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BETHARRAM

## 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**

<b>This Week</b> <b>7th June - 14th June</b> <b>(Psalter Week 2)</b>	<b>Mass Intentions</b> <b>(Mass will be said privately by the Parish Priest)</b>	<b>Other Events</b>
<b>Sunday 7th June</b> <b>Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity</b> <b>Year A</b>	Isabella Read RIP (MM)	
<b>Monday 8th June</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	Donal O'Regan RIP (BB)	
<b>Tuesday 9th June</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	Diarmuid O'Regan RIP (BB)	
<b>Wednesday 10th June</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	Sr. Vivienne O'Byrne (EJ)	
<b>Thursday 11th June</b> Memorial of St. Barnabas, Apostle	Michael Webb (PW)	7.00 pm: Novena
<b>Friday 12th June</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	Maureen O'Regan RIP (BB)	7.00 pm: Novena
<b>Saturday 13th June</b> Memorial of St. Anthony of Padua, Priest, Doctor of the Church	Michael O'Regan RIP (BB)	7.00 pm: Novena
<b>Sunday 14th June</b> <b>Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</b> <b>Year A</b>	Mary Josephine McCorry RIP (MM)	7.00 pm: Novena

*“Our insistence that each human being is an image of God should not make us overlook the fact that each creature has its own purpose. None is superfluous. The entire material universe speaks of God’s love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God.*

Pope Francis, Laudato Si’ (paragraph 84)

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## PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

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

Mary Arulandhu, Barbara Conway, Eileen Dalton, Delores Delaney, Frank Fawcett, Sheila Ferriter, 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.

Please keep all parishioners and their families in your thoughts and prayers at this time.

**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.**

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## NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS 2020

The Sacred Heart Fathers and Brothers of Betharram are live-streaming a Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus from their parishes in England. A Novena is a very special time of prayer and reflection. As our congregation bears the name of the Sacred Heart and our Founder, St. Michael Garicoits, was keen to spread the devotion to the Sacred Heart please join together with SCJ family for this Novena in honour of the Sacred Heart. We shall draw strength and hope from the Sacred Heart of Jesus, especially in this unprecedented time in our lives. During the Novena to the Sacred Heart there will be a reflection given by one of the SCJ Fathers and Brothers. We are all invited to pray thanking the Lord for the many graces that God has given to us and to submit personal prayers and intentions for remembrance. The Novena to the Sacred Heart will take place each evening at 7.00 pm from Thursday 11th June until Friday 19th June. Please contact sacredheartdroitwich@hotmail.co.uk if you would like to join the live-streaming and provide your name and either your mobile number or email address.

**Please note that the link will be sent out to mobile numbers via What's App within a Sacred Heart WhatsApp group. If you join this WhatsApp group, the information you receive will relate to the Sacred Heart Novena only. Joining the group in the light of this information constitutes consent to receiving information of that nature. If you join this WhatsApp group your number will be known to all other members. You can leave a WhatsApp group at any time by following the WhatsApp procedure to do so. Other members will be aware that you have left the group. Information shared on WhatsApp is shared under WhatsApp's terms and conditions and privacy policy.**

## MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE: SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS - PENTECOST: (ACTS 2: 1-11, 1 CORINTHIANS 12: 3-7 & 12-13, JOHN 20: 19-23)

*The Spirit works in all sorts of different ways.* Years ago, on a Marriage Encounter weekend, we had a real experience of the Spirit working "in all sorts of different ways in different people", not in Church documents, but in real life. We were like the disciples at Pentecost, "filled with joy when they saw the Lord", and we heard our own native language, deep inside each of us.

## ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN COUNSELLORS

A new service has been set up by the Association of Christian Counsellors (ACC) in response to the evident distress and suffering of many people as a result of the situation caused by COVID-19. ACC's COVID-19 Crisis Counselling Support Service is for anyone in the UK, whatever their faith, who has been bereaved during the time of the epidemic and anyone working within an NHS setting in a frontline role. The service offers anyone who is eligible up-to ten sessions of counselling on a no-fee basis from a professionally trained counsellor. Further information is available on the parish website and/or by visiting ACC's website [www.acc-uk.org](http://www.acc-uk.org).

### USEFUL LINKS

#### BDES: CATHOLIC EDUCATION

<https://www.bdes.org.uk/resources-for-prayer-and-learning.html>

<https://www.bdes.org.uk/shared-resources-from-diocesan-schools.html>.

#### CAFOD

[www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk).

#### CTS BOOKS

[www.ctsbooks.org](http://www.ctsbooks.org)

#### VATICAN WEBSITE

<http://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>

#### ALIVE PUBLISHING

<https://www.alivepublishing.co.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/>

#### PATHWAYS TO GOD

<https://www.pathwaystogod.org/resources>

### CATHOLIC SATELLITE TV (EWTN)

Catholic Satellite TV(EWTN) on Sky TV channel 588, broadcasts daily Mass at 1.00 pm, 6.00 pm and 11.00 pm and it has 24 hours of different programs which will be helpful for us all in this time. EWTN is also available on other digital platforms.

