

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

Genesis 18: 20-32; Psalm 137; Colossians 2: 12-14;

Luke 11: 1-13

This Week 28th July - 4th August (Psalter Week 1)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 28th July Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C	8.30 am Bernadette Violet Duffy RIP (PD) 10.30 am Ben Cruz & Maria (BB) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall 12 Noon: Baptism
Monday 29th July Memorial of St. Martha	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Patrick Cussen RIP (I & MM)	6.45 pm: Parish Hall Keyholders Meeting
Tuesday 30th July Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Bob Grant (BB)	
Wednesday 31st July Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Patrick Cussen RIP (BB)	10.00 am - 9.00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. 6.00pm: Reception of the Body
Thursday 1st August Memorial of St. Alphonsus Mary de'Ligouri, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MF) 11.00 am Requiem Mass	5.00 pm: Wedding Rehearsal
Friday 2nd August Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Patrick Cussen RIP (P & CI)	9.45 am - 10.15 am: Adoration and Devotion to the Sacred Heart 12.00 Noon: Wedding
Saturday 3rd August Feria in Ordinary Time	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Bob Turner (ST)	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 4th August Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C	8.30 am Patrick Cussen RIP (EK) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm J & M Ryan (DR)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: On the day I called, you answered me, O

Lord.

6.00 pm: I thank you Yahweh with all my heart. I thank you

Yahweh my God. Each time I call for help you hear and answer me. I thank you Yahweh my God. 37

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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, Eileen Dalton, Delores Delaney, Frank Fawcett, Alan Francis, Joan Graham, Beryl Hill, Alan Hurst, John Jennings, Sue Nixon, Rosemarie Preece, Michael Sheridan, Aidan Skinner, Jacky Smith, Paul Smith, Angela Wardle, 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 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 **Patrick Cussen** who died recently. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. The Requiem Mass for Patrick will be on Thursday 1st August at 11.00 am with the Reception of Patrick's Body into Church at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 31st July. The Requiem Mass will be followed by a burial at St. Michael's Churchyard, Salwarpe and the family would like to invite you to a buffet lunch at Salwarpe Village Hall (WR9 0AH) after the burial. The family would also like to pass on their thanks for the many condolences and prayers etc. that they have received. Please continue to keep Patrick's family 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.

8.30 AM CHOIR HOLIDAY

The 8.30 am Choir had August off last year, and this year, for health reasons, the break is starting earlier, with no choir singing from Sunday 21st July until Sunday 1st September. When we start again, we will be appealing for more of you to join us upstairs, but we do appreciate very much the good singing from the congregation, which we have always welcomed and encouraged. Thank you.

SACRED HEART PARISH HALL KEYHOLDERS

The next meeting of Hall Keyholders will be on Monday 29th July at 6.45 pm in the Romero Room. After this date no further booking? will be accepted for August.

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. Biju SCJ will be saying both morning Masses.

NEW YOUTH GROUP

The parish committee believe that the establishment and development of a new Youth Group (Age range 11-18 years split 11-14 and 15-18 years) would be a desirable project for the Centenary celebration. After some discussion and outside guidance from the Birmingham Catholic Youth Society the committee has concluded that the best way to achieve this target would be to employ a qualified youth worker in the parish. It is hoped that the expense of this could be shared with another parish or some other Catholic organisation. Before the project is formally adopted and commitments are made it is important to establish that there is a demand for such a group from the young people of the parish and their parents or guardians. At the back of church is a very brief questionnaire that we ask all interested parishioners to complete and return to Fr George. Everyone completing this form will receive a further questionnaire that will ensure that the Youth Group set up is relevant and meets the requirements of the youth of the parish. There is also a Facebook page for the Youth Group that can be found at https://www.facebook.com/SHCYouthGroupDroitwich/. At the moment not many forms have been returned, if you have not already done so, please take and complete a questionnaire and return to Fr. George. If you don't have any youngsters who would be involved with this but would like to support the project by donation or helping with fund raising please also complete the form. Please take an active part in this project as it can only proceed if there is real support for

POLITE REQUEST

Please do not leave items on the floor in the entrance way to church. Any donations for Foodbank and the Refugee collections can be placed in the cupboards in the entrance way to church. If for any reason these are full please speak to Fr. George, Brother Patrick or contact the Parish Office. If you would like to leave large items or bigger bags that will not fit please could you contact the parish office first. Many thanks for your understanding, co-operation and continued generosity to the charity collections.

