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## SACRED HEART & ST CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

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### Today's Mass Readings

Isaiah 62: 1-5;

Psalm 95;

1 Corinthians 12: 4-11;

John 2: 1-11

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

This Week 16th January - 23rd January (Psalter Week 2)	Mass Intentions	Other Events
<b>Sunday 16th January</b> Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C	8.30 Paul Seddon RIP (RB) 10.30 am Basil D'Oliveirt RIP (BB) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	Retiring Collection for Pax Christi
<b>Monday 17th January</b> Memorial of St. Anthony, Abbot	9.15 am Ron Hancock (AM)	
<b>Tuesday 18th January</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Anthony Panthaloookaran RIP	
<b>Wednesday 19th January</b> Feast of St. Wulstan, Bishop	9.15 am Miriam Devasya RIP	6.00 pm: Adoration & Benediction (Live Streamed only)
<b>Thursday 20th January</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am People who are Terminally Ill	
<b>Friday 21st January</b> Memorial of St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr	9.15 am Holy Mass	9.45am: Novena to the Sacred Heart (soon after Mass) 6.30 pm: Youth Group
<b>Saturday 22nd January</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	11.00 am Alan Remedios RIP (KA)	<b>10.15 am -10.45 am:</b> <b>Confessions</b>
<b>Sunday 23rd January</b> Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C	8.30 Gillian Mardell RIP (PW) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm Holy Mass	

*“Called to take root in every place, the Church has been present for centuries throughout the world, for that is what it means to be “catholic”. She can thus understand, from her own experience of grace and sin, the beauty of the invitation to universal love...In the power of the risen Lord, she wants to give birth to a new world, where all of us are brothers and sisters, where there is room for all those whom our societies discard, where justice and peace are resplendent.”*

Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti (paragraph 278)

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**8.30 am & 10.30 am: Proclaim the wonders of the Lord  
among all the peoples.**

**6.00 pm: Sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord all the  
earth! Sing a new song to, sing a new song to the  
Lord; bless His name.**

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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, Barbara Coomber, Finbarr Cronin, Eileen  
Dalton, Delores Delaney, Frank Fawcett, Tony Gilroy, Joan Graham, Bev  
Griffiths, Beryl Hill, Alan Hurst, John Jennings, Sheila Manion, Sally McCool,  
Andrew McDermott, Jackie McLean, Michael Sheridan, Jacky Smith, Paul  
Smith, Margaret Steward, Angela Wardle, Breda Wightman, Mark  
Wightman, Richard Wightman, Monsignor Graham Wilkinson & Phil 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 Dalgleish. Please note that the newsletter is also  
placed on the parish website. Thank you for your understanding.**

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**PAX CHRISTI**

Today is Peace Sunday and this year Pope Francis asks us to think about  
'Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building  
lasting peace'. The need for peace in the world is obvious. People are  
struggling against violence and conflict, growing inequalities, the effects of  
climate change and the covid pandemic. In this country we have an active  
Catholic peace movement in Pax Christi, which does a great deal of good  
work to promote peace and nonviolence through parishes, schools and  
social media. Their website suggests many ways we can all become better  
peacemakers. There are activities for families to do at home, including a  
peace liturgy for young children. [https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-  
2022](https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2022). Today there will be a retiring collection in aid of Pax Christi. Thank  
you for your generosity.

**NEW YEAR RAFFLE**

Today is the day of the Parish Raffle. The draw will take place after the  
8.30 am Mass. We express our heartfelt gratitude to all of you for your  
generous support and participation.

**CRIB OFFERINGS: FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND**

Friends of the Holy Land would like to thank all parishioners who donated,  
raising funds for Christians in the Holy Land. Conditions are extremely  
challenging there currently. Please continue to remember FHL and those  
we support in your prayers.

**PARISH DIARIES - NOW AVAILABLE**

The 2022 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

## RED BOX HOLDERS

All recently emptied boxes will be returned to church, ready for collection, from next Sunday. Your box will have your name clearly shown. Should your box be the one that came in without a name, it will have no identification. Next time you return it, please let us know your name so that we can update our records. Thank you.

## PARISH SECRETARY

Following the government directive to work from home, the parish secretary will return to being home-based for the majority of the working week. Please contact the parish secretary via email. If you urgently need to speak to the parish secretary or do not have access to email, please contact the parish secretary at the Presbytery during morning Mass on Wednesday or Fridays or leave a message with Fr. George or Brother Patrick.

## WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING CONTACTLESS & ONLINE DONATIONS



Our new cashless giving device is now in the church. Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/device to make a donation. Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader. You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25% for some donation options. If you are a UK taxpayer then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received. Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient.

