



# 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 15: 15-20;*  
*Psalm 118;*  
*1 Corinthians 2: 6-10*  
*Matthew 5: 17-37*

<b>This Week</b> <b>16th February - 23rd February</b> <b>(Psalter Week 2)</b>	<b>Holy Mass &amp; Services</b>	<b>Other Events</b>
<b>Sunday 16th February</b> <b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Year A</b> Retiring Collection for LIFE	8.30 am Intentions of Brenda Trow (MM) 10.30 am Ralph Arnold RIP 6.00 pm John Ryan (DR)	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall
<b>Monday 17th February</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Sheila Manion (BB)	12.30 pm - 2.00 pm: Community Meal 7.00 pm: SVP Meeting
<b>Tuesday 18th February</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Private Intention (P & CI)	
<b>Wednesday 19th February</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am T & D Treffry (I & MM)	<b>10.00 am - 9.00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>7.00 pm: Lent Retreat</b> <b>7.30 pm: Finance Committee Meeting</b>
<b>Thursday 20th February</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Elizabeth RIP (I & MM)	
<b>Friday 21st February</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>9.00 am Morning Prayer</b> 9.15 am Naida Blunden RIP (K & EL)	<b>9.45 am - 10.15 am: Adoration and Devotion to the Sacred Heart</b>
<b>Saturday 22nd February</b> Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, Apostle	<b>10.30 am Holy Rosary</b> 11.00 am Gladys Remedios RIP (KA)	<b>10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions</b> 2.00 pm: Church Tour
<b>Sunday 23rd February</b> <b>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Year A</b> Mission Appeal	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MF) 10.30 am Deceased Members from both sides of the Family (BW) 6.00 pm Alan 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 & 6.00 pm:**

**They are happy who follow God's law!**

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### **PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS**

Please pray for all our parishioners, and/or their friends and relatives, who are unwell:

Milly Arnold, Mary Arulandhu, Barbara Conway, Eileen Dalton, Delores Delaney, Frank Fawcett, Alan Francis, Joan Graham, Beryl Hill, Alan Hurst, John Jennings, , Andrew McDermott, Stella McDermott, Jackie McLean, 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 **Ralph Arnold, Shirley Hughes & Catherine Mary Copper** 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 Shirley Hughes is on Friday 28th February at 11.30 am followed by a cremation at 1.00 pm. The Requiem Mass for Catherine Mary Copper is on Monday 2nd March at 12 Noon.

### **MISSION APPEAL: SUNDAY 23RD FEBRUARY**

The Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver will be here on Sunday 23rd February to make an appeal on behalf of the Sisters Mission Committee of England and Wales. They will tell us about their missionary work and will be grateful for your support.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN NOT AT A CATHOLIC SCHOOL - UPDATED!**

If your child is in Year 3 or above and you would like her/him to be prepared in the parish for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in June 2020, please make yourself known to Fr. George SCJ or email sacredheartdroitwich@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible. Fr. George would like to meet with all children **not** at St. Joseph's with their parents on Saturday 22nd February at 5.00 pm in the Parish Hall. The Commitment Mass will be at 10.30 am on Sunday 1st March.

### **READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

There is a new rota available 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.

## 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. Please note that the next available date for Mass Intentions is currently Friday 6th March.

## ONLINE LENT RETREAT 2020

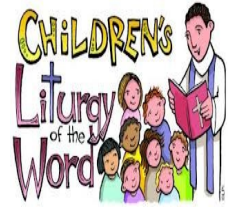
As in 2019, this retreat is being offered throughout the UK through the "Pathways to God" website [www.pathwaystoGod.org/lent-retreat-2020](http://www.pathwaystoGod.org/lent-retreat-2020). The retreat offers an opportunity to deepen our knowledge of scripture and an introduction to different methods of prayer. The aim is to help people know, love and serve Jesus Christ more deeply. Participants can pray daily during Lent using the online prayer materials, which can be printed for people who would find this easier (this individual time of prayer is at home or wherever you wish). They come together as a group once a week on Wednesdays in Lent (excepting Ash Wednesday) from 7.00 pm until 8.00 pm in the Parish Hall to share how their prayer has been going and to be led through different ways of praying by people involved in Ignatian spirituality networks. The opening meeting is on Wednesday 19th February. If you are interested please contact Kate Dalglish on 01905 773258 or at [sacredheartdroitwich@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sacredheartdroitwich@hotmail.co.uk) or Cecilia or Max Jourdier at [mandcjourdier@gmail.com](mailto:mandcjourdier@gmail.com) Do come along, with no commitment, to the opening meeting at from 7.00 until 8.00 pm on Wednesday 19th February to hear more. There is a poster and flyers with more information on the noticeboard in the Narthex at the back of the church. Any names and contact numbers provided will be kept for the duration of the retreat only and then destroyed.

