

Societas Presbyterorum Sacratissimi Cordis Jesu

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** Daniel 12: 1-13; Psalm 15; Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18; Mark 13: 24-32

This Week 18th November - 25th November (Psalter Week 1)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 18th November Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B	8.30 am Deceased Members of the Brush Family (MB) 10.30 am Myra Vines (CL) 6.00 pm John Weaver (MW)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall
Monday 19th 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 20th November Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Kevin McCorry (MM)	7.00 pm: Lights of Love Service
Wednesday 21st November Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass 1.30 pm: Funeral Service	10. 00 am - 9.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.15 pm: Sacred Heart Ladies Group
Thursday 22nd November Memorial of St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	After morning Mass: Confessions for Confirmation Candidates
Friday 23rd November Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	
Saturday 24th November Memorial of St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Arthur & Mary Leason RIP	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions After 11.00 am Mass: Service of Remembrance
Sunday 25th November Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year B Retiring Collection for the Catholic Youth Service	8.30 am Deceased Members of the Rawlings Family (S & SR) 10.30 am Michael Donovan (BD) 6.00 pm Holy Mass	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Piety Stall & Traidcraft Stall available 12 Noon: Baptism

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

6.oo pm: Keep me safe O God, I take refuge in you (sheets, 40 Laudate)

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, 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 Dalgleish. Please note that the newsletter is also placed on the parish website. Thank you for your understanding.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Your prayers are asked for Louise Hill, Catherine Mary Kelly (sister of Teresa Ingram) and James Regan (brother of Bridget Bullock) who died recently. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. The Funeral Service for Louise Hill will be at 1.30 pm on Wednesday 21st November followed by a Cremation at 2.30 pm at Worcester Crematorium. The Requiem Mass for Catherine Mary Kelly will be on Friday 23rd November at 11.00 am Please also remember their family members and friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

LESS THAN 2 WEEKS TO GO UNTIL OUR ADVENT FAYRE!

It is now less than two 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 because we are organising it <u>for you</u>.

We really appreciate all the donations that have come in for the stalls so far. Organising our Advent fayre is a big deal and its success is in all our hands. Please keep looking out items that can be sold or which make good prizes and toss them in the box at the back of church or take bigger items through to the hall and leave it by the door into the Romero Room.

Tickets for our Grand Raffle are still 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. Please make sure you bring the counterfoils back with the money before the fayre!

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 representatives if you want to join the volunteer's team or require any further information.

READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

There is a new rota available for the period from Sunday 18th November that has been distributed via email. A few copies are available from the Sacristy for those who are not on the distribution list. Please contact Fr. George SCJ if there are any problems. If you are unable to take your turn on the rota, please arrange to swap with someone else. Many thanks.

SACRED HEART LADIES GROUP

WEDNESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER AT 7.15 PM IN THE PARISH HALL

We don't have a meeting in December, therefore Wednesday 21st November is the date for our pre-Christmas Party. No need to eat before you arrive and even better no washing up afterwards...well only the bare minimum! So come along and enjoy some lovely food and even a quiz/game or two. The fun starts at 7.15 pm and we intend to eat at 7.30 pm. Look forward to a full house and a fun evening.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN NOT AT A CATHOLIC SCHOOL

If your child is in Year 3 or above and you would like her/him to be prepared in the parish for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in June 2019, please make yourself known to Fr. George SCJ, Maria Jenkins or email sacredheartdroitwich@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible. The Commitment Mass will be held on Sunday 3rd February. Preparation classes will start on the following Saturday morning every week from 9.30 am to 11.00 am in the church hall.

NEWSLETTER

The newsletter for Sunday 25th November will be printed on Wednesday 21st November. Please can you ensure that any items for next weeks newsletter are submitted before 9.00 am on Wednesday. Many thanks. Kate Dalgleish.

FOODBANK

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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM NEWSLETTER

There are two copies of the latest newsletter from the Archdiocese at the back of church.

RiDL

The next Retreat in Daily Life support group will be on Thursday 22nd November at 7.30 pm, focussing on John 18: 33-37. All are welcome. If you would like to attend or need more information please contact Debbie Prigg on 01905 771288 or dprigg@btinternet.

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Main Collection:

£237.72 Gift Aid: £265.50 Mass Attendance Last Sunday: 289 Thank you for supporting your Parish.

The retiring collection for the SVP raised: £500.40 Additional Gift Aided Donation for the Johnson Association: £15.00 Thank you for your generosity.



Next Sunday's Mass Readings Daniel 7: 13-14; Psalm 92; Apocalypse 1: 5-8; John 18: 33-37

SVP: THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Giving tree will be in the side chapel from Sunday 25th November. For parishioners who are new to our parish, the idea is to take an angel from the tree, purchase a present suitable for a child whose details are given on the angel and return it wrapped in suitable paper with the angel attached. There are additional angels in the box by the tree. The last date for bringing the presents to church is Sunday 16th December. The presents will be distributed mainly to Father Hudson homes and some to families supported by St Vincent de Paul Society locally. **Thank you for supporting this annual appeal.**

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 20th November at 7.00 pm. Refreshments will be available afterwards in our Parish Hall. This service is free to attend and open to everyone.

REFUGEE KNITTING & UNDERWEAR COLLECTIONS

Refugee Knitting: Thank you all so very much for the variety and vast quantity of items donated, many so thoughtfully packaged. Thank you also to the person/s who left the vast quantity of buttons, they will help the knitters to defray their costs. Needles, patterns and wool are also available at the church entrance. For new knitters, make anything you feel will help the adults and children in the camps abroad. **Refugee Underwear Collection:** Thank you to everyone who donated to this crucial appeal. Items will be so gratefully received, as there continues to be a desperate need for them. **Hat, Scarves & Gloves Appeal:** As well as the wonderful knitted items we regularly send, if anyone has spare items they would also be so gratefully received because of the drop in temperature in the camps. All the items can be left at the entrance to the church. Once again thank you for your incredible, continual support. The next collection will be on Saturday 1st December.

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 Dalgleish on 01905 773258 if you are interested. Many thanks.

SAVE THE DATES

Please note the following dates in your diaries:

Saturday 24th November

Service of Remembrance after the 11.00 am Mass

Saturday 1st December 2018

Parish Christmas Fayre 12 Noon - 3.00 pm

Saturday 16th February and Sunday 17th February 2019

Archbishop Deanery Visitation (Sacred Heart Parish)

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