



Societas Presbyterorum
Sacratissimi Cordis Jesu
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**

Today's Mass Readings

Genesis 14:18-20

Psalms 110(109);

1 Corinthians 11:23-26;

Luke 9:11-17

This Week: 22nd-29th Jun 2025 Psalter Week 1	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 22nd June Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year C	8:30 am Father Terry Luxon RIP(MM) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm Jacob (TS)	After 8.30 am Mass: Tea & coffee in the Hall 10.30 am Children's Liturgy Sacred Heart Novena after each Mass
Monday 23rd June Feria	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mary Leason RIP (MB)	Sacred Heart Novena after morning Mass 10.00-3.00 pm School Church Tour
Tuesday 24th June Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Expectant mothers	Sacred Heart Novena after morning Mass 10.15-11.15 am School Church Tour
Wednesday 25th June Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am For the sick and house bound	After Mass— Adoration till 6.00 pm. Sacred Heart Novena after morning Mass 10.15-11.15 am School Church Tour
Thursday 26th June Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Pat Whaley (AP)	Sacred Heart Novena after morning Mass 10.15-11.15 am School Church Tour
Friday 27th June Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	5.30 pm Richard & Breda Wightman Wedding Anniversary	Sacred Heart Novena after Mass 10.15-11.15 am School Church Tour
Saturday 28th June Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	10.30 am Rosary 11.00 am Harry Remedios RIP (AK) 11.00 am Anointing Mass	10.15-10.45 am Confessions 12:00-5:00 pm Visitor Centre in the Romero Room, Parish Hall 2.00-3.30 pm Public Church Tour
Sunday 29th June Solemnity of the SS Peter & Paul, Apostles Year C Second collection for Peter's Pence	8:30 am Nora O'Leary RIP (SK) 10.30 am People of the Parish 12.00 noon Baptism 6.00 pm David Taylor RIP (JD)	After 8.30 am Mass: Tea & coffee in the Hall 10.30 am Children's Liturgy

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PARISH HALL BOOKINGS

Please contact Sally at
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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am

You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.

6.00 pm

The cup of salvation I will raise

PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

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

Beryl Hill, Alan Hurst, John Jennings, Andrew McDermott, Michael Sheridan,
Jacky Smith, Paul Smith, Margaret Steward, Richard Wightman, Mrs. Roma,
Judy Lynam Pyper, Peggy Garvey, Josephine Gylee & Michael James.

SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

As every year, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus as
our parish feast. On Friday the 27th of June we as a parish community
solemnly celebrate the feast with Holy Mass at 5.30pm, the main celebrant
Canon John Batthola, Dean of Kidderminster and Worcester Deanery,
followed by a meal in the parish hall. We cordially invite you all for the
Solemn Mass and the meal afterwards. Please do come with your family and
friends to celebrate our parish feast. As part of the spiritual preparation for
the feast, we have a novena to the Sacred Heart after Mass, starting on
Thursday the 19th of June. All those who can, please do come for the
novena.

SACRED HEART SUMMER FAIR 19TH JULY 2025

The Parish Summer Fair will be on Saturday 19th July. As part of the Summer
Fair we will be organizing a raffle. If you would like to sponsor a raffle prize,
please give your name to Terry Poulten as soon as possible (or write your
name on the clipboard in the Narthex). Raffle tickets are available to buy
from the parish hall after each Mass. Please buy some tickets for yourself
and for your friends and family. In addition, there will be stalls such as cakes,
bric-a-brac, tombola, toiletries, toys and books. Please start bringing items
for these stalls, especially items for tombola and toiletries.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

SATURDAY 12TH JULY

If anyone still wants to book a place on the coach, please hurry as we have
only a few seats left. Thank you to the those who have paid. If you haven't
(about half), then do so now please. It's £25 each. Pay at the Parish Office
(we can now accept card payments again) or you can pop an envelope in
the weekly collection with the cash or cheque payable to St. George's RC
Church and a note to confirm whom you are paying for (in addition and
separate from your usual weekly offering).

CHURCH CLEANING

Since the cleaning and renovation of the mosaics work began we have been
cleaning the church every Friday in the afternoon, instead of Thursday every
14 days after mass. As these works are getting closer to the end and the
main body of the church doesn't need much attention, we have decided to
come back to the old way. So the next cleaning will be on **3rd July 2025**
after mass in the morning, and the following date will be on 17th July 2025
after mass in the morning.

NET (NATIONAL EVANGELISATION TEAMS) MINISTRIES

NET (National Evangelisation Teams) Ministries USA is a Catholic Missionary Organisation in America whose mission is to serve young people and help them encounter Christ in a personal way and help them grow in their faith. They do this by conducting retreats in schools throughout the US. I, Vibha Thomas, an 18 year old parishioner, will be serving as a missionary with them for the 2025 - 2026 Mission year, starting in August and ending in May. To do this year of mission, I'll need to fundraise seven thousand pounds, which will fund my expenses while there. Your support and prayers would be greatly appreciated! Here is the link to support my mission. give.netusa.org/vibhathomas. If you'd like to support me via bank transfer instead, please contact me! My contact info: vibha.thomas@netusa.org, 07872929457

GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF FR. ANTON SCJ

The Fathers and Brothers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus of Betharram cordially invite you all for the Golden Jubilee of the Priesthood of Fr. Anton Madej SCJ on Friday the 4th July, 2025, 7pm at Corpus Christi church, Southchurch Drive, Clifton, Nottingham NG11 9BP. Jubilee Mass followed by buffet.

