

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 Samuel 5: 1-3; Psalm 121; **Colossians 1: 12-20**

Luke 23: 35-43

This Week 24th November - 1st December (Psalter Week 2)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 24th November Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year C Retiring Collection for the Catholic Youth Services	8.30 am Peter Regan (BB) 10.30 am Christine Feetenby (D & BO'H) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Traidcraft Stall in the Hall Youth Group after 10.30 am Mass
Monday 25th November Feria in Ordinary Time	7.30 pm Lawless & Cash Families RIP (SD)	6.00 pm: Confirmation Mass Rehearsal
Tuesday 26th November Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Olive Parry RIP (BP)	
Wednesday 27th November Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Alan Remedios RIP (KA)	10.00 am - 9.00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 28th November Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Bart Schmitt RIP (MB)	
Friday 29th November Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Harry Remedios RIP (KA)	9.45 am - 10.15 am: Adoration and Devotion to the Sacred Heart
Saturday 30th November Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Michael Donovan RIP (BD)	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions 12 Noon - 3.00 pm: Christmas Fayre
Sunday 1st December First Sunday of Advent Year A Appeal for St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School	8.30 am Kevin McCorry RIP (MM) 10.30 am Fathers and Brothers of the Sacred Heart of Betharram (BB) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Piety & Traidcraft Stalls in the Hall

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us

go to God's house'.

6.00 pm: I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us follow the

path to the house of the Lord'. 35 AK.

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, Tony Ringer, 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.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Your prayers are asked for **Rosemarie Preece** who died recently. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Please keep her family and friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

OUR CHRISTMAS FAYRE TAKES PLACE NEXT SATURDAY!

It is now only a few days till we celebrate our **Christmas Fayre**, starting at noon on Saturday 30th November 2019 in the Parish Hall. We hope **EVERYONE**, young and old is planning to attend this highlight social occasion for our Parish because this is a collective parish effort; without your presence, we have wasted our time! Hopefully you have been busy collecting up items for the Fayre in your box at home and have already brought it in; if not, or if you have additional items, it is not too late; just bring them in during this week. All contributions gratefully received. We really appreciate all the donations that have come in for the stalls and for the raffle so far. Organising our Christmas Fayre is a big deal and its success is in all our hands. Please keep looking out items that can be sold or which make good prizes. Our refreshments stall will be doing a roaring trade on the day to keep you fuelled up. *Fr. George looks forward to seeing you all at the Fayre next Saturday*.

CAKE STALL

Now is the moment for all you bakers to start making cakes, large and small, together with biscuits and other delectable items to sell on our cake stall. Paper plates are available after Mass today. Please take one (or more) and fill it with a contribution. All offerings, home-made or bought, will be very gratefully received. The cake stall is always popular but we can only sell what is donated so please help us to make it a success once again. Cakes can be left in the parish hall from 5.00 pm on the evening of Friday 29th November or from 10.00 am on Saturday 30th November.

THANKSGIVING MASS - PLEASE NOTE NEW START TIME!

In recognition of the Centenary of the laying of the Foundation Stone at the Sacred Heart Church, there will be a Thanksgiving Mass at **7.30 pm** on Monday 25th November. This will be followed by coffee and tea in the Hall. All are welcome.

NOVEMBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

During November we remember and pray especially for those who have died. At the back of church there are "In Remembrance" sheets. If you would like to remember in this special way loved ones who have died, write down their names, place the sheet in one of the envelopes provided and put it in the Holy Souls Box (do not put any money in the envelope). The Holy Souls Box will be placed near the altar at each Mass in November.

TRAIDCRAFT STALL

Traidcraft Christmas Cards are now available to order. Orders for cards will need to be placed by the end of November. Those attending 10.30 am Mass will catch us until about ten past the hour. If you want to make other arrangements, let us know and we'll see what can be done. After 6.00 pm Mass, the samples and order forms will be at the back of church.