### MARYVALE SACRED HEART NOVENA

All are invited to join online for the Annual Novena to the Sacred Heart at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart at Maryvale Institute. There will be a Mass, Sermon and Novena live streamed each evening at 8.00 pm from Thursday 11th June to Friday 19th June 2020 (Feast of the Sacred Heart). Archbishop Bernard Longley will be celebrating Mass on Sunday 21st June at 11.00 am (on the day the 'physical' Pilgrimage would have taken place). It will be live streamed from St. Chad's Cathedral. Full details, and how to access each event, are available on the Diocesan website: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/join-online-maryvale-sacred-heart-novena> and Maryvale Institute website: <https://www.maryvale.ac.uk/novena-2020.html>.

### GIFT AID DONATIONS

Prior to lockdown collection, Gift Aid envelopes were made available for collection at the back of church. As the church is now closed, it has not been possible for these to be collected. If you would like your envelopes delivered directly to you via post please email [sacredheartdroitwich@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sacredheartdroitwich@hotmail.co.uk). Please also contact this email address if you would like information on making donations via standing order. Thank you all for your continuing generosity to the Sacred Heart parish.

### GIFT AID

The parish has submitted the Gift Aid claim for 2019/2020. These amounts have now been received and are £1995.00 for the Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme (loose collections) and £10,728.04 for the main Gift Aid claim. Thank you all for your generosity to the Sacred Heart Church.

*"You may not control all the events that happen to you, but you can decide not to be reduced by them."*

Maya Angelou, Author & Civil Rights Activist

### THE CATHOLIC CHURCH BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

Please visit [www.cbcew.org.uk/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/) for resources including news articles, links to streamed Masses, podcasts and prayers. There is also a reflection *In Times of Darkness* that can be found on their homepage.

## **DROITWICH SVP**

Sacred Heart SVP can be contacted on 0777 292 7535 or at droitwichsvp@googlemail.com.

## **DROITWICH CATENIANS**

**Fellow Catholic parishioners – please come and join us!**

The Catenians are a Catholic association for men and their families, strengthening family life through friendship and faith. Our Droitwich Circle welcomes new members. For further information, contact **Mike Nott** on **07756 876269**.

## **FOODBANK**

Foodbank would be very grateful for any donations. Whilst the church is closed there are collection points in Droitwich at Waitrose and Morrisons.

## **ONLINE DONATIONS**

Online donations can be made at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work> and would be gratefully received. Please select Droitwich if you wish to donate to the Parish. Thank you for your generosity.

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## **Three in One**

After asking his disciples about who people said he was, Jesus asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Logos, existing in the Father as His rationality and then, by an act of His will, being generated, in consideration of the various functions by which God is related to his creation, but only on the fact that Scripture speaks of a Father, and a Son, and a Holy Spirit, each member of the Trinity' being co-equal with every other member, and each acting inseparably with and interpenetrating every other member, with only an economic subordination within God, but causing no division which would make the substance no longer simple." And Jesus said, "What?" If Peter were a theologian this is what he would have said and Jesus, like most of us, would not have understood what he said. It is never easy speaking about the Trinity.

The story is told of St. Augustine of Hippo, a great philosopher and theologian, who wanted to understand the doctrine of the Trinity and to be able to explain it logically. One day as he was walking along the seashore and reflecting on this, he suddenly saw a little child all alone on the shore. The child made a hole in the sand, ran to the sea with a little seashell, filled the shell with water, came and poured it into the hole she had made in the sand. Back and forth she went, repeating what she did. Augustine asked, "Little child, what are you doing?" and she replied, "I am trying to empty the sea into this hole." Augustin asked, "How do you think that you can empty this immense sea into this tiny hole and with this tiny seashell?" she replied, "In the same manner in which you think that with your small mind you can comprehend the immensity of God?" With that the child disappeared.

Trinity Sunday is a special Sunday in the liturgical year; it has been celebrated since 1334 when Pope John XXII fixed it as the Sunday after Pentecost. A good day to reflect and understand the Trinity, even if inadequately, would be to understand the Father, Son and Spirit as Lover, Beloved and the Flow of Love between them that has constantly flowed before time began. Through the Incarnation, the Beloved came to dwell among us. When we accept the offer to become the adopted children of God, we also become the Beloved of God, and share in this same flow of Love. However, even this way of understanding falls short. The Church teaches us that God is three persons in one nature; that Father, Son and Holy Spirit together are God. Though not explicitly Trinitarian, the first and third readings convey the fundamental mystery that the Triune God reaches out to people in love, seeking the deepest communion. The reading from Exodus follows the apostasy of the people in worshiping the golden calf. Moses again ascends the mountain to intercede, offering his own life for the people. This evokes yet another revelation of God as a merciful and gracious God, "slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity," truly a God who knows the suffering and weaknesses of humanity and is constantly summoning them back to his love and mercy. The same theme is taken up by the text from the Gospel of John, which contains one of the most quoted New Testament texts: "God so loved the world that he sent his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." The God who heard the cries of his people in Egypt, witnessed their affliction and came down to save them through Moses, now sends his Son, so that everyone who believes in him may be saved. For John, judgment is not something that happens at the end of history; it takes place within history, as people consciously choose evil over good and turn away from the covenant God of love, mercy, grace and truth. The ultimate mystery is that the Trinitarian God who reaches out in love is the same God who gives freedom to reject that love.

Thus, the feast of the Trinity celebrates freedom, love, community, diversity and inclusiveness. God does not exist in isolated individualism but in a community of relationships. In other words, God is not a loner or a recluse. The Trinity embraces diversity. This means that a Christian in search of Godliness must shun every tendency to isolationism and individualism.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