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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

Isaiah 11: 1-10;  
Psalm 71;  
Romans 15: 4-9  
Matthew 3: 1-12

This Week 8th December - 15th December (Psalter Week 2)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
<b>Sunday 8th December</b> <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Year A</b> Retiring Collection for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese	8.30 am Margaret, Bobby & Margherita McCool (JA) 10.30 am Maria Keegan RIP (TG) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Traidcraft Stall in the Hall
<b>Monday 9th December</b> Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am David Veale RIP (AM)	
<b>Tuesday 10th December</b> Advent Feria	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am K M Mathew & Rosamma (AS)	2.00 pm: Choir Practice
<b>Wednesday 11th December</b> Advent Feria	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Deceased Members of the Dargan Family & Tobias Burke (MB)	<b>10.00 am - 9.00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
<b>Thursday 12th December</b> Advent Feria	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Intentions of Joan Sherrard (MS)	
<b>Friday 13th December</b> Memorial of St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Joan & Leslie Ashton RIP (KA)	<b>9.45 am - 10.15 am: Adoration and Devotion to the Sacred Heart</b> 7.00 pm: Shroud of Turin
<b>Saturday 14th December</b> Memorial of St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church	<b>10.30 am Holy Rosary</b> 11.00 am Elizabeth Wilson (EK)	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
<b>Sunday 15th December</b> <b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Year A</b> Retiring Collection for Christmas Flowers	8.30 am Rose O'Grady RIP (CE) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm John Weaver (MW)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall Piety & Traidcraft Stalls in the Hall



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Gerry Ceclich  
Cynthia Sharkey

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**8.30 am & 10.30 am:** In his days justice shall flourish and peace  
till the moon fails.  
**6.00 pm:** In his days justice will flourish. Peace will reign 'til the  
moon fades. May his name be blessed for ever and  
endure like the noon-day sun.

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

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### **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.

### **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. Enrico SCJ will be saying all  
Masses.

### **CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

Thank you to all those who supported the Christmas Fayre, either by  
making cakes, advertising the event, helping set up the stalls, being a stall  
holder, selling raffle tickets, providing refreshments, clearing up afterwards,  
donating items, counting the takings and/or attending on the day and  
supporting the event. The net total raised for the parish to date is £1947.70.  
Please check the noticeboard at the back of church for raffle prize winners.

### **ADVENT JOURNEY**

The "Walk with Me" booklet and calendar for the Advent journey are  
available at the back of the church. This booklet is to help focus on our  
relationship with God and with people during Advent. Please consider  
taking a copy home to help prepare for Christmas. These are free but  
donations would be gratefully received and given to the Missions in India.  
Thank you.

### **HOUSE MASSES**

During Advent we are planning to have some House Masses. If you would  
like to arrange a House Mass in your home please sign up on the clipboard  
at the back of church.

### 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.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Dates for Mass Intentions are extremely limited until the end of the year. We make every effort to accommodate Mass Intentions on the dates requested however this is not always possible due to prior bookings. When submitting a Mass Intention request, please could you provide a phone number or email address so that we can contact you if needed. Due to GDPR regulations, with the exception of deceased individuals, we are unable to publish names unless the Request for Mass Intention Form at the back of church is completed. If we do not have a form the Intention will be listed in the newsletter and stated at Mass as Private Intention.

### PARISH SECRETARY

I will be out of the office from Friday 20th December until Monday 6th January inclusive. I will be in the office on Friday 27th December and Friday 3rd January to complete the newsletter only. Please could all items be submitted by 9.00 am on these dates. For any urgent queries please contact Fr. George SCJ on 01905 773258. Everything else I will deal with on my return on Tuesday 7th January.

### CHURCH CLEANING

Please could all Cleaning Groups come along on **Thursday 19th December** at 9.45 am after Mass to give the church a good clean for Christmas. Thanks to you all for your continued help. If anyone would like to join one of our groups please contact the parish office or Pat Webb on 01905 455702. Our numbers are low and it would be good to have more volunteers.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS TO PRISONERS

Thank you for the cards returned so far; more are available today. The cards will be taken to Long Lartin on Monday 9th December.

### CHOIR PRACTICE

The next choir practice is on Tuesday 10th December at **2.00 pm**. New members are always welcome if you would like to join us.

### ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

This service will take place here at the Sacred Heart on Friday 20th December at 7.30 pm. There are also penitential services at the following churches in our Deanery, all beginning at 7.30 pm:

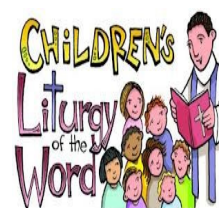
Tuesday 17th December: Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch

Wednesday 18th December: St. Peter's Church, Bromsgrove



### 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. Further information will be given in due course.



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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

8th December.

### SHROUD OF TURIN

Our parish is fortunate to have an authentic copy of the Shroud of Turin on display on Friday 13th December at 7.00 pm. All are welcome.





### **Main Collection:**

**£188.10**

**Gift Aid: £259.80**

**Mass Attendance**

**Last Sunday: 240**

**Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.**

### **The retiring collection**

**for St. Joseph's**

**Catholic Primary**

**School raised:**

**£242.18**

**Thank you for your  
generosity.**



**Additional Gift Aid  
donation for Catholic  
Youth Services: £3.00**

**Thank you for your  
generosity.**



### **Next Sunday's Mass Readings**

**Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10;**

**Psalm 145;**

**James 5: 7-10**

**Matthew 11: 2-11**

*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.*

### **SVP: THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**

The Giving tree is now in the side chapel. 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.**

### **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN DROITWICH**

Thank you to everyone who is knitting Angels. Please see the poster on the noticeboard if you would like to help with attaching the labels or distributing the Angels around Droitwich. All are welcome.

### **PARISH DIARIES - UPDATE**

A new company has taken over the production of our Parish Diaries this year. These are now being printed and should be with us to distribute within 7 - 10 days.

### **FOODBANK: COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS**

Droitwich Spa Foodbank have provided a list of 24 items they always need. This list is on the noticeboard and there are also some copies for you to take away on the shelf below. There are no Christmas items on this list, the aim is that these items will help feed and support individuals and families during the rest of the year. There is also a 12-day list available. For further information or to view the lists online, please visit [droitwichspa.foodbank.org.uk](http://droitwichspa.foodbank.org.uk). Please could any donations be placed in the box in the church porch. Thank you for your continued generosity.

### **DIRECTION FOR OUR TIMES**

After the 6.00 pm Mass this evening there will be a presentation in the parish hall to introduce the books and other publications of Direction for Our Times, to explain their origin and purpose and invite you to respond to the message they bring as the Holy Spirit may direct you. Tea and coffee, a talk, and a DVD with dramatizations of visions experienced by Anne described in her book about Purgatory, *Mist of Mercy*.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Please note the following dates in your diaries:

#### **Carol Service**

Tuesday 17th December at 6.00 pm

#### **Advent Penitential Service**

Friday 20th December at 7.30 pm