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life is the largest internationally coordinated pro-life mobilization in history. 40 Days for Life Birmingham will be holding their peaceful, prayerful vigil outside BPAS The Robert Clinic, 162 Station Road, King's Norton, B30 1DB from 8.00 am until 8.00 pm every day from Wednesday 26th February until Sunday 5th April. There will be a launch event on Sunday 23rd February at 2.00 pm in the Upper Cloister Room at The Oratory, 141 Hagley Road, Birmingham, B16 8UE. For more information or to book a prayer slot, please contact Isabel on 07773 501721 or [izzyvs@gmail.com](mailto:izzyvs@gmail.com) and/or see the poster on the noticeboard.

## REFUGEE KNITTING & REFUGEE UNDERWEAR

Thank you so very much for the exquisite variety and quantity of knitted items left this month. You have certainly been busy! The people in the camps will treasure them and be so moved by your kindness. Wool and related items are available in the church entrance cupboards to help defray your costs. Another massive thank you for the vast quantity and variety of refugee underwear items donated this month. Your continual support of this vital collection is so appreciated by the organisers as well as the recipients.



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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

1st March,  
8th March,  
15th March,  
22nd March &  
29th March.

## EVC UGANDA APPEAL

We have received the following message of thanks: "EVC Uganda wishes to thank your Parishioners for their great generosity in raising £2,800.42 in support of our work in providing a real future through education for some of the poorest children in the world".

## PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

There will be a fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020. Please see the poster on the noticeboard for full details.

**Main Collection:****£188.40****Gift Aid: £134.00****Mass Attendance****Last Sunday: 197****Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.****The retiring collection  
for Racial Justice****raised: £47.50****Gift Aid: £107.00****Thank you for your  
generosity.****ARCHDIOCESE OF  
BIRMINGHAM  
DIRECTORY 2020**

We have a limited supply of the 2020 Archdiocesan Directory. These are available on a first come, first served basis from the Parish Office and are priced at £4.50.

**Next Sunday's Mass  
Readings***Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18;**Psalms 102;**1 Corinthians 3: 16-23**Matthew 5: 38-48***ASHRAY: INDIA VISIT**

Due to unforeseen circumstances John and Gina Pilley have had to postpone their trip to the Ashray project in Varanasi India. They will rearrange the trip at a later date and will let you all know when that is planned. Thank you for your continued support of the parish project.

**FOODBANK - NEW WISH LIST**

Thanks to the generosity of the people who live in Droitwich and the wider area Foodbank had over 6400 kg of food, toiletries and gift donated during the run up to Christmas. If anyone would like to donate there is a new list containing items they always use on the noticeboard. Please could any donations be placed in the box in the church porch. Thank you all for your continued generosity.

**ALTAR SERVERS MASS AT ST. CHAD'S CATHEDRAL**

The Guild of St. Stephen's Thanksgiving Mass will take place on Saturday 7th March at 12 Noon. Bishop David McGough will preside and preach at the Mass which will be followed by Adoration and refreshments. All Altar Servers and their families are invited to attend. Please confirm your attendance to [kathryn@vocations.org.uk](mailto:kathryn@vocations.org.uk) as soon as possible.

**ANNUAL THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE**

The Thanksgiving Masses for Marriage will take place at 12 noon on Saturday 9th May and Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> at St Chad's Cathedral followed by refreshments in the Grimshaw Room. The Mass invitation is open to all married couples as well as those preparing to marry in 2020. To find out more information or to register to attend one of the Masses please email Lianne Pap at [lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org). If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary this year, whether it is your 1st anniversary or every 5th year up to 60th (and every year after 60), you are asked to email Lianne Pap (Marriage and Family Life Co-ordinator) at [lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org) as all these couples will be listed in the Mass booklet. The search is on once again to find the longest married couple in the Diocese. Last year we had the privilege of discovering Mr & Mrs Beveridge, St Joseph's parish Goldenhill, who had been married for 75 years!

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Please note the following dates in your diaries:

**Lent Retreat Opening Meeting**

Wednesday 19th February at 7.00 pm

**First Holy Communion Commitment Mass**

Sunday 1st March at 10.30 am

**First Holy Communion Mass**

Saturday 13th June at 11.00 am