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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**  
*Ecclesiasticus 3: 17-20, 28;*  
*Psalm 67;*  
*Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24;*  
*Luke 14: 1, 7-14*

<b>This Week</b> <b>1st September - 8th September</b> <b>(Psalter Week 2)</b>	<b>Holy Mass &amp; Services</b>	<b>Other Events</b>
<b>Sunday 1st September</b> <b>Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary</b> <b>Time</b> <b>Year C</b>	8.30 am Donald Briant RIP (LD) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm Holy Mass	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall
<b>Monday 2nd September</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Mariam RIP	
<b>Tuesday 3rd September</b> Feast of St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Holy Mass	
<b>Wednesday 4th September</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Sojan Sebastian RIP	<b>10.00 am - 9.00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.</b> 7.30 pm: Parish Council Meeting 7.30 pm: Justice & Peace Group
<b>Thursday 5th September</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Holy Mass	
<b>Friday 6th September</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Holy Mass	<b>9.45 am - 10.15 am: Adoration and Devotion to the Sacred Heart</b>
<b>Saturday 7th September</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>10.30 am Holy Rosary</b> 11.00 am Holy Mass	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
<b>Sunday 8th September</b> <b>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary</b> <b>Time</b> <b>Year C</b> Retiring Collection for the Catholic	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MF) 10.30 am Bernadette Violet Duffy RIP (PD) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.00 pm:

In your goodness, O God, you prepared  
a home for the poor.

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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, Andrew McDermott, Sue Nixon, Rosemarie Preece, Michael Sheridan, Aidan Skinner, Jacky Smith, Paul Smith, Margaret Steward, 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 Dalglish. Please note that the newsletter is also placed on the parish website. Thank you for your understanding.**

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### SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES

Gerry Ceclich  
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### 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 all Masses.

### SACRED HEART ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK

The Annual Sponsored Walk in aid of the Sacred Heart Missionary Work in India will take place in **Nottingham on Saturday 28th September at 2.00 pm.** Fr. George SCJ and Br. Patrick SCJ will be joining the Clifton Village Walk; if you would like to support this fund raising effort, there are sponsorship forms and gift aid envelopes available at the back of church to sponsor and support them. If you would like to join this 5 mile walk please fill in a form; this is also available at the back of the church. Please join Fr. George SCJ and Br. Patrick SCJ to support the Sacred Heart Missionary work in India. For further details please speak to Fr. George or Br. Patrick. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

### 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. The Confirmation Mass is on Tuesday 3rd December at 7.00 pm.

### JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

The next meeting of the Justice and Peace Group will be on Wednesday 4th September at 7.30pm in the Romero Room. The agenda includes the future program and the Archdiocesan Conference in October. Open to all interested; please come and join us.

## 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 it from those who will use it.

## 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.

## BAPTISED & SENT: OUR CALL TO BE MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

**SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:events@columbans.co.uk) or register online [http://bit.ly/JandP\\_Assembly2019](http://bit.ly/JandP_Assembly2019).

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2019

The Christmas Fayre will take place on Saturday 30th November from 12 noon until 3.00 pm. A big event like this needs the involvement of everyone in the parish so please put the date in your diary.

## FOODBANK

There is a new wish list on the noticeboard for September. 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.

## SVP: THANK YOU

The Parish SVP would like to thank the parishioner who made the most generous anonymous donation to their funds. This is most encouraging and please be assured it will be used for worthwhile, deserving cases.

**Main Collection:**

**£147.10**

**Gift Aid: £249.70**

**Mass Attendance**

**Last Sunday: 211**

**Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.**

### **PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE**

There is a fully escorted pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland departing on Saturday 14th September. Please contact Patricia on 01268 762278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com for further information or to book a place.

### **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**

*Wisdom 9: 13-18;*

*Psalms 89;*

*Philemon 9-10, 12-17;*

*Luke 14: 25-33*

*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.*

### **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.

### **REFUGEE KNITTING**

Thank you so much for the vast number of exquisite children's hat, scarf and glove sets again so thoughtfully matched. They will bring such joy to the children in the camps. Thank you also for the beautiful blankets and jumpers so lovingly crafted. The next collection will take place on Saturday 7th September. Wool, patterns, buttons and needles are available in the church porch to help defray costs and donations of the same are always gratefully received.

### **REFUGEE UNDERWEAR COLLECTION**

Once again thank you so much for your continual support of this vital collection. There is a desperate need of new underwear for children and small to medium adult sizes.

### **SAVE THE DATES**

Please note the following dates in your diaries:

#### **Confirmation Commitment Mass**

Sunday 29th September at 10.30 am

#### **Parish Christmas Fayre**

Saturday 30th November from 12 noon to 3.00 pm

#### **Confirmation Mass**

Tuesday 3rd December at 7.00 pm

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