



# 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

*Isaiah 62: 1-5;*

*Psalm 95;*

*1 Corinthians 12: 4-11*

*John 2: 1-11*

<b>This Week</b> <b>20th January - 27th January</b> <b>(Psalter Week 2)</b>	<b>Holy Mass &amp; Services</b>	<b>Other Events</b>
<b>Sunday 20th January</b> <b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Year C</b> Retiring Collection for Pax Christi	8.30 am Rose O'Grady RIP (CE & MO) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm Don Preece RIP (CH)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall
<b>Monday 21st January</b> Memorial of St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> <b>9.15 am Holy Communion Service</b>	
<b>Tuesday 22nd January</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> <b>9.15 am Holy Communion Service</b>	
<b>Wednesday 23rd January</b> Memorial of St. Nicholas Owen, Religious	<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>
<b>Thursday 24th January</b> Memorial of St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> <b>9.15 am Holy Communion Service</b>	
<b>Friday 25th January</b> Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> <b>9.15 am Holy Communion Service</b>	
<b>Saturday 26th January</b> Memorial of Ss. Timothy & Titus, Bishops	<b>10.30 am Holy Rosary</b> 11.00 am Angelo Feliciello RIP (AM)	11.00 am Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing
<b>Sunday 27th January</b> <b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Year C</b>	8.30 am Rose O'Grady RIP (MW) 10.30 am Marie Hopkins RIP (BB) 6.00 pm Intentions of T & VH (P & CI)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Traidcraft Stall & Piety Stall available

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## **SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES**

Gerry Ceclich  
Cynthia Sharkey

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**8.30 am & 10.30 am:** Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among  
all the peoples.

**6.00 pm:** Sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord all the  
earth! Sing a new song to, sing a new song to the  
Lord; bless His name. (AK29).

## **BIDDING PRAYERS**

**We fly to your patronage, O Holy Mother of God. Despise not our  
prayers in our necessities, but deliver us from all danger,  
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.**

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## **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.**

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## **RECENTLY DECEASED**

Your prayers are asked for **Marie Marguerite Hopkins** who died recently.  
The Reception of her Body will be on Tuesday 5th February at 7.00 pm with  
the Requiem Mass on Wednesday 6th February at 11.00 am. This will be  
followed by a cremation at 1.00 pm at Worcester Crematorium. 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.

## **ROSE O'GRADY RIP**

Today the 8.30 am Mass will be offered in memory of Rose O'Grady on the  
anniversary of her funeral. As we remember Rose at this time please pray  
for Rose and all those who knew her.

## **PAX CHRISTI: PEACE SUNDAY - 20TH JANUARY 2019**

Every year Pax Christi promotes the Holy Father's World Peace Day  
Message on the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. The theme for 2019 is *Good  
politics serves peace. "One thing is certain: good politics is at the service of  
peace. It respects and promotes fundamental human rights, which are at  
the same time mutual obligations, enabling a bond of trust and gratitude to  
be forged between present and future generations"*. Today there will be a  
retiring collection for Pax Christi. Please support this collection and the  
work of Pax Christi for peace, reconciliation and non-violence. Thank you  
for your generosity.

## **FR. GEORGE MATHEW SCJ**

Fr. George SCJ will be away from the Parish until Saturday 2nd February. Please check the newsletter for details of Masses and Services.

### **DEANERY VISITATION**

Archbishop Bernard Longley will be visiting the parish from Saturday 16th until Sunday 17th February. As part of this visit we would like to invite group leaders to write a brief report of their groups activities during 2018. As well as an outline of the groups activities, this could also include strengths of the group as well as areas that could be improved or any concerns you may have. These reports will be presented to the Archbishop, preferably by representatives of the parish groups, in the Parish Hall after the 10.30 am Mass on Sunday 17th February. As well as the presentation of reports, there will also be a shared table. This is open to all. Please could anyone who would like to attend indicate the number of people in their party and also what they plan to bring to the shared table. There is a clipboard at the back of church. If there are any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

### **PARISH CENTENARY CELEBRATION: 2019 - 2021**

The Centenary Celebrations will start on Friday June 28th 2019, Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. 2019 is the Centenary of the laying of the Foundation Stone. The celebration will continue until 2021. 2021 is the Centenary of when the first Mass was celebrated. Further details about the celebration will be released in due course. We invite all of you to write a prayer for the success of this celebration. The deadline for submitting prayers is Ash Wednesday. Please submit prayers to the Parish Office. The best prayer will be selected for use in the church during the period of celebration.