Donate to the Parish

There is also an online donation button on the homepage of our website at <http://www.sacredheartdroitwich.org.uk/>.

## COVID-19 GUIDANCE: UPDATED 10TH DECEMBER 2021

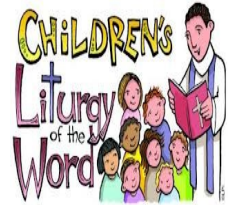
The church is now open as usual. It is now **mandatory to wear a face covering in church unless exempt**. Capacity has been increased to 150. Please sanitise your hands on entrance and exit. Please leave the family pews for families with children. Holy Communion will continue to be under one kind. Indoor congregational singing is permitted. Please use both the main door and the side door to exit the church. A big thank you to all of you for your cooperation and understanding during the time of the pandemic.

## HALL BOOKINGS

For Hall Bookings please contact Sally Spink on 07891 144870 or at [volunteers.sacredheart.droitwich@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:volunteers.sacredheart.droitwich@rcaob.org.uk).

## *Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer*

*My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself completely to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy will resume at the 10.30 am Mass on Sunday 6th February and continue on Sunday 13th February.

## SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Please save the date: Saturday 12th March from 9.30 am until 11.30 am. Open to all. If you would like to attend, please contact the Safeguarding Team at [sg.sacredheart.droitwich@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.sacredheart.droitwich@rcaob.org.uk).

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Main Collection (2nd  
January 2022):  
£183.00

Gift Aid (9th January  
2022): £266.00

Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

If you know of  
anyone in need  
please do not  
hesitate in contacting  
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### Next Sunday's Mass Readings

*Nehemiah 8: 2-6,  
8-10;*

*Psalms 18;*

*1 Corinthians 12:  
12-30;*

*Luke 1: 1-4, 4: 14-21*

*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 as He tells you!*

On this Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus' first sign at the wedding feast by which he inaugurates his public ministry. Even though we meditate this event every Thursday at Rosary, today in a particular way we reflect on three important points hidden in this event.

**First Mary's Intervention in the life of all of us:** this scene reveals a beautiful characteristic of the Blessed Mother. At the beginning of this month as we celebrated the solemnity of her motherhood, we considered how Mary lives up to her title as "Mother of Mercy," who hastens to the aid of her fallen sons and daughters who are striving to get up and continue the journey. Today she shows us how, as a mother, she hastens to our aid before we even we need that aid. Mary was at the wedding and noticed the impending catastrophe. Before the wine steward caught on to the predicament, before the couple did, before even the mother of the bride had noticed, Mary saw the problem and intervened at the appropriate time. Mary seeks to solve problems by bringing them to her divine Son. Her mercy is inextricably bound to her Son's mercy. Mary cannot work miracles on her own. Any time she acts, she acts through her Son. When we pray to her, we ask her to bring our needs to her Son, just like she brought the needs of the couple in Cana. Second, Mary often acts, like she did in Cana, before we even know we have a problem. I have every confidence that she is looking down on all of us with maternal love and similarly interceding for us with her son before we even know we have an issue.

**Secondly Christ's Intervention:** Beyond the epiphany of Mary's intercession, the miracle at the wedding of Cana also reveals something stunning about the way Christ exercises his power. He acts at his mother's behest, and He asks people to fill the jars with water. Even though he could turn water in to wine with a word, he uses people to involve in his redemptive work. We see this same principle at work in the celebration of the Eucharist. Jesus could have easily established the Eucharist to be celebrated with the raw materials of grain and grapes he created and have turned those elements into his sacred body and blood. But he didn't. He started with bread and wine, because he wanted to incorporate us into this greatest miracle of all.

**Thirdly Our Cooperation:** The central point here is that Christ could do it all; he certainly doesn't need us. But he wants to include us in his saving work. And this is a great part of his mercy: he who created us without our consent, as St. Augustine once said, doesn't want to save us without our consent, and doesn't want to save others without our cooperation. As we come to Mass today, we can be confident that our Mother is praying for us and advising each of us to do whatever her Son tells us. Every Eucharistic celebration He seeks to strengthen us for that mission, not by turning water into great wine in wedding feast, but turning bread and wine into his own Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, to strengthen us, and through us others, to come to the eternal Banquet. The miracle at the wedding feast of Cana was a prelude to this greatest miracle of all. We follow Mary's command to do whatever Christ tells us by doing this in memory of him. And we come here seeking to allow him to fill us to the brim with his grace and mercy, so that being so transformed by this spousal union with him, we sing to him a new song and proclaim his marvellous deeds of mercy to all the nations.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