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## SACRED HEART & ST CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

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### Today's Mass Readings

*Amos 6: 1, 4-7;*

*Psalms 145;*

*1 Timothy 6: 11-16;*

*Luke 16: 19-31*

**Welcome to this House  
of God:**  
**Talk to God before Mass**  
**Listen to God during  
Mass**  
**Talk to others after Mass**

<b>This Week</b> <b>29th September - 6th October</b> <b>(Psalter Week 2)</b>	<b>Holy Mass &amp; Services</b>	<b>Other Events</b>
<b>Sunday 29th September</b> <b>Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary</b> <b>Time</b> <b>Year C</b>	8.30 am Mike Jennings RIP (KL) 10.30 am Baptism of Polly Eliza Darling (Mrs & Mrs Darling) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Piety Stall available in the Hall 10.30 am: Confirmation Commitment Mass 12.30 pm: Baptism
<b>Monday 30th September</b> Memorial of St. Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Private Intention (P & CI)	
<b>Tuesday 1st October</b> Memorial of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Holy Mass	
<b>Wednesday 2nd October</b> Memorial of the Guardian Angels	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Holy Mass	<b>10.00 am - 9.00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.</b>
<b>Thursday 3rd October</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Holy Mass	
<b>Friday 4th October</b> Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi	<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> CAFOD Harvest Fast Day
<b>Saturday 5th October</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 6th October</b> <b>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary</b> <b>Time</b> <b>Year C</b> Retiring Collection for CAFOD	8.30 am Holy Mass 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm Holy Mass	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall 10.30 am: Harvest Mass led by St. Joseph's School

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## SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES

Gerry Ceclich  
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## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am: My soul give praise to the Lord.  
10.30 am: My shepherd is the Lord he is everything, everything.  
My shepherd is the Lord he is everything, everything  
to me.  
6.00 pm: Come Lord and save us, come Lord and save us,  
Maranatha! Come into our world! (X2) AK 39.

## 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, Catherine Copper,  
Eileen Dalton, Delores Delaney, Frank Fawcett, Alan Francis, Joan Graham,  
Beryl Hill, Alan Hurst, John Jennings, Andrew McDermott, Stella  
McDermott, 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.**

## 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.

## A MEMORY TEST FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

Can any of you remember reading in last weeks newsletter my request for  
each parish household to keep a (large) box at home to fill with delightful  
and suitable items for us to sell or give as prizes at our upcoming Christmas  
Fayre for our Tombola, Toiletries, books and Toy stalls?

**Now here is my big question.**

Have you started your box yet? Softly, softly, catchee monkey; Try to look  
out and put a few items in your box each week so you have lots to bring in  
when asked to do so in November. Please, please join in the fun and start  
your effort now towards making our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>  
November into a big financial and social success – especially because  
hopefully you are also making the commitment now to come along on the  
day and be part of the action!

## CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER

No one should be beyond reach of the love and support they need to thrive.  
This Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to fast, pray and give, so we can extend the  
hand of friendship to the world's poorest people. On Family Fast Day,  
CAFOD invites us to eat a simple meal for lunch or dinner and donate the  
money we save. Please collect a Fast Day envelope from church today and  
give generously, returning the envelope on Sunday 6th October. Thank you.

## THANK YOU

We wish to thank Matt Kelly, Director of Shirley Industrial Painters & Decorators Ltd, for painting the steel structure that supports the bell located in the tower free of charge. This has saved our church a considerable amount of money and we are very grateful for his generosity.

## RELIGIOUS CARD STAND & PIETY STALL

Christmas cards are now on sale in the card stand in the narthex. The Piety Stall now has boxes of Christmas cards, advent calendars, Catholic diaries for 2020, advent candles, church art calendars and Christmas 3-dimensional pop-up cards for children.

## PARISH THANK YOU EVENING

To thank the many volunteers who give their time to the Sacred Heart Parish, Fr. George SCJ is hosting a Thank You Evening in the Parish Hall on Friday 6th December at 7.00 pm. If you volunteer and would like to attend, clipboards will be available for you to sign up on from the beginning of October so that we know how many to cater for.

