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## SACRED HEART & ST CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

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### Today's Mass Readings

Wisdom 18: 6-9;

Psalm 32;

Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19;

Luke 12: 35-48

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

This Week 7th August - 14th August (Psalter Week 3)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
<b>Sunday 7th August</b> Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MF) 10.30 am Paul & Angela Clancy 6.00 pm Finny O'Donovan RIP (MC)	After 8.30 am Mass: Tea and Coffee in the Hall
<b>Monday 8th August</b> Memorial of St. Dominic, Priest	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Betty Parry RIP (CS)	12.30 pm Community Meal
<b>Tuesday 9th August</b> Feast of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), Virgin, Martyr, Patron of Europe	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Betty Parry RIP (AM)	Day of Prayer for Europe
<b>Wednesday 10th August</b> Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Michael Harad RIP	10.00 am until 7.00 pm: Adoration
<b>Thursday 11th August</b> Memorial of St. Clare, Virgin	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Betty Parry RIP (BB)	
<b>Friday 12th August</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Thanksgiving (MF)	9.45am: Novena to the Sacred Heart (soon after Mass)
<b>Saturday 13th August</b> Memorial of Blessed William Freeman, Priest, Martyr	11.00 am Catenian President's Mass (P & AC)	<b>10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions</b>
<b>Sunday 14th August</b> Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Year C	8.30 am Betty Parry RIP (EK) 10.30 am Francis Ouseph RIP (MF) 6.00 pm Daniel Kavanagh RIP	After 8.30 am Mass: Tea and Coffee in the Hall 12 Noon: Baptism 2.30 pm: SVP Afternoon

*“And so, we might think, so, no one should desire to get rich? Certainly, you can; rather, it is right to want it. It is beautiful to become rich, but rich according to God! God is the richest of anyone. He is rich in compassion, in mercy. His riches do not impoverish anyone, do not create quarrels and divisions. It is a richness that knows how to give, to distribute, to share.”*

Pope Francis, 31st July 2022

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## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.00 pm:

Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

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## PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

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

Barbara Conway, Finbarr Cronin, Eileen Dalton, Delores Delaney, Frank Fawcett, Joan Graham, Bob Grant, Bev Griffiths, Beryl Hill, Alan Hurst, John Jennings, Sally McCool, Andrew McDermott, Jackie McLean, Michael Sheridan, Jacky Smith, Paul Smith, Margaret Steward, Breda Wightman, Mark Wightman, Richard Wightman, Monsignor Graham Wilkinson & Brendan Wyatt

**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 **Betty Parry** who died recently. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Please keep her family and friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

## ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:

### FOUNDATION GOVERNORS

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School has vacancies for Foundation Governors on the governing body. Foundation Governors are appointed by the Bishop specifically to preserve and develop the Catholic ethos of the school and must be practising Catholics. The governors of a Catholic school work as a team, in close co-operation with the headteacher and all the staff. Foundation governors share the responsibilities of all governors:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff;
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

If you think you can support the school in this way, please speak to Fr. George or Mrs. Lamb (Clerk to Governors) at office@st-josephs-droitwich.worcs.sch.uk

## MASS INTENTIONS

The option to donate for Mass Intentions is now available via the Cashless Device in church and the donation page on our website at [www.sacredheartdroitwich.org.uk](http://www.sacredheartdroitwich.org.uk)<sub>2</sub>



## BARNARDO'S REPORT

An independent review undertaken by the charity Barnardo's on behalf of the Archdiocese of Birmingham in relation to the management of concerns about Joseph Quigley, a priest in the Archdiocese, is now available on the Diocesan website: at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/review-into-archdiocese-safeguarding-published>. The Trustees of the Archdiocese of Birmingham have accepted this review and its 18 recommendations in full and you can also see the full response on the website. As an institution it is for the present Bishops and Trustees to take corporate responsibility, to apologise, learn and ensure best safeguarding practice now and in the future. There has been a significant amount of positive change in Diocesan safeguarding practice. However, these recommendations will help inform ongoing learning and improvement within the Archdiocese.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

If you would like some company, a drink, chat and cake then please come and join us on Sunday 14th August from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm in the church hall. Please see the notice at the back of church for more information. You can contact us at [droitwichsvp@gmail.com](mailto:droitwichsvp@gmail.com) or on 07772 927535.

### CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2022

Children who will be in Year 6 or above in September and are not at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School can be prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Autumn Term 2022. If you would like your child to be part of this parish preparation group please could you contact Fr. George SCJ or the Parish Office by Saturday 27th August. Confirmation preparation classes will begin in September.

### REFUGEE KNITTING

Thank you so much for the exquisite baby items and hats left recently for the refugees. There are buttons, patterns, needles and wool in the first cupboard at the church entrance to help with costs, please help yourselves. Donations of the same are always welcome. For new parishioners, knit anything you feel would bring joy to these desperate people.

