd Family (LD) 10.30 am Holy Mass 6.00 pm Antonio Festa (D & JH)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall 9.45 am: GDPR Training
Monday 5th November Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	12.30 pm - 2.00 pm: Community Meal 7.00 pm: SVP Meeting
Tuesday 6th November Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Robert Preece RIP (RP)	
Wednesday 7th November Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Dermot Egan RIP (MR)	10.00 am - 9.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.30 pm: Finance Committee Meeting 7.30 pm: Justice & Peace Group
Thursday 8th November Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Deceased Members of the Clapham Family (MR)	
Friday 9th November Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	
Saturday 10th November Memorial of St. Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Holy Mass	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions After 11.00 am Mass: Altar Servers Training
Sunday 11th November Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B REMEMBRANCE DAY	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MR) 10.30 am Holy Mass 6.00 pm Holy Mass	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Piety Stall & Traidcraft Stall available

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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. AK 10

PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Please pray for all our parishioners, and/or their friends and relatives, who
are unwell:

Ralph & Milly Arnold, Mary Arulandhu, Barbara Conway, Patrick Cussen,
Eddie & Eileen Dalton, Delores Delaney, Bernadette Duffy, Alan Francis,
Beryl Hill, Alan Hurst, John Jennings, Kevin McCorry, Rosemarie Preece,
Barbara Quigley, James Regan, Michael Sheridan, Jacky Smith, Jim Tustain,
David Veale, Breda Wightman, Mark Wightman, Richard Wightman & Brigid
Yates

**Due to the new data regulations (GDPR), the Archdiocese have requested
that we do not list names unless we have the consent of the individual. If
you would like your name to be included in this list please contact
Fr. George SCJ or Kate Dalglish. Please note that the newsletter is also
placed on the parish website. Thank you for your understanding.**

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT'S NOVEMBER ALREADY!

It is now less than four weeks till we celebrate our **Advent Fayre**, on the
afternoon of Saturday 1st December. We hope EVERYONE, young and old is
planning to attend this highlight social occasion for our Parish.

A big thank you – To all who have already promised raffle prizes or
contributed to our Toiletries stall or our Grand Tombola. If you have not
contributed yet and want to help it is not too late, just bring in your
supplies and toss them in the box at the back of church or add your name
on the clipboard. Please take bigger items through to the hall and leave it
by the door into the Romero Room.

For the next week we want to concentrate on items for our **Toys and
Games stall**. Now is the time perhaps to clear out some of the less used
toys from previous birthdays and Christmas' to make room in case your
children/grandchildren are lucky enough to get some more! Encourage
your children to play their part in contributing to our Grand Advent Fayre.
Our toy stall always does well in the lead-up to Christmas. Think about how
you can share in the joy of Christmas by your generosity. We want our
Toys and Games stall to cater for all ages. Check out your games cupboards
and see what ideas you can come up with to make our Toys and Games stall
a real success by passing on surplus goods to brighten other people's lives.

Thank you for your ongoing support. I have noticed a lot more people
round the parish wearing their imaginary **Team Advent Badges**. Join in the
fun and do your bit to help our parish create the best fayre ever! Earn **your**
imaginary badge!

***Tickets for our Grand Raffle now available after every Mass. Always a big
money-spinner for the parish so do your bit and take a stock of tickets
both to buy yourself and to sell to friends and family, with some fabulous
prizes to win.***

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP 4 TO 7 YEAR OLDS

This group is a very successful and inspirational part of our parish life. In order to maintain the standards of the group it is important that parents of children participating understand that the only adults that should be with the children are the volunteers who have gone through the appropriate safeguarding process. Parents who are not part of the volunteer team can remain with the congregation while the children have their Liturgy separately. This is mainly a safeguarding issue but also it diminishes one of the basic objectives of the group which is help the children develop a sense of independence. Any parent who would like to be considered as a volunteer is welcome to join but must go through the safeguarding process first. Please contact Fr George, Shelagh Young or one of the safeguarding representatives if you want to join the volunteer's team or require any further information.

