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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

*Jeremiah 17: 5-8;*

*Psalms 1;*

*1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20*

*Luke 6: 17, 20-26*

<b>This Week</b> <b>17th February - 24th February</b> <b>(Psalter Week 2)</b>	<b>Holy Mass &amp; Services</b>	<b>Other Events</b>
<b>Sunday 17th February</b> <b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Year C</b> Retiring Collection for Racial Justice	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MF) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm John Ryan (DR)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Piety Stall available Deanery Visitation
<b>Monday 18th February</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Mary Hanson RIP (AM)	12.30 pm - 2.00 pm: Community Meal 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm: SVP Meeting
<b>Tuesday 19th February</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Alan Remedios (KA)	
<b>Wednesday 20th February</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Maurice Ferriter (MS)	<b>10.00 pm - 9.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> 7.30 pm: Sacred Heart Ladies Group 7.30 pm: Finance Committee Meeting
<b>Thursday 21st February</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Mike Jennings RIP (BB)	
<b>Friday 22nd February</b> Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, Apostle	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Gladys Remedios (KA) 1.30 pm: Requiem Mass	
<b>Saturday 23rd February</b> Memorial of St. Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr	<b>10.30 am Holy Rosary</b> 11.00 am Frances Manion RIP (SM)	
<b>Sunday 24th February</b> <b>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Year C</b>	8.30 am Holy Mass 10.30 am Holy Mass 6.00 pm Holy Mass	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Traidcraft Stall available

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## **SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES**

Gerry Ceclich  
Cynthia Sharkey

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**8.30 am & 10.30 am:** Happy the man who has placed his trust  
in the Lord.

**6.00 pm:** Happy are those who have placed their trust in the  
Lord.

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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, Aidan Skinner, 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 **Mike Jennings** who died recently. May his soul  
and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in  
peace. His Requiem Mass will be at 1.30 pm on Friday 22nd February  
followed by a cremation at 3.15pm at Worcester Crematorium. Please also  
remember his family members and friends in your kind thoughts and  
prayers.

## **DEANERY VISITATION**

Archbishop Bernard Longley is visiting the parish today and will be leading all  
Masses. After the 10.30 am Mass there will be the opportunity to meet the  
Archbishop and a shared table in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

## **RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY**

In a world steeped in violence, conflict and discrimination, the Gospel  
demands that we acknowledge the dignity of the human person, the  
necessity of building peace, prosperity and justice for all. Please give  
generously to the collection today. Funds raised will be used for promoting  
racial justice in England and Wales.

## **READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

There is a new rota available for the period from Sunday 11th February until  
Sunday 9th June that has been distributed via email. A few copies are  
available from the Sacristy for those who are not on the distribution list.  
**Please note that changes have been made to the rota for the 10.30 am  
Readers that was available on Sunday 10th February. If you collected a  
paper copy last week please collect a new version today. The version  
distributed via email is up to date.** 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.

## 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 2019

This retreat is being offered throughout the UK through the "Pathways to God" website [www.pathwaystoGod.org](http://www.pathwaystoGod.org). 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. 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 on Wednesdays in Lent (excepting Ash Wednesday) from 7.00 pm until 8.00 pm in the Parish Hall to share how their prayer has been going and to be led through different ways of praying by people involved in the Ignatian spirituality networks. The opening meeting is on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February. If you are interested please contact Kate Dalglish on [sacredheartdroitwich@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sacredheartdroitwich@hotmail.co.uk) or 01905 773258 or Cecilia or Max Jourdier on [mandcjourdier@gmail.com](mailto:mandcjourdier@gmail.com). Do come along, with no commitment, to the opening meeting from 7.00 pm until 8.00 pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February to hear more. There is a poster with more information on the noticeboard in the Narthex at the back of the church. Any names and contact numbers provided will be kept for the duration of the retreat only and then destroyed.