HARVINGTON PILGRIMAGE - SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

This year the Annual Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall, Shrine of the English Martyrs, is on Sunday 1st September. Mass is at 3.00 pm with Confessions from 1.45 pm until 2.30 pm. Rt. Rev. David McGough, Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham, will be the principal celebrant. Free timed tours of Harvington Hall are available to all pilgrims on the day and can be booked in the Hall's courtyard when you arrive. Please bring your own chairs. All information is on the poster on the noticeboard.

CONFIRMATION 2019: UPDATED!

There will be a meeting at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School for all Candidates and their parents on Wednesday 18th September at 6.30 pm. This will be followed by the Confirmation Commitment Mass on **Sunday 29th September at 10.30 am**. If your child is currently in Year 5 or above and **not** at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School please could you contact Fr. George SCJ as soon as possible if would like to have your child prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year.

FOODBANK

Foodbank have written to thank all parishioners for your donations during the last quarter. The thank you letter and poster are on the noticeboard. There is also a new wish list Any donations can be placed in the wooden cupboards in the church porch. Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH HALL KEYHOLDERS

There is a need for more people to join the existing team of keyholders who open and close the hall for the groups that use it. If you are able to help, please contact the Parish Office.

Many thanks.

PRAYER LIST

Due to GDPR regulations, we now need consent to publish a name in the prayer list for sick parishioners in the newsletter. There are forms available from the Narthex if you would like yourself or a family member or friend named in this list.

Main Collection: £286.49 Gift Aid: £170.50 Mass Attendance Last Sunday: 273 Thank you for supporting your Parish.

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.

REFUGEE COLLECTIONS

Thank you so much for the vast amount of exquisite knitted scarf sets which were so beautifully packaged. They alongside the other items left will be forwarded to the camps in Northern Europe and beyond. The next collection will take place on Saturday 3rd August.

DIRECTION FOR OUR TIMES

Jesus is giving Anne, who lives in County Cavan in Ireland, a series of 12 locutions supporting us in the challenges of our present times. Copies of the six received so far are available at the back of the church. Any enquiries to lain and Marie Martin on 01905 798130.

PARISH TRAINING SESSIONS

The Archdiocese will be providing training sessions for parishes through to November. The training sessions will be regarding finance, property, GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) and safeguarding. The training will be for Priests, parish staff, volunteers and parishioners. There are sessions at the Parish of Christ the King and Our Lady of Lourdes, Coventry on Saturday 21st September, St. Chad's Cathedral (Grimshaw Room) on Saturday 26th October, the Parish of Holy Trinity Church, Newcastle on Saturday 2nd November and St. George's, Worcester on Saturday 23rd November. The sessions run from 10.00 am until 3.30 pm. If you would like to take part in any of the training sessions please confirm your attendance in advance by contacting our Property Administrator, Lewis Massey: lewis.massey@rc-birmingham.org. When confirming your attendance, please leave your full name, the Parish you attend and your position within that Parish. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact Clare O'Brien on 0121 230 6231 or Steve Roche on 0121 230 6220, based at Cathedral House.

BAPTISED & SENT: OUR CALL TO BE MISSIONARY DISCIPLES SATURDAY ${\bf 12}^{\rm TH}$ OCTOBER, 10.00 AM TO 5.00 PM, AT ST. PETER'S RC SCHOOL, SOLIHULL

This is the 2019 Diocesan Justice & Peace Assembly, which is celebrating the Extraordinary Missionary Month, declared by Pope Francis for October 2019, by inviting you to reflect on your experiences, celebrating and putting in to action the call to mission for justice, peace and care for creation. Join Archbishop Bernard Longley, the Columban Missionaries and people from across the diocese to explore our call to be missionary disciples. Email events@columbans.co.uk or register online http://bit.ly/JandP_Assembly2019.

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

Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 2: 21-23; Psalm 89;

Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11;

Luke 12: 13-21

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