### HARVINGTON HALL

Harvington Hall, a Tudor Manor house with amazing priest's hides, is open throughout the summer Wednesday to Sunday for tours (& free entry to garden/cafe except event weekends). Planned events include: market day on Saturday 20th August and History Through the Ages on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th August. For full information visit [www.harvingtonhall.co.uk](http://www.harvingtonhall.co.uk).

### MARCH FOR LIFE UK: LONDON COACH TRIP

A coach will be leaving St. George's Worcester at 7.30 am on Saturday 3rd September. If you would like to book a place on the coach, please contact Isabel on 07773 501721 or [stgeorge.worcester@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stgeorge.worcester@rcaob.org.uk). The cost is £25.00 for adults; children under 12 are half price. A £5.00 deposit will be required at the time of booking.

### COVID-19 GUIDANCE

Face coverings are now advised rather than mandatory. Please sanitise your hands on entrance and exit. Holy Communion will continue to be under one kind. Social distancing is not required but please be sensitive to the needs of others in church. Please **avoid** attending church if you, or someone in your household, has symptoms of COVID. Thank you for your co-operation.

### READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA

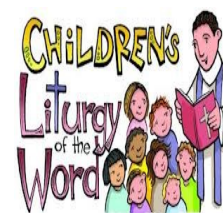
The new rota for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers is available to collect from the Sacristy.

### COMMUNITY MEAL

The next Community Meal is on Monday 8th August at 12.30 pm in the Parish Hall.

### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

This year the Parish will be organising a Christmas Raffle. Your support would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to donate a raffle prize, please give your name to Terry as soon as possible so that we will be able to print the tickets well in advance. Thank you.



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy will resume in September.

*Registered as a Charity, Birmingham Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees: Registered Charity Number 234216.*

**Main Collection**

**£208.50**

**Gift Aid: £162.00**

**Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.**

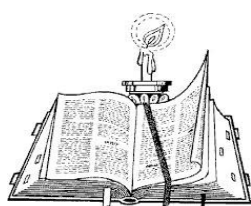
**Mass attendance  
last Sunday: 235**



### **FOODBANK**

There is a new wish list that is on the website. Any donations would be gratefully received.

Thank you.



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

#### **Readings**

*Apocalypse 11: 19,*

*12: 1-6, 10;*

*Psalms 44;*

*1 Corinthians 15:*

*20-26;*

*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.*

Today's liturgy revolves around the theme Faith. Abraham trusted the oath that God made with him and acted accordingly not because what he was told made sense to him, but because he trusted the one who was telling him. He didn't see the evidence according to our human way of seeing, measuring, and analysing things. The evidence he had was his faith, "the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen," as the second reading tells us.

We too, are commanded to have that same faith, now rooted in the oaths God has sworn to us through the blood of Christ. We too are to have "sure knowledge" that we will be delivered from all our foes, all that oppresses the human family, all our sins, and death itself. God swore an oath to Abraham; he swore an oath to us in Christ. He sets us free from error, sin, and death through the cross and resurrection of Christ – a cross and resurrection in which we share. Every one of the Sacraments, in fact, is an oath (which is what the word "sacramentum" means). When, for example, our sins are forgiven in the Sacrament of Penance, God gives us his oath that we are forgiven, and that his grace is with us to resist temptation in the future. When we are Confirmed, the oath of God is that the power of the Holy Spirit will enable us to bear witness to Christ and stand faithful to his truth in every circumstance of our interaction with a sometimes-hostile world. In the Sacrament of Marriage, the spouses are not the only ones making oaths. God makes an oath, that he will provide every ounce of grace and strength they will need to be faithful.

It is our human tendency, that we try to understand the plan of God in the light of reasoning. That what can be seen, and reason it is believed to be true. It is because of our lack of faith and confidence in the unseen God who is true and real though unseen. At a time like this, we tend to hold on to the familiar terrain of the past rather than embrace the unknown future with hope. But our Christian faith calls to move forward with hope in our hearts. This is the faith that we celebrate in every Eucharist. In the Eucharist we recall and re-enact what Jesus did on the night of the Last Supper with his disciples. This was surely the greatest act of hope-filled faith the world has ever known. Hence, as Timothy Radcliffe O.P., the former Master General of the Dominicans, reminds us, 'the Eucharist is not a cheerful gathering of nice people who sing songs and feel good. It is a powerful expression of hope in defiance of everything that could destroy it' (The Tablet, 16 July '22, p. 13). Our Christian faith calls us to continue to witness to this defiant hope, even when the familiar moorings of our world seem to be collapsing around us. Faith does not guarantee that things will always work out for the best, at least not in the way we might expect 'Hope is not the conviction that something will turn out well, but the certainty that something makes sense regardless of how it turns out'. Let us ask the Lord for such faith that will give us the assurance that God can make straight in crooked lines. We simply need to trust in Him and be confident that He knows what He is doing even when we don't. Even if sometimes it does not make sense to us.