## SACRED HEART MILLENNIUM PROJECT - ASHRAY INVITATION

John and Gina Pilley intend to visit Ashray in Varanasi, India, towards the end of January 2020. If any parishioner is interested in joining our party to see the wonderful work that our parish is supporting then please contact John and Gina at ashraydroitwich@gmail.com or by phone on 07914 920298.

## YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

A Youth Group report was submitted to both of the recent Parish Council and Finance Committees' meetings. This report included a summary of the response from the parish to the newsletter appeal made over the last 8 weeks. Both committees believe that having a strong and enthusiastic Youth Group run by a professional youth leader would benefit the parish and in particular the young people in it. However, the proposal to commence with the recruitment of a youth leader (with a significant cost to the parish) failed to get approval. The main reason for this was a view that there was a lack of demand for a Youth Group from parishioners and in particular the parents and the young people of the parish. Thank you to the parents and the youth who responded to the newsletter appeal. Over the next few weeks it is planned to write to every parent. The aim will be to explain how the Youth Group would operate and seek support for the project. If you want the recruitment of a highly trained and dedicated youth leader to go ahead in the parish then you should make your views (preferably in writing) known to Fr. George or any member of the Parish Council. Your support is now vital if this initiative is to go ahead.

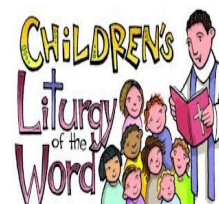
## BAPTISED & SENT: OUR CALL TO BE MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

**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).

## PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 4th September are available on the noticeboard at the back of church. Anyone who would like to be sent a copy by email please contact Jenny Leonard on 01905 775596.



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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

29th September,  
3rd November,  
10th November,  
17th November,  
24th November,  
1st December,  
8th December.

## JOB VACANCY

Please see the poster on the noticeboard for details of an Administration & IT Support Officer role based at Cathedral House. The closing date for applications is Friday 11th October.

**Main Collection:**

**£154.05**

**Gift Aid: £443.15**

**Mass Attendance**

**Last Sunday: 247**

**Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.**

**The retiring collection  
for Father Hudson's  
Care raised: £338.88**

**Additional Gift Aid  
donation for Home  
Mission Sunday:  
£3.00**

**Thank you for your  
generosity.**

### **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**

*Habbakkuk 1: 2-3,*

*2: 2-4;*

*Psalms 94;*

*2 Timothy 1: 6-8,*

*13-14;*

*Luke 17: 5-19*

*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.*

### **REFUGEE KNITTING & UNDERWEAR COLLECTIONS**

Thank you so very much to the person who donated the beautiful children's scarf and hat sets, the person who regularly knits such lovely hats and for the items donated to the underwear appeal. With the darker nights here if anyone would like to knit or crochet for the refugees, make anything you feel would benefit the children and small to medium adults. Socks and tights are also particularly needed. Patterns, wool, needles and buttons are available in the cupboard in the church entrance to help defray costs. Donations of the same are most welcome.

### **QUIZ NIGHT: FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER AT 7.30 PM IN THE SACRED HEART PARISH HALL**

Droitwich Spa French and German Twinning Groups cordially invite you to bring a team of up to six persons to a professionally led quiz with a ploughman's supper included in the cost of £10.00 per person. Booking is essential for catering purposes and further details can be obtained from Mike or Carol Nott on 07756 876269.

### **ST. CHAD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: DEPUTY HEADTEACHER**

St Chad's Primary School, Birmingham are looking to appoint a Deputy Headteacher from January 2020. For further information and an application pack, please contact the school on 0121 464 6554 or email the Business Manager, Karen Robinson at k.robinson@st-chads.bham.sch.uk. The closing date is Tuesday 15th October.

### **WORCESTERSHIRE MEDICO-LEGAL SOCIETY TALK**

#### **TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 7.30 PM UNTIL 9.00 PM**

Dr. John Duddington, Barrister, Retired Head of the Law School, Worcester College of Technology, and Dr. Tony Cole, Retired Consultant Paediatrician, will be speaking on *The best interests test in end of life cases – does it work and is there an alternative?* at the Court Room, Jenny Lind Building, City Campus, University of Worcester, Farrier Street, Worcester, WR1 3BZ. All are welcome.

### **SAVE THE DATES**

Please note the following dates in your diaries:

#### **Harvest Mass**

Sunday 6th October 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

#### **Parish Thank You Evening**

Friday 6th December at 7.00 pm