



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

Daniel 7:9-10.13-14;
Psalm 96;
2 Peter 1:16-19;
Matthew 17:1-9

This Week: 6th - 12th Aug (Psalter Week 2)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 6th August Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, Year A	8:30 am Patrick Cussen RIP (JC) 10:30 am Frances Joseph RIP (M.F) 6:00 pm People of the Parish	After 8:30 am Mass: Tea and Coffee in the Hall
Monday 7th August Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Frank & Molly Quingley, John & Ruby Martins RIP(I&MM))	
Tuesday 8th August Memorial of St Dominic, Priest	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Lucy for speedy recovery (CP)	
Wednesday 9th August Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) Virgin, Martyr, Patron of Europe	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Margaret & Robin Wedding Anniversary (CP)	10:00 am until 6:00 pm: Adoration
Thursday 10th August Feast of St Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Ann Dermody RIP (CP)	
Friday 11th August Memorial of St Clare, Virgin	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Patrick Cussen RIP (JC)	After Mass: Novena to the Sacred Heart
Saturday 12th August Feria	11:00 am Fr. Alex Rebello (AR)	10:15 - 10:45 am: Confession
Sunday 13th August Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	8:30 am Bob Grant RIP (D.G) 10:30 am Holy Mass 6:00 pm For the people of the Parish	After 8:30 am Mass: Tea and Coffee in the Hall

"You can bring others the wonderful news that "God is near" (Lk 10:9). This is the precious pearl of human existence. Everyone needs to know that God is near. He awaits a small movement of our hearts in order to fill our lives with wonder."

Pope Francis via Twitter 3rd August 2023

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**8.30 am, 10.30 am 6:00 pm The Lord is king, most high above all the
earth.**

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, Frank Fawcett, 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
& Msgr. 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 the Parish Office Please note that the
newsletter is also placed on the parish website. Thank you for your
understanding.**

RECENTLY DECEASED

Your prayers are asked for **Mr. Noel Anthony Victor Phillips** who died
recently. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the
mercy of God rest in peace. The funeral service of **Mr. Noel Anthony
Victor Phillips** will be on Tuesday the 8th of August at 10.30 am followed by
burial at Worcester Cemetery. Please keep his families and friends in your
kind thoughts and prayers.

SUMMER FAIR

The Parish Summer Garden Party takes place on Saturday 19th August at 12
noon until 3pm, in the Parish Hall, with afternoon teas available (including a
complementary glass of Pimms). In addition, there will be a healthy
selection of toiletries, toys, plants and cakes available to buy and take
away. And for your entertainment, there will be a tombola stall during the
afternoon with the draw of the Summer Raffle taking place towards the end
of the event. Donations for any of the above are still gratefully received,
though cakes and plants, obviously, not until the day itself! A big Thank you
to all those who have already bought a raffle ticket and sponsored raffle
prizes; if you have promised a raffle prize, could you please bring them as
soon as possible so that we can organise the prizes in advance. The Raffle
tickets are still available to buy from the parish hall after each Masses on
Sundays.

READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The new rota for the Readers & Eucharistic Ministers has been distributed
via email. For those of you would like to have a hard copy, it is available to
collect from the back of the church.

SVP BUNK BED APPEAL:

The Sacred Heart SVP is looking for a set of bunk beds for one of their clients, if anyone has usable bunk beds to give away, please contact the SVP on 07772927535 or droitwichreferrals@svp.org.uk

JOB VACANCY AT BLESSED EDWARD OLDCCORNE CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Midday Supervisor – required for October 2023 Closing date: 10.00am Tuesday 5 September 2023

Business Manager – required for Autumn 2023 Closing date: 10.00am Tuesday 5 September 2023

Please see the Blessed Edward Oldcorne website for details and an application form; <https://www.blessededward.co.uk/about-us/vacancies/>

JOURNEY IN FAITH

Are you looking to explore the Catholic faith? Are you wondering about your relationship with God and not sure where to start? Join us on a journey and see if the Catholic Church can help your relationship grow. This may be the right path for you. It may even help you take the next steps towards coming into the Church. The parish will be organising a Journey in Faith programme from September onwards. If you are already a Catholic and would like to learn more about your faith, or if you want to become a Catholic, now is the time to start exploring your faith. More updates about the programme to follow.

