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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**  
*Acts 5: 12-16;*  
*Psalms 117;*  
*Apocalypse 1: 9-13, 17-19*  
*John 20: 19-31*

This Week 28th April - 5th May (Psalter Week 2)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
<b>Sunday 28th April</b> <b>Second Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b> <b>Year C</b>	8.30 am Michael Trow RIP (MM) 10.30 am Rita Horne RIP (Sacred Heart Ladies) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Piety Stall available 12 Noon: Baptism
<b>Monday 29th April</b> Feast of St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Thanks giving (M C)	12.30 pm - 2.00 pm: Community Meal 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm: SVP Meeting
<b>Tuesday 30th April</b> <b>Solemnity of St. George</b>	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Patricia Ceclich RIP (GC)	6pm Reception in to church Mrs. Bernadette Duffy
<b>Wednesday 1st May</b> Easter Feria	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Moore Family	<b>10.00 - 11.00 am &amp; 1pm-9pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.</b>
<b>Thursday 2nd May</b> Memorial of St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Mrs. Bernadette Violet Duffy	
<b>Friday 3rd May</b> Feast of Ss. Philip & James, Apostles	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am James Bragg RIP (SD)	7.00 pm - 8.00 pm: <b>Adoration and Devotion to the Sacred Heart</b>
<b>Saturday 4th May</b> Feast of the English Martyrs	<b>10.30 am Holy Rosary</b> 11.00 am Holy Mass	10.15 am- 10.45 am: Confessions
<b>Sunday 5th May</b> <b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Year C</b> Appeal for the Missionary Society of St. Columban	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MF) 10.30 am Thanks giving for the Blessings (R F) 6.00 pm People of the parish	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Traidcraft Stall available

## **SACRED HEART COMMUNITY**

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## **HEAD TEACHER**

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## **SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES**

Gerry Ceclich  
Cynthia Sharkey

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

8.30 am & 10.30 am: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
6.00 pm: The stone which the builders rejected has become the  
corner stone, alleluia, alleluia, has become the corner  
stone. 258 vv1,3

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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,  
Eileen Dalton, Delores Delaney, Alan Francis, Beryl Hill, Alan Hurst, John  
Jennings, Rosemarie Preece, Michael Sheridan, Aidan Skinner, Jacky Smith,  
Breda Wightman, Mark Wightman, Richard Wightman, Monsignor Graham  
Wilkinson & 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 **Bernadette Duffy** who died recently. May her  
soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest  
in peace. The Requiem Mass for Mrs. Bernadette Duffy at 11.30 am on  
Wednesday 1st May, followed by a Burial at St. Mary's Churchyard at  
12.45 pm. Tuesday the 30th of April at 6pm there will be reception of  
Mrs. Bernadette Duffy in the church. Please also remember her family  
members and friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

## **BAPTISM**

We welcome into our parish family and into the Universal Church a  
child who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism today. Please keep this  
child and its parents in your kind thoughts and prayers.

## **FR. GEORGE MATHEW SCJ**

Fr. George is away from the Parish today to make an appeal on behalf of  
the Sacred Heart Missions. In his absence Fr. Enrico SCJ will be saying all  
Masses.

## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

After many years in the role, Shelagh Young is stepping down as leader of  
the Children's Liturgy groups. We would like to thank Shelagh for leading  
the Children's Liturgy Groups and her dedication to the young people in our  
parish. If anyone is interested in taking over this role, please contact  
Fr. George SCJ.

## DROITWICH SPA FOODBANK 2018/2019 REPORT

We have just completed our year-end and would like to thank everyone who has either placed an item in our collection boxes or made a cash donation; without you we would not be able to help the people in our community who have found themselves in a desperate situation. Between April 2018 and March 2019 we fed 2189 people of which 833 were children. This is an increase of 34% on the previous year. The most concerning trend is the increase in families who have sought our help. Most clients come to us because of delays in benefits, changes in benefits or low income and they are referred to us by agencies such as the job centre, Age UK, Fortis housing, doctors, social workers and schools. Last year we had 17,800 kg of food and toiletries donated by people who live in and around Droitwich, people like you who take time to put a tin in a box. Thank you so much.