### SACRED HEART LADIES GROUP

#### WEDNESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 7.30 PM - 9.00 PM

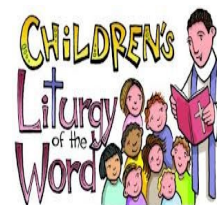
With the title of 'Toys with Memories' we are delighted to welcome one of our parishioners, Sue Nixon, along to introduce us to some interesting toys/games from bygone days. Sue will also be accompanied by Georgie who will be making one of his rare appearances!! This could be a trip down memory lane for some of us, so if anyone would like to bring along a 'treasure' it would be a great opportunity to exchange stories and share possible childhood memories. Tea/coffee/biscuits will be available during the meeting and we look forward to a full house.

### GDPR: PRAYER LIST

Following queries from parishioners, when a request is made for a name to be added to the prayer list, if the individual is too ill to be able to give permission themselves we will accept the permission if given by their next of kin or close friend. We will need the individual giving permission to confirm that the person named in the prayer list understands that our prayer list is published in paper format and online. We hope that this will make it easier for names to be added to the prayer list. Please contact the parish office if you would like the form to complete to have a name added.

### FOODBANK

A new wish from Foodbank is on the noticeboard. Items can be placed in the box at the entrance to church. Thank you for your generosity.



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be Children's Liturgy on the following dates during the 10.30 am Sunday Mass:

3rd March

10th March

17th March

24th March

31st March

7th April.

### HEADTEACHER VACANCY

The Headteacher at St. George and St. Teresa RC Primary School in Bentley Heath, Solihull is retiring. Please see the poster on the noticeboard for full details of this role and how to apply. The closing date for applications is Monday 25th February 2019.

## Main Collection:

**£172.90**

**Gift Aid: £291.00**

**Mass Attendance**

**Last Sunday: 260**

**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  
0777 292 7535 or at  
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## Next Sunday's Mass Readings

*1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9,  
12-13, 22-33;*

*Psalms 102;*

*1 Corinthians 15: 45-49*

*Luke 6: 27-38*

## REFUGEE COLLECTIONS

**Refugee Knitting:** Thank you for the vast quantity of knitted hats, so crucial for the refugees well-being during this harsh winter spell. Also once again thank you to the ladies who knit and crochet the children's hats, scarf and glove sets and blankets and package them so beautifully. Wool, patterns, needles and buttons are available in the porch to help defray costs and donations of the same are most welcome.

**Underwear:** Thank you to everyone who contributed to this crucial appeal, your continual kindness and thoughtfulness is so appreciated.

**Hats, Scarves and Gloves:** Thank you for the incredible amount of wonderful items received this month. Your kindness is overwhelming. A particular thank you to the person who donated so many Magic Thermal Gloves.

**The next collection date will be Saturday 2nd March.**

## NEWMAN ASSOCIATION - WORCESTER CIRCLE

Our Annual General Meeting is on Thursday 21st February at 7.30 pm in St George's Parish Hall, Worcester. Please bring a plate to share at a light supper after the meeting. All are welcome.

## ASHRAY PARISH MILLENNIUM PROJECT

Thank you to everyone for the donations of CDs, DVDs, laptops and stationery collected via St Joseph's School. John, Gina and their daughter Catherine are currently in India visiting the Ashray School. There will be a presentation and report on the visit in the church hall on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 7.00 pm. Please put this date in your diaries. While they are away you can follow them on Facebook where there will be daily posts at [www.facebook.com/ashraydroitwich](http://www.facebook.com/ashraydroitwich). We ask that you keep this project in your prayers.

## FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

### MONDAY 25TH FEBRUARY UNTIL MONDAY 4TH MARCH

The Methodist Church are holding a Fairtrade coffee morning on Saturday 2nd March from 10.00 am until 12 noon. There will also be a great selection of Fairtrade goods for sale. Everyone is welcome.

### WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: FRIDAY 1ST MARCH

This annual event is always on the first Friday of March throughout the world. On Friday 1st March there are two local services in Droitwich at 10.30 am and 7.30 pm, both at the **Sacred Heart Church**. This year's service is written by the women of Slovenia, a mainly Catholic country. All are welcome, please come along.

## SAVE THE DATE

Please note the following date in your diaries:

**Friday 28th June 2019**

Parish Centenary Celebrations begin