### **LENT RETREAT**

Following the successful Lent Retreat in Scotland in 2018, this year a similar retreat is being offered throughout the UK through the "Pathways to God" website. The retreat offers an opportunity to deepen our knowledge of scripture and an introduction to different methods of prayer. The aim is to help people know, love and serve Jesus Christ more deeply. Every day in Lent there will be a suggested scripture reading with suggested ways to pray with the text and additional resources available online. Participants can pray daily during Lent using the online prayer materials, which can be printed for people who would find this easier (this individual time of prayer is at home or wherever you wish). They come together as a group once a week to share how their prayer has been going and to be led through different ways of praying by people involved in Ignatian spirituality networks. If you think you may be interested, please contact Kate Dagleish (or Cecilia or Max Jourdier).

### **10.30 AM MASS TEAS AND COFFEES**

Thank you to the volunteers who have offered to serve refreshments on some Sundays. There are still some Sundays this year when there is no-one to do the teas and coffees after the 10.30 am Mass. Unless volunteers come forwards there will be no refreshments after this Mass on these Sundays. The 2019 rota is on the noticeboard in the kitchen. If you are able to help, please contact the parish office.

## **ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM DIRECTORY 2019**

We have four 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.

### **COMMUNITY MEAL**

There is a current shortage of volunteers for the Community Meal. If anyone is able to help twice a month on Mondays from 12.30 pm until 2.00 pm please could you contact Caroline Healy on 01905 779437.

### **ALTAR LINEN LADIES**

Please collect your January to December 2019 rotas from the back of church. Thank you for all your support.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COMMITMENT MASS**

This Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 3rd February at 10.30 am. All are welcome. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

### **Main Collection:**

**£231.34**

**Gift Aid: £223.50**

**Mass Attendance**

**Last Sunday: 282**

**Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.**

### **ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM NEWSLETTER**

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

### **DROITWICH SVP**

Sacred Heart SVP can  
be contacted on  
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### **Next Sunday's Mass Readings**

*Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10;*

*Psalm 18;*

*1 Corinthians 12: 12-30*

*Luke 1: 1-4, 4: 14-21*

### **THANK YOU FROM TRAIDCRAFT EXCHANGE**

The Traidcraft stall runs at a small profit and after many years of running, we have recently been able to send a donation of £500 to Traidcraft Exchange which is the charity arm of Traidcraft. This is in addition to the sale of each item on the stall helping to directly benefit the producer. Traidcraft Exchange helps to support small farmers and businesses in developing countries to lift themselves out of poverty and be able to afford the things we take for granted such as education for their children. We have received a thank you letter which is on the notice board at the back of church. Thank you to all of you who have supported the Traidcraft stall over the years and helped to change peoples' lives.

### **FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND**

Thank you for your Christmas Crib offerings of £74.73. Last year the crib offerings enabled Friends of the Holy Land to support around 200 ad hoc emergency requests for help with the cost of operations, medication, medical equipment and family support. With no NHS the cost of these is often prohibitive, putting families who are already struggling into a desperate situation.

### **REFUGEE KNITTING APPEAL**

Thank you so much for the beautiful children's blankets and jumpers left recently. Also the wonderful selection of hats, scarves and gloves. All these exquisite items will bring such happiness to the refugees in the camps. A special thank you to the person who left the bag of wool to aid the knitters. Patterns, buttons and needles are also available at the church entrance to help defray costs. For anyone new to the Parish knit any item you wish to keep children and adults warm. Also knitted toys are always very welcome.

### **REFUGEE UNDERWEAR COLLECTION & HAT, SCARF & GLOVES APPEAL**

Once again, thank you so much for your continual support of these appeal. Your kindness is overwhelming. If anyone has any surplus of hat, scarves and gloves after Christmas, they would be so gratefully received during this cold spell. All the refugee items will be collected on Saturday 2nd February.

### **SAVE THE DATES**

Please note the following dates in your diaries:

**Sunday 3rd February 10.30 am**

First Holy Communion Commitment Mass

**Saturday 16th February and Sunday 17th February 2019**

Archbishop Deanery Visitation (Sacred Heart Parish)

**Friday 28th June 2019**

Parish Centenary Celebrations begin

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