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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: 2-6, 12-14;  
*Psalm 127;*  
Colossians 3: 12-21  
Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23

<b>This Week</b> <b>29th December - 5th January</b> <b>(Christmas Octave)</b>	<b>Holy Mass &amp; Services</b>	<b>Other Events</b>
<b>Sunday 29th December</b> <b>Feast of the Holy Family</b> <b>Year A</b>	8.30 am Patricia & Christopher Simpson (SR) 10.30 am Janet Richardson (LH) 6.00 pm Brigid Yates RIP (GP)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall
<b>Monday 30th December</b> Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Private Intention (NL) 1.00 pm Requiem Mass	
<b>Tuesday 31st December</b> Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Private Intention (RO)	
<b>Wednesday 1st January</b> <b>Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God</b>	10.00 am Rosemarie Preece RIP (BB)	
<b>Thursday 2nd January</b> Memorial of St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Brigid Yates RIP (BB)	
<b>Friday 3rd January</b> Christmas Feria	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Fr Tom Kelly & Family (BB)	<b>9.45 am - 10.15 am: Adoration and Devotion to the Sacred Heart</b>
<b>Saturday 4th January</b> Christmas Feria	<b>10.30 am Holy Rosary</b> 11.00 am Maura Shanney (née Kelly) RIP & Family (Fr. Tom Kelly)	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
<b>Sunday 5th January</b> <b>Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</b> <b>Year A</b>	8.30 am Mary Pope - Birthday (EK) 10.30 am Fr. Peter Kelly RIP & Family (Fr. Tom Kelly) 6.00 pm Gladys Remedios RIP (KA)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall



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## **SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES**

Gerry Ceclich  
Cynthia Sharkey

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

8.30 am & 10.30 am: O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!

6.00 pm: O blessed are those who fear the Lord. No.58

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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, Michael Sheridan, Aidan Skinner, Jacky Smith, Paul Smith,  
Margaret Steward, Angela Wardle, Breda Wightman, Mark Wightman,  
Richard Wightman & Monsignor Graham Wilkinson

**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, Brigid Yates & Philip Moody**  
who died recently. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed  
through the mercy of God rest in peace. Please keep their families and  
friends in your kind thoughts and prayers. The Requiem Mass for Brigid  
Yates will be at 1.00 pm on Monday 30th December. This will be followed  
by a cremation at Worcester Crematorium at 2.30 pm.

## **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE**

Thank you very much to everyone for being so generous with presents for  
the children. We have helped 31 local families who would have struggled to  
find presents this year for their children and the majority of the presents  
were collected by staff from Father Hudson Homes on the Monday prior to  
Christmas. Thank you all for supporting this project.

## **CHURCH CLEANING**

Cleaning rotas for the New Year 2020 are at the back of church to be  
collected. Thank you. Pat Webb.

### **WEDNESDAY ADORATION**

Please note that the last day of Adoration this year was 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**

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 am now out of the office until Tuesday 7th January. I will be in the office on Friday 3rd January to complete the newsletter only. Please could all items be submitted by 9.00 am on this date. 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.

### **ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM: JOB VACANCIES**

The Archdiocese of Birmingham is looking to appoint a Safeguarding Advisor and a Strengthening Cluster Communities Officer. Please see the posters on the noticeboard for full details including closing dates.

### **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.

### **TEA & COFFEE ROTAS**

The Tea and Coffee rotas for 2020 are now available from the Narthex. Please collect a copy if you have not already done so.



### **CHRISTMAS CARDS TO PRISONERS**

Thank you to the many parishioners who supported this well-established parish endeavour, also to the Methodist Church who contributed as well. More than 100 cards were taken over to Long Lartin this week. Well done. From the Justice and Peace Group.

### **ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM DIRECTORY 2020**

We have seven copies of the new Archdiocesan Directory. These are available on a first come, first served basis from the Parish Office and are priced at £4.50.





**Main Collection:**  
**£211.52**

**Gift Aid: £315.90**

**Mass Attendance**  
**Last Sunday: 278**

**Thank you for**  
**supporting your**  
**Parish.**



**PARISH DIARIES -**  
**NOW AVAILABLE**

The 2020 Parish Diaries have arrived and are available to collect from the Narthex. The diaries are free, but any donations would be much appreciated and will be given to the Sacred Heart Missions.



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

Isaiah 60: 1-6;

Psalm 71;

Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6

Matthew 2: 1-12

*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**

Thank you so very much to the parishioners who once again have donated such vast quantities of children's scarf and glove sets and matching hat and scarves. Thank you also for the numerous exquisite individual scarves and hats and baby items. Your talents and generosity know no bounds! Please help yourselves to wool and related items in the cupboards at the church entrance to help defray your costs. Donations of the same would be most welcome.

**REFUGEE UNDERWEAR**

This month, thanks to your overwhelming kindness and generosity, a very large black sack of new adult and children's items were forwarded to the organisers. Thank you once again for your continual support. Finally thank you to those who donated their spare hats, scarves and gloves, they will be so gratefully received by the people in the camps. The next collection date will be a little later, on Saturday 11th January, due to the festivities.