### REFUGEE ITEMS

Thank you so much for the exquisite knitted and crocheted items donated this month. Also, once again a special thank you to the ladies who sent in the gorgeous blankets, scarf and glove sets and packaged them so beautifully. Also another very special thank you to the ladies who regularly knit such vast quantities of beautiful hats and scarves. These items will be so treasured by the people in the camps. As mentioned previously there will be no May collection; please keep knitting for the collection on Saturday 1st June.

### FOOD BANK & CLOTHING FOR THE NEEDY

Please leave the food and clothing you bring for the needy, in the wooden cupboards in the church porch where it says **FOOD BANK** or **CLOTHING**. please do not leave them outside.

### PARISH SECRETARY

I am out of the office until Tuesday 30th April. For any urgent queries relating to the parish hall, please contact Caroline Healy on 01905 779437. For any other urgent queries, please contact Fr. George SCJ. Everything else will be dealt with on my return.

### A THOUGHT FROM THE HOLY FATHER

"Each one of us is a small stone, but in Jesus' hands we participate in the building of the Church. All of us, in as much as small, have been made "living stones" , because when Jesus takes the stone in His hands, He makes it His, He makes it alive, full of life by the Holy Spirit, full of life from His love and thus we have a place and a mission in the Church: She is a community of life, made up of very many stones, all different, which form one edifice in the sign of fraternity and communion"

Pope Francis -August 27,2017

## FOODBANK

The April wish list from Foodbank is on the noticeboard. The Items can be placed in the wooden cupboards in the church porch . Thank you for your generosity.



**Mass Attendance  
Last Sunday: 531**

**The Good Friday  
collection for Holy**

**Places raised:**

**£ 442.49**

**Gift Aid: £ 54.60**

### **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**

*Acts 5: 27-32;*

*Psalms 29;*

*Apocalypse 5: 11-14*

*John 21: 1-19*

*Welcome to everyone at Mass today, especially if you are new to our church or haven't been to Mass for some time. If you are of another Christian denomination or non-Christian you are warmly invited to approach the priest or minister and ask or signify your wish for a blessing.*

### **DIRECTION FOR OUR TIMES**

You are invited to read and meditate upon the locutions for Passiontide given to Anne, A Lay Apostle. Copies are available at the back of the church. Any enquiries to Iain and Marie Martin on 01905 798130.

### **SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY 11TH MAY**

March for Life UK is happening in London. Join thousands of other pro-lifers in creating awareness of the hurt and damage abortion causes and helping to promote a culture of life. Inside festival (LifeFest19) from 9.30 am until 1.30 pm. Booking is required. March starts at 2.00 pm (no booking required). For more information please see the poster on the noticeboard or go to [marchforlife.co.uk](http://marchforlife.co.uk) or call 07773 501721/07885 505116.

### **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER NON-RESIDENTIAL WEEKEND AT ST. MARY'S ON THE HILL, WEDNESBURY**

This is an enrichment weekend on the 29th and 30th of June 2019 for normal, ordinary marriages (NOT counselling). M.E. weekends have proved time and time again to be of immense value to couples however long they have been married. All discussions are private to the participating couples; there is no group work. Take advantage of a fairly local weekend! For further information go to [www.wwme.org.uk](http://www.wwme.org.uk) or contact Phil & Rita Jackson on 0121 2447762 or email [wackojacko456@hotmail.com](mailto:wackojacko456@hotmail.com).

### **DROITWICH SVP: WAITROSE GREEN TOKEN SCHEME**

The Droitwich SVP are one of the three charities Waitrose, Droitwich is supporting this month. When shopping in Waitrose throughout April, please place your green tokens in the SVP box so we may benefit from a share of £1,000 to boost our funds to help those in need locally.

### **BDES COURSE**

The Birmingham Diocesan Education Service are offering a course on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May entitled *A day for practising Catholics aspiring for a leadership role in our schools in the Archdiocese of Birmingham*. The course is at Birmingham Diocesan Education Service, Don Bosco House, Coleshill. B46 3EA from 8.30 am until 3.30 pm. To book please go to <http://w.pfrms.co/bj4jc> or visit [www.bdes.org.uk](http://www.bdes.org.uk)

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Please note the following date in your diaries:

**Saturday 22nd June 2019**

First Holy Communion Mass at 11.00 am

**Friday 28th June 2019**

Parish Centenary Celebrations begin