YOUTH GROUP

Vicki Hamilton, a Youth Ministry Development Worker from the Birmingham Catholic Youth Service, will be at all Masses today to talk about the Youth Group in the parish. Vicki will be running a Youth Group session for children aged 11 to 18 years after the 10.30 am Mass in the Parish Hall. This session will last for about 1 hour and will give a sample of how the new youth group in the parish would be run. It's a great opportunity for young people taking part to have a say on what they would like in a youth group. All the parish youth are welcome as are their parents. There will be a buffet afterwards. If you want a youth group in the parish it is important that this opportunity is well supported

MISSIO: RED BOXES

As we approach December, please allow me to remind you of the last collection for 2019. I would be grateful if *all box holders* could kindly bring your boxes to church at your convenience until **Saturday 30th November.** With thanks and best wishes.

WEDNESDAY ADORATION

Sincere thanks and gratitude to all those who have supported the Wednesday Adoration, especially those loyal people who have pledged specific times. We thank God for His continued presence among us in the Eucharist. Please note that the last day of Adoration this year is Wednesday 11th December. Over the Christmas period there will be no Adoration for four weeks. It will resume on Wednesday 15th January 2020. We really do need new people to kindly pledge time to watch and pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament. It is a generous gift of your time but well worthwhile. Please contact Catherine Ingram on 01905 778053.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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

24th November,1st December,8th December.

FOODBANK - NEW WISH LIST

There is a new wish list for November on the noticeboard. Please could any donations be placed in the box in the church porch. Thank you for your continued generosity.

PARISH VISITS

Fr. George SCJ would like to visit all the families in the parish to get to know the families better. These visits will take place by area on weekdays from the first week of Advent onwards. Further information will be given in due course.

PARISH THANK YOU EVENING

Fr. George SCJ is hosting a Thank You Evening in the Parish Hall on Friday 6th December at 7.00 pm to thank the many volunteers who give their time to the Sacred Heart Parish.

Main Collection: £183.00 Gift Aid: £162.00 Mass Attendance Last Sunday: 263 Thank you for supporting your

Parish.

Additional Gift Aid donation for the Johnson Association: £5.00
Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH DIARIES

A new company has taken over the production of our Parish Diaries this year. We are hoping that the diaries will be with us to distribute by the end of November/beginning of December. Thank you for your patience.



Next Sunday's Mass

Isaiah 2: 1-5;

Psalm 121;

Romans 13: 11-14

Matthew 24: 37-44

SVP: THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Giving tree will be in the side chapel from Sunday 1st December. For parishioners who are new to our parish the idea is to take an angel from the tree, purchase a present suitable for a child whose details are given on the angel and return it wrapped in suitable paper with the angel attached. There are additional angels in the box by the tree. The last date for bringing the presents to church is Sunday 15th December. The presents will be distributed mainly to Father Hudson homes and some to families supported by St Vincent de Paul Society locally. **Thank you for supporting this annual appeal.**

REFUGEE KNITTED ITEMS & UNDERWEAR COLLECTIONS

Once again a massive thank you to the parishioner who sends in such vast amounts of beautifully packaged scarf and glove sets for the children. How thrilled they will be to receive such a special gift! Thank you also for the exquisite blankets, baby cardigans and hats received this month. Please help yourselves to the wool and related items in the cupboards at the entrance to offset your costs. Donations of the same are always most welcome. Thank you so much for the many new items of children's and adults' clothing received this month. Your continual support of these vital collections is so appreciated. With winter approaching if you have any hats, scarves or gloves you can spare, these can also be passed on to the people in the camps. The next collection date is Saturday 7th December.

DIRECTION FOR OUR TIMES

Directions from heaven for us all through these present challenging times. Sunday 8th December after 6pm Mass: tea and coffee, DVD and talk as introduction to the Lay Apostolate of Jesus the Returning King and its publishing arm, Direction for Our Times. Books and pictures on sale.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN DROITWICH

CTiD are again planning to distribute knitted angels around Droitwich as a Christmas message. If you would like to help knit then details of where to find the pattern are on the noticeboard. Please could any angels be taken to the Methodist Church by Sunday 8th December to allow time to attach the tags.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note the following dates in your diaries:

Confirmation Mass

Tuesday 3rd December at 7.00 pm

Parish Thank You Evening

Friday 6th December at 7.00 pm

Shroud of Turin

Friday 13th December 7.00 pm

Carol Service

Tuesday 17th December at 6.00 pm

Advent Penitential Service

Friday 20th December at 7.30 pm

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