



Societas Presbyterorum  
Sacratissimi Cordis Jesu  
BETHARRAM

## SACRED HEART & ST CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

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### Today's Mass Readings

1 Kings 19: 9, 11-13;  
Psalm 84;  
Romans 9: 1-5  
Matthew 14: 22-33

**Welcome to this House  
of God:  
Talk to God before Mass  
Listen to God during Mass  
Talk to others after Mass**

This Week 9th August - 16th August (Psalter Week 3)	Mass Intentions	Other Events
<b>Sunday 9th August</b> Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MF) 10.30 am Sarah Sheen RIP (JS) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	
<b>Monday 10th August</b> Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr	9.15 am Mr. George Alagiah's speedy recovery (BB)	
<b>Tuesday 11th August</b> Memorial of St. Clare, Virgin	9.15 am David Willcockson (BB)	
<b>Wednesday 12th August</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Ann Ginty RIP & the Intentions of her Family (SVP)	
<b>Thursday 13th August</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Mr John Hume RIP (BB)	
<b>Friday 14th August</b> Memorial of St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest, Martyr	9.15 am Francis Joseph RIP (MF)	
<b>Saturday 15th August</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	11.00 am Don Lloyd RIP & Family (BB)	<b>10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions</b>
<b>Sunday 16th August</b> Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Year A	8.30 am Max & Cecilia Jourdier (Fr. G) 10.30 am Paul, Catherine & Theresa Ingram (BB) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	

*"In the family we learn to ask without demanding, to say "thank you" as an expression of genuine gratitude for what we have been given, to control our aggressivity and greed, and to ask forgiveness when we have caused harm. These simple gestures of heartfelt courtesy help to create a culture of shared life and respect for our surroundings."*

Pope Francis, Laudato Si' (paragraph 213)

## SACRED HEART COMMUNITY

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Gerry Ceclich  
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## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.00 pm :

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

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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, Colum MacCourt, Sally McCool, Andrew McDermott, Stella McDermott, Jackie McLean, Michael Sheridan, Jacky Smith, Paul Smith, Margaret Steward, Angela Wardle, Breda Wightman, Mark Wightman, Richard Wightman, Monsignor Graham Wilkinson & Jeannie Young.

**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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### CHURCH OPEN FOR MASS

The normal Mass timetable has now resumed. Please check the website before attending Mass in church in case changes are made due to unforeseen circumstances. All are welcome to attend either Sunday, Saturday or weekday Masses. There will be stewards at the entrance to welcome you and at the exit to guide you. We want to make the effort to accommodate the maximum number people with social distancing in the church, however, the number in church is limited to 80. Holy Communion will be distributed only in hand in One Kind. Please follow the instructions from the stewards; they are there to help you. Thank you, Fr. George Mathew SCJ

### NOTES FOR THOSE ATTENDING MASS

When coming to Mass on a Sunday, it would be helpful if you would please keep in mind the following:

- Wear a face covering unless you are in a category exempted by the UK Government. Please note that wearing of a face covering in places of worship is a legal requirement from Saturday 8th August. Details of those who are exempted by law can be found [here](#).
- Make use of the hand sanitiser on entering.
- To sit on the R/H side of the church, access by way of the R/H side aisle. To sit on the L/H side of the church, access by way of the centre aisle.
- On entering an empty pew, pass to its far L/H end.
- A pew will accommodate 3 singletons or 1 singleton and 1 couple or families may make use of an entire bench.
- After Communion, return to your seat by way of the side aisle that is adjacent to your seat.
- At the end of Mass, stewards will indicate the order in which the congregation will leave the church. You do not have to leave immediately but remember that the cleaners have work to do before the next Mass.
- Please sanitise your hands on the way out.

## APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR STEWARDING

The church is now open for public Mass. We always need at least two volunteers as stewards in the church for each. Are you or members of your family or friends (must be over 18 years and under 70 years) able to be a steward in the church for the Mass you come to on Sundays and weekdays help us? The stewards are mostly needed before and after the Masses. That means you can attend the Mass whilst being a steward. If you can help us, please contact the parish office via email or by phone for more details. Unlike during private prayer, the stewards will not have to sanitise the pews after each use. Thank you to Caroline Healy for cleaning the pews after each use. Thank you very much to those who have already offered their time as stewards during Private Prayer and offered to continue their help. We still need more to join our team.