WORCESTER CIRCLE NEWMAN ASSOCIATION-SECRETARY/TREASURE

The Worcester Circle of the Newman Association urgently needs a secretary/treasurer. Duties include booking the hall, contracting speakers, dealing with enquiries from prospective members and head office and maintaining simple accounts. The duties are not actually too onerous and the tasks can be very rewarding. The Circle has been a part of Catholic life in this area for the last 50 years and meetings attract good numbers but without someone to fill this office we cannot continue. It would be possible to split these two roles and all assistance will be given to whoever takes this on.

If you are at all interested please contact John Duddington at duddingtonjohn@gmail.com

REFUGEE KNITTING

Thank you once again for your continual support of this worthy cause, particularly for the variety of exquisite sets so thoughtfully packaged.

Thank you also for the vast quantity of baby girl clothes and the other miscellaneous items, which will bring such joy to the recipients.

Please continue knitting and store items at home until requested because of storage problems.

Donations of wool would be gratefully accepted to help defray costs and can be placed in the cupboard at the back of the church.

COMMUNITY MEAL

The next Community Meal is on Monday 21st August at 12.30 pm in the Parish Hall.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be no Children's Liturgy during the 10:30 am mass

YOUTH GROUP

PARISH YOUTH GROUP

The youth group runs during term time on Friday evenings from 6.30 pm for children aged 9-14 years. All young people are welcome to attend.

PARISH HALL BOOKINGS

Please contact Sally at volunteers.

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Parish.

Mass attendance
last Sunday: 242



ST. VINCENT DE
PAUL SOCIETY: TEA
& COFFEE
AFTERNOON

If you would like some company, a drink, chat and cake then please come and join us on Sunday 20th August from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm in the Parish Hall. Please see the notice at the back of church for more information.

You can contact us at DroitwichReferrals@svp.org.uk or on 07772 927535 or on Facebook, SVP Sacred Heart Droitwich.



Next Sunday's Mass
Readings

1 Kings 19;9.11-13;
Psalms 84;
Romans 9:1-5;
Matthew 14:22-33

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 we celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration of Jesus! The theme of today's liturgy of the word is exploring our inner light. We are celebrating this feast at a time where we live in an age when listening has become far less valued, In an age of talk-radio and television talk-shows; when more and more people are setting up personal web pages, to tell their own stories, personal YouTube channel, Instagram, Twitter, Threads and other media platforms; In an age of "tell-all" journalism; In a marketing age where we're bombarded with advertising messages that we often receive uncritically. In short, we live in an era where everybody talks but few listen that it is becoming harder and harder to hear the voice of God. In the readings of today we encounter a God who speaks to us, and we are called upon to listen to Him.

The Gospel presents to us a striking intervention by God in people's lives indicated through the transfiguration of Jesus on the Mountain. Jesus is transfigured in the presence of his disciples, manifesting to them his divinity to strengthen them in their faith before he enters His Passion and death on the cross. Matthew tells us that when Jesus transfigured, Moses the greatest law giver and Elijah the greatest prophet of Israel was seen with Jesus. Their presence indicate that Jesus was not alone in His Mission but the whole Heaven is with Him and their talking with Jesus indicate their total endorsement of all that Jesus is doing and of all that he will experience in the days to come. Jesus is the natural continuation of their Jewish tradition and is fully part of it. Therefore, the disciples need have no doubts about anything they have heard from Jesus about his coming destiny. This happened "six days" after the declaration of Jesus as Messiah. For Jesus this was a special moment. He was now close to Jerusalem and hence close to his passion and death by crucifixion. Jesus wanted His divinity to be revealed to them with the voice of the Father telling them that Jesus is His Beloved Son in whom He is well pleased, and they ought to listen to him. This reaffirms the words heard at Jordan during his Baptism as he began his ministry. Secondly, when his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white, the event may have testified to the fact that Jesus was the true Light which enlightens everyone. Thirdly, the transfiguration foreshadowed the eternal reign of Jesus as God and King in Heaven. In the Gospel we head the Fathers' clear instruction to listen to Jesus. True listening requires a response from the listener, attending to what was said, recognizing its meaning, and making it part of the person's inner, conscious experience. God speaks to us in so many ways through different people, circumstances throughout our life. It is important to pay attention to His voice.

At the end of the Gospel Jesus teaches us how to listen. Being on the mountain was a wonderful experience but the real place for a Christian is on earth with the people of God. Thus, once the supernatural event is over, once we encounter and experience His presence we need to go down to the people. Through the glory of the transfiguration, Jesus was preparing them to accept the scandal of the cross. They would understand this only later with the resurrection. Today let us look beyond the pain of life and see the presence of God in our world, and the gift of life that God makes to each of us. Let us listen to him intently and put his words into practice.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