



Societas Presbyterorum
Sacratissimi Cordis Jesu
BETHARRAM



SACRED HEART & ST CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

208 Worcester Road, Droitwich Spa,
WR9 8AZ, Tel: 01905 773258
Email: sacredheartdroitwich@hotmail.co.uk
Web: www.sacredheartdroitwich.org.uk



**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
1 Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28;
Psalm 83;
1 John 3: 1-2, 21-24
Luke 2: 41-52

This Week 30th December - 6th January (Psalter Week 1)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 30th December Feast of the Holy Family Year C	8.30 am James Regan RIP (BB) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm I & M Martin (CS)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall
Monday 31st December Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am P & C Ingram (CS) 7.30 pm Adoration 8.00 pm New Year Mass	
Tuesday 1st January Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God	10.00 am For Eternal Rest of all Parishioners who died during the last 12 months (KL)	
Wednesday 2nd January Memorial of St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Eileen Hardwick RIP (MR)	
Thursday 3rd January Christmas Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Kevin Larkin (EL)	
Friday 4th January Christmas Feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	
Saturday 5th January Christmas Feria	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Holy Mass	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 6th January Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord Year C	8.30 am Rose Family (BB) 10.30 am Mary Campbell Johnston RIP (BB) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall



SACRED HEART COMMUNITY

Fr. George Mathew SCJ
(Priest-in-Charge)

georgemathewscj@
hotmail.com

**In an emergency, please
contact:**

07448 042484

Fr. Brian Boyle SCJ
(Retired Priest)

Fr. Tom Kelly SCJ
(Retired Priest)

Bro. Patrick Leighton SCJ

PARISH SCHOOL

St. Joseph's,

6 St Joseph's Close,
Ombersley Way,
Droitwich, WR9 0RY
Tel: 01905 773572

Email: office@st-josephs-
droitwich.worcs.sch.uk

HEAD TEACHER

Mrs. Cath Bryan

PARISH SECRETARY

Kate Dalglish

The Sacred Heart
Presbytery

Tel: 01905 773258

Email:

sacredheartdroitwich
@hotmail.co.uk.

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES

Gerry Ceclich

Cynthia Sharkey

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: They are happy who dwell in your house,
O Lord.

6.00 pm: O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in His
ways. (58)

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, 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.**

RECENTLY DECEASED

Your prayers are asked for **Mary Campbell-Johnston** who died recently.
May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of
God rest in peace. Please also remember her family members and friends in
your kind thoughts and prayers.

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

To celebrate the New Year, on Monday 31st December there will be
Adoration at 7.30 pm followed by Mass at 8.00 pm. After Mass there will be
refreshments in the Parish Hall. Thank you to all parishioners for your
support during 2018, to those members of the different committees and
groups of the parish who have helped this year and thank you to all those
who helped prepare the Church and Liturgy to celebrate Christmas. Finally,
may I wish everyone a very happy New Year from the Sacred Heart
Community. Fr. George SCJ.

CRIB OFFERINGS

Our parish will be donating crib offerings to Friends of the Holy Land. Every
penny will help the poorest Christian families, especially in and around
Bethlehem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel with education, employment,
health and housing initiatives. FHL is apolitical and ecumenical. Please keep
our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land in your prayers at this time.
Newsletters, leaflets and prayers cards are at the back of church.

MASS INTENTIONS: 8.30 AM SUNDAY MASS

Please note that the 8.30 am Sunday Mass is currently fully booked for
Mass Intentions until the end of January 2019. In addition there are some
ad hoc dates also booked for this time. Sunday 3rd February is
currently the earliest date available. If you are requesting an intention for
the 8.30 am Mass please could you indicate on the form whether you would
like to wait for the next available Sunday or whether you would prefer a
weekday/Saturday Mass nearer the date requested. Many thanks for your
understanding.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY GIVING TREE

Thank you to all the parishioners who were able to leave presents for us to pass to Father Hudson's Homes and our local SVP families. It was a wonderful response to our appeal. Without your support we would not be able to help these families. Thank you all.

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. There will be an initial meeting for parents on Tuesday 22nd January at 6.30 pm in the Parish Hall. The Commitment Mass will be held at 10.30 am 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.

