

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

2 Kings 5: 14-17; Psalm 97; 2 Timothy 2: 8-13; Luke 17: 11-19

This Week 13th October - 20th October (Psalter Week 4)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 13th October Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C	8.30 am Don & Rose Brooks RIP (PW) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm Mary Ryan (DR)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Piety Stall in the Hall after Mass
Monday 14th October Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	
Tuesday 15th October Memorial of St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	
Wednesday 16th October Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	10.00 am - 9.00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Thursday 17th October Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Theresa Bullock & Ricky Thegnissen (BB)	
Friday 18th October Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	9.45 am - 10.15 am: Adoration and Devotion to the Sacred Heart
Saturday 19th October Feria in Ordinary Time	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Juan Antonio Mejias Morillas RIP (CM)	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions 11.00 am Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing
Sunday 20th October Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C Retiring Collection for World Mission Sunday	8.30 am Robert Preece RIP, Nessa & Patrick Cruise RIP (RP) 10.30 am Private Intention (BB) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall 12 Noon: Baptism

SACRED HEART COMMUNITY

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: The Lord has shown his salvation to the

nations.

6.00 pm: Hymn no. 697. Sing a new song unto the Lord. (201

Light blue).

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 Dalgleish. Please note that the newsletter is also placed on the parish website. Thank you for your understanding.

IS YOUR BOX FULL YET?

With time flying by, it would be all too easy for you to forget my urgent appeal to you to help and support our upcoming Christmas Fayre, planned for Saturday 30th November starting at noon. Lucky you - here is your reminder! The idea is for each parish household to find a (big) box at home and to try to fill it with all the suitable goods we can use on our Toiletries, Tombola, Books and Toy stalls. Items need to be in mint condition for tombola and toiletries and good condition for books and toys. Take this opportunity to have a clear-out of your children's toy-cupboard to see what they have grown out of, or never use. It is a chance to recycle and to allow someone else to get pleasure from little used toys and games, puzzles, bikes and scooters; even electronic games or kit that have some useful life left in them that others will appreciate. We will ask you to bring in your full box(s) in November, but now is the time for you to get to work filling them up! What a wonderful event it will be if each and every parishioner turns out on the day to make our Christmas Fayre both a social and financial success. Scrumptious seasonal refreshments will be available for sale on the day together with our renowned Cake Stall.

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, please add your name to the list at the back of church so that we know how many to cater for. The deadline for signing up is Friday 15th November.

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.

THANKGIVING MASS

In recognition of the Centenary of the laying of the Foundation Stone at the Sacred Heart Church, there will be a Thanksgiving Mass at 7.00 pm on Monday 25th November. This will be followed by coffee and tea in the Hall. All are welcome.

READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

There is a new rota available for the period from Sunday 13th October until Sunday 2nd February that has been distributed via email. A few copies are available from the Sacristy for those who are not on the distribution list. 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.

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.

ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK

Thank you for supporting Fr. George and Brother Patrick on their sponsored walk to raise money for the Sacred Heart Fathers' Missionary work in India. Any sponsorship money can either be passed to Fr. George or Brother Patrick or given in to the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: 20TH OCTOBER 2019

World Mission Sunday is an opportunity for every Catholic community in the world to support the missionary work of the Church through prayer and offerings. Any donations will go directly towards helping those in areas of poverty across the world. Please give generously to the second collection next week; gift aid envelopes will be available. Thank you.

FOODBANK

There is a thank you letter and certificate on the noticeboard from Foodbank in recognition of parishioners continued support.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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

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

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION -WORCESTER CIRCLE

The next meeting is on Thursday 17th October at 7.30 pm at St. George's Parish Hall, Worcester.
Dr. Christine Dodd will speak on the topic *The caring that Jesus illustrates*. All are welcome; the charge for non-members is £3.00.

PARISH HALL

We have had to replace the lock on the Parish Hall outer door. If you currently have a key and have not yet had a replacement, please could you contact the parish office. Please do not use an old key in the lock as it will jam. You will need your existing key to swap for the new one. Many thanks. Kate Dalgleish.

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Main Collection: £295.21

Gift Aid: £289.00 Mass Attendance Last Sunday: 203 Thank you for supporting your

Parish.

The retiring collection for CAFOD raised:
£ 399.96
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 droitwichsvp @googlemail.com.



Next Sunday's Mass Readings

Exodus 17: 8-13;

Psalm 120;
2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 2;

Luke 18: 1-8

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 DONATIONS

Thank you so much for the beautiful, knitted children's hats, scarves and gloves, they are so needed with the cold weather looming. Wool, patterns and needles are available in the cupboards at the back of the church to help defray your costs and donations of the same are most welcome. A further massive thank you to those who regularly support the appeal for underwear. Your generosity is truly overwhelming. Finally thank you so much to those who have donated many miscellaneous items to the appeal, too many to list separately, but your kindness and thoughtfulness is so appreciated. The next collection will be on Saturday 2nd November.

IS THIS FOR YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW? ST. SCHOLASTICA'S RETREAT OPEN DAY - SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER

The Retreat offers sheltered housing to practising Catholics aged 60 or over in 36 self-contained flats at £491pcm. More information is available on the poster and from the warden, Deacon Seán Duffy, at info@stscholasticas.co.uk or on 01844 344437. Further information can also be found at www.stscholasticas.co.uk.

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.

REDDITCH CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY GROUP

The next meeting is on Saturday 19th October in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Centre, starting with refreshments at 11.15 am. The talk commences at midday and is entitled *St John of the Cross* by Anastasia Selby who has visited our group several times before. After the talk we pray with Lectio Divina. A shared lunch will follow. All are welcome for all or part of the meeting.

SAVE THE DATES

Please note the following dates in your diaries:

Thanksgiving Mass

Monday 25th November at 7.00 pm

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

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