RSVP goldenjube50scj@gmail.com or write St. Werburgh Church, Seabridge Lane, Newcastle under Lyme, ST5 4AG.

SACRED HEART LADIES' GROUP

For very many years we had a successful and popular ladies group in the parish, which met regularly in the parish hall and enjoyed interesting talks and companionship. We think that many of the ladies in the parish would welcome the companionship of such a group, and would enjoy sharing news and advice and perhaps meeting socially from time to time. However, times have changed, and maybe a WhatsApp group would be a good starting point for such a group. If you think this could be for you, please get in touch with Bogusia at

sacredheart.droitwich@rcaob.org.uk and invite some of your friends in the parish to join with you, and we'll see what happens!

BECOME A FOUNDATION GOVERNOR OR DIRECTOR AT ONE OF OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The Diocesan Education Service has launched a new promotional video to support recruitment. In the video Archbishop Bernard Longley, school leaders, and current governors and directors discuss the role and how rewarding it can be. Opportunities are available across the Archdiocese, and all skills and backgrounds are welcome. Visit the diocesan website for more information:

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

PUBLIC CHURCH TOUR

As part of our National Lottery Heritage Fund project we continue to run activities for the local community. Church tours will be conducted on one Saturday each month. To book, visit the website:

<http://www.sacredheartdroitwich.org.uk/the-church/church-tours/>

One Saturday a month children's mosaic workshops and mini tours will run. To book, visit the website:

<http://www.sacredheartdroitwich.org.uk/news-and-events/upcoming-events/>

Thanks to all our volunteers who continue to make this work possible.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be Children's Liturgy during 10.30 am mass on

22th, 29th June and 6th, 13th July.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP

Runs during term time on Friday evenings from 6.30 pm for children aged 9-14 years.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Clare Tomlinson, Carla Tucker and Bogusia Koniszewska-Fijolek. They can be contacted by email: sg.sacredheart.droitwich@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

Main Collection:

£347.08

Gift Aid: £180.00

Second collection for

Day for Life:

£168.53

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**Mass attendance
last Sunday: 293**

**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 **13th July** from 2.30 pm to 4.00 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

Acts 12:1-11

Psalms 34(33);

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18;

Matthew 16:13-19

Today as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ -- Corpus Christi. In a way, we have already celebrated this feast on Holy (Maundy) Thursday in Holy Week, where the emphasis was on the institution of the gift of the Eucharist. But today we celebrate this day in a much more solemn manner, so our focus is on the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Therefore, today we are invited to reflect on the profound mystery of the Eucharist, its deep significance and the transformative power it holds for both our personal lives and our shared journey of faith.

Today's Gospel speaks about the multiplication of the loaves. This is not only about feeding the hungry crowd, which is to satisfy their physical hunger, but points to a greater kind of spiritual food, the Holy Eucharist. The Eucharist, as taught by Christ, was not merely spiritual bread but truly His body and blood. And down through the centuries it has become our spiritual food at Mass. It is our fundamental faith that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist, that during the Eucharist, by the consecration of the bread and wine, there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of His blood. This change, as the holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly thought, is called transubstantiation. (CCC, 1376) To explain this phenomenon, Catholic theology presses Aristotelian philosophy into service. A distinction is made between substance and accidents. The substance of a thing is what that thing actually is, while accidents refer to incidental features that may have a certain appearance but can be withdrawn without altering the substance. During the Eucharist, then, the substance of the bread and wine are changed into the body and blood of Christ, while the accidents remain the same. The bread and wine actually become the body and blood of Christ, it is claimed, but maintain the appearance, texture, smell, and taste of bread and wine. The Catholic Church does not claim that this is a magical transformation but that it is instead a sacramental mystery that is administered by those who have received the sacrament of Holy Order.

Therefore, what is the Eucharist for us? The Eucharist is the centre and summit of our Christian Life, because Holy Communion augments our intimate union with Christ Jesus. Indeed, the Lord said: "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him". What material food produces in our bodily life, Holy Communion wonderfully achieves in our spiritual life. This renews the life of grace received at Baptism. This growth in Christian life needs the nourishment of Eucharistic Communion, the bread for our pilgrimage until the moment of death, when it will be given to us as viaticum. Holy Communion separates us from sin. The body of Christ we receive in Holy Communion is "given up for us," and the blood we drink "shed for the many for the forgiveness of sins". For this reason the Eucharist cannot unite us to Christ without at the same time cleansing us from past sins and preserving us from future sins: as bodily nourishment restores lost strength, so the Eucharist strengthens our charity, which tends to be weakened in daily life. And this living charity wipes away venial sins. (CCC1391-94)

The Eucharist is essentially, and of its very nature, a community action in which every person present is expected to be an active participant. We are here, on the one hand, recalling what makes us Christians in the first place—our identification with the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. Therefore, proper preparation, active participation and correct understanding of the Eucharist are the essentials for the effective celebration of this sacrament. So, when we receive Jesus during communion, when the priest or Eucharistic minister holds up the Sacred Host and says to you: "The Body of Christ", try to realize, in a special way, what you receive, that this Sacred Host is the living Body of Jesus. It is the same Jesus who was born in Bethlehem. It is the same Jesus who was nailed and died on the cross. It is the same Jesus who rose from the dead. May the Eucharistic Lord nourish us every day.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