CHURCH CLEANING

I am asking for some volunteers to join our cleaning groups. We have three groups with five people in each group, and a few more helpers would be good. Each group takes a turn approximately six times in the year so it is not going to take up too much time if you volunteer. Cleaning is done after morning Mass on either Thursday or Friday depending on which group is on. It takes approximately one hour if everyone turns up. If you can help us please contact Pat Webb on 01905 455702. Thank you.

MISSIO: RED BOXES

As we approach November, please allow me to remind you of the last collection for 2018. I would be grateful if **all box holders** could kindly bring your boxes to church at your convenience from **Sunday 4th until Sunday the 18th of November**. It is my last year as Missio Local Secretary for our Parish as I am soon to leave the UK. I am now calling for someone to come forward in order to continue this wonderful cause. With thanks and best wishes. Maria (07525 087415)

NEWSLETTER

We currently print over 200 copies of the newsletter each week. There is a environmental impact of printing over 10,000 pages a year not just in terms of paper but also the energy usage when printing. As the website is now fixed, during November we are going to trial reducing the number of copies we print. Copies will remain on the noticeboard at the entrance to the church and will also be available on request to those who ask. Items of importance will continue to be highlighted by the Parish Priest at the end of each Sunday Mass. If there are any issues with updating the website, more copies will be printed for that week. If you have any feedback on this or would like a paper copy, please either speak to Fr. George or contact the Parish Office. Thank you for your understanding.

PARISH WEBSITE

Good news! The issues with the parish website have been resolved and we should be able to start updating this again in over the next couple of weeks.

2019 PARISH DIARIES

The 2019 Parish Diaries have arrived and are available to collect from the Narthex. The diaries are free, but any donations would be much appreciated and will be given to the Sacred Heart Missions.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING

There will be a meeting for all Altar Servers after the 11.00 am Mass on Saturday 10th November. Please could all make an effort to attend. For further information please speak to Kevin Larkin or Fr. George SCJ.

Main Collection:

£215.51

Gift Aid: £290.50

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 265

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP

The next meeting of the Justice and Peace Group is on Wednesday 7th November at 7.30 pm in the Romero Room. The main item on the agenda is Christmas Cards to prisoners.

DROITWICH SVP

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



Next Sunday's Mass Readings

1 Kings 17: 10-16;

Psalms 145;

Hebrews 9: 24-28;

Mark 12: 38-44

YOUTH GROUP

Plans are in motion to start a new Parish Youth Group. This will be for children aged from 10 to 15 years and will be on Fridays from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm. The start date will be confirmed in due course. Further details will be announced via the newsletter.

INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE (IICSA)

This weekend Archbishop Bernard Longley will personally be addressing the Archdiocese involvement in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) when an open pastoral letter is read out in all churches. The letter is available on the Archdiocese website www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk. A small number of paper copies are available at the back of church and also from the Parish Office if you would like one. The letter will also be available on our parish website from Monday 5th November. If you would like to speak to someone about safeguarding and the Church's work, please call **0121 230 6240**. If you would like to speak to someone independent of the Church you can contact the NSPCC on **0800 800 5000**. Please pray with us for all victims of abuse, and for all those involved in the work of this important Inquiry.

PARISH HALL KEYHOLDERS

The Hall Management are looking for people to join the keyholders rota. The team is small and it would be a great help if there were more volunteers. Hiring the Parish Hall provides valuable income for the Parish. We can only continue to hire the hall out if there are people to open and close the hall. Please contact Caroline Healy on 01905 779437 or Kate Dalglish on 01905 773258 if you are interested. Many thanks.

URGENT REQUEST: CAN YOU HELP?!

More volunteers are needed to join the tea and coffee rota for the 10.30 am Mass on Sundays. If you are able to spare some time after this Mass please contact the Parish Office. We would like to thank those who have given up their time and are now stepping down from this rota for 2019.

FOODBANK

Foodbank have written to thank parishioners at the Sacred Heart for your donations during the last quarter. They are very grateful for the support as, without people like yourselves, they would not be able to assist those in our community who need help. A new wish list including items for Christmas is on the noticeboard. Items can be placed in the box at the entrance to church. Thank you for your generosity.

SAVE THE DATES

Please note the following dates in your diaries:

Saturday 1st December 2018

Parish Christmas Fayre

Saturday 16th February and Sunday 17th February 2019

Archbishop Deanery Visitation (Sacred Heart Parish)