PARISH SECRETARY

I am out of the office, returning on Wednesday 2nd January 2019. I will also be out of the office on Monday 7th January 2019. For any urgent queries please contact Fr. George SCJ on 01905 773258. Everything else I will deal with on my return on Wednesday 2nd January.

10.30 AM MASS TEA AND COFFEE ROTA

Is anyone able to help serve tea and coffee on the following dates: 17th March 2019, 26th May 2019, 30th June 2019, 4th August 2019, 8th September 2019, 13th October 2019 and 17th November 2019? Any help would be much appreciated. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to assist. For all other dates, if you are unable to take your turn, please could you make arrangements with others on the rota to ensure that there is cover in place. Thank you for your co-operation.

THANKSGIVING MASS

His Grace, Archbishop Bernard, will celebrate a Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage on Sunday 3rd February at 11.00 am at St Chad's Cathedral. Couples who will be celebrating a particular milestone anniversary (10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 50, 60 and every year over 60) are encouraged to attend as well as those newly married or preparing to marry in 2019. Please ask any couples celebrating a milestone anniversary to contact Lianne Pap via email at lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org with 'Marriage Mass' as the subject. Lianne is also trying to find the longest married couple in the Diocese and the Communications Team will be interviewing couples who get in touch to gather testimonies. To date the longest married couple to get in touch have been married for 62 years!

PARISH MILLENNIUM PROJECT : ASHRAY

A big thank you to those who have been able to donate laptops for John and Gina Pilley to take to India in February. This will make a big difference to the children at the Ashray school. We are still looking for CDs of children's stories. Another big thank you for the donations that we have received so far. If you have any unwanted CDs of children's stories and would like to donate them to the children at Ashray please contact John or Gina Pilley on 07914 920298 or at ashraydroitwich@gmail.com. Thank you for your support.



ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM DIRECTORY 2019

We have seven copies of the new Archdiocesan Directory. These are available on a first come, first served basis from the Parish Office and are priced at £4.50.

WEDNESDAY ADORATION

Please note that, because of the Christmas holidays, Adoration will resume in the New Year on Wednesday 16th January 2019.

FOODBANK

Foodbank are in urgent need of the following items: tea bags (packet of 40 or 80), tinned fruit, tinned potatoes & carrots, coffee (small jars), long life fruit juice, jars of pasta sauce, cartons of custard, jam and biscuits. Items can be placed in the box at the entrance to church. Thank you for your generosity.

Main Collection:

£200.03

Gift Aid: £244.19

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 272

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**



DROITWICH SVP

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



ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM NEWSLETTER

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



Next Sunday's Mass Readings

Isaiah 60: 1-6;

Psalm 71;

Ephesians 3: 2-3,5-6

Matthew 2: 1-12

RAFFLE PRIZES

There are a few unclaimed raffle prizes from the Christmas Fayre. If you have won a prize and have yet to claim it, these can be collected from the Parish Office. Please could all prizes be collected by the end of December.

REFUGEE KNITTING, UNDERWEAR & HAT, SCARVES & GLOVES APPEALS

Refugee knitting

Once again your generosity is overwhelming! The volume and diversity of the exquisite items donated was incredible. A particular thank you to the persons who knitted the carrier bags of hats and matching hat and scarf sets. Also the ladies who knitted hat, gloves and scarves sets and labelled them so thoughtfully. A further special thank you to the patient from the Great Witley Surgery who donated a vast quantity of beautiful knitting. Finally thank you for the large quantity of wool recently donated, which is located at the church entrance.

Refugee Underwear Collection

A huge thank you to the person who donated the vast amount of men's and boys' underwear, it will be so gratefully received.

Hat, Scarves and Gloves Appeal

Thank you so much to everyone who donated their surplus items to help the refugees cope with the cold. Once again your generosity knows no bounds!

The next collection date for all is Saturday 5th January. Once again thank you all for your continual kindness and generosity.



SAVE THE DATES

Please note the following dates in your diaries:

Saturday 16th February and Sunday 17th February 2019

Archbishop Deanery Visitation (Sacred Heart Parish)