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### USEFUL LINKS

#### NATIONAL JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

<https://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/>

#### CAFOD

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

#### VATICAN WEBSITE

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

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

#### CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/>

#### ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

### 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.

### ST. CHAD'S CATHEDRAL

St. Chad's is continuing to live stream Masses. Please visit <https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/> for days and times. A list of all parishes in the Archdiocese offering online Masses can be found at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/parishes-online>.

### BELMONT ABBEY ONLINE RETREATS

Belmont Abbey is offering online Retreats. Please visit <https://www.belmontabbey.org.uk/> for further information. Please note that you will need to register on the website at least 24 hours before the event to receive the Zoom log-in details.

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### FOODBANK



Foodbank would be very grateful for any donations. A new wish list is on the parish website. Whilst we are still not collecting at the Sacred Heart Church there are collection points in Droitwich at Waitrose and Morrisons. Thank you for your continued generosity.

### JOB VACANCY

The Archdiocese of Birmingham is advertising for a Safeguarding Adviser. Please see the parish website for full details.

### GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2020/2021

The gift aid envelopes for the new tax year are at the back of church. Please can you collect your envelopes. Thank you.

### THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST

#### The Maritime World:

*"We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families."*

### 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**.

### 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.

**Main Collection:**

**£207.05**

**Gift Aid: £130.00**

**Mass Attendance  
Last Sunday (church  
capacity with social  
distancing 1m + = 80)**

**8.30 am: 69**

**10.30 am: 46**

**6.00 pm: 40**

**Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.**

### **DROITWICH SVP**

Sacred Heart SVP can  
be contacted on  
0777 292 7535 or at  
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### **SPONSORED EVENT**

John Hartley will be  
taking on the 'Fan  
Dance' 24km endurance  
challenge in the Brecon  
Beacons to raise money  
for March for Life. If you  
would like to  
sponsor John please  
contact him on  
07708188108  
or [hartley.jdr@pm.me](mailto:hartley.jdr@pm.me).  
Your support would be  
gratefully received. All  
money raised will go to  
March for Life UK to aid  
them in their mission to  
unite the Pro-Life  
movement and bring an  
end to abortion in the  
UK.

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

#### **Readings**

*Apocalypse 11: 19 -12:*

*1-6, 10;*

*Psalms 44;*

*1 Corinthians 15: 45-51*

*Luke 1: 39-56*

*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.*

### *Do you believe?*

Dear Brothers and Sisters, today's reading tells about trusting, having faith. It is about the fact that our God is there always with us even though we cannot see him, touch him, in times we feel that he seems to be not caring, not seeing us. In the first reading we see Elijah having a similar experience, at the peak of his crisis. After killing 450 prophets of Baal, he is on the run for his life. Yes, Jezebel is after him, but we see God intervene, feeds him. Finally, Elijah meets God in a gentle breeze and God consoles him.

St. Paul in the second reading feels the burden of human suffering. He speaks of the great sorrow and unremitting agony. But he feels the consolation of Christ's presence. In the gospel, we have the story of Jesus' walking on the water. When Matthew narrates this incident, Christian persecution had already started. The boat here represents the Church, assaulted by temptations, trials and persecutions. Thus, the story of the storm is the story of struggle, danger, and fear experienced by the early Christians. Jesus appears as the Saviour, to save the people who call on him in faith. There are storms in our lives too; storms of sorrow, doubt, tension and uncertainty, storms of anxiety and worries, anger and despair, storms of temptations. We grumble and wail; "I can't go on anymore", "I have hit the rock bottom", "I see no more hope of living", etc. But the Lord is with us; he never abandons us. His presence gives us peace even in the wildest storms of life. It is true, we are unable to save ourselves. But the power of God can save us.

The question is not how big our problem is! But it is, how great is our God who saves us! Yes, without him, we can do nothing; without him we fail. As St. Paul says "but we can do all things in him who strengthens us". Peter expresses this leap of faith and trust when he jumps into the water. But for a moment he takes his eyes off the Saviour. For a moment he focuses on the depth of the sea and its dangers. He cries out in fear as he was near sinking point: Lord save me! and the Lord rescues him reaching out his hand of love. In our own discipleship of the Lord, the moment we take our gaze off the Lord, get distracted about the storms of life, we begin to sink. Let this Eucharist increase our faith in the power and presence of Jesus in our life and enable us to gaze on to him and trust in his loving care. May God bless us.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