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## 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

*Amos 8:4-7*

*Psalms 113(112);*

*1 Timothy 2:1-8*

*Luke 16:1-13*

This Week: 21st-28th Sep 2025 Psalter Week 1	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
<b>Sunday 21st September</b> <b>Twenty-Fifth Sunday</b> <b>in Ordinary Time Year C</b> Second collection for Catholic Evangelisation	8:30 am Kathleen Burns RIP (SW) 10.30 am Willam Pratley RIP (GF) 12.00 noon Baptism 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 am Mass: Tea & coffee in the Hall Children's Liturgy during 10.30 am Mass
<b>Monday 22nd September</b> Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am NC Matthew RIP (B)	7.00 pm Journey in Faith
<b>Tuesday 23rd September</b> Memorial of St Pius Pietrelcina	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Pray for Peace in the Middle East	
<b>Wednesday 24th September</b> Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am For the Sick and the housebound	After Mass— Adoration till 6.00 pm.
<b>Thursday 25th September</b> Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Holy Mass	After Mass - Church cleaning
<b>Friday 26th September</b> Feria	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Peggy & Denis Regan RIP (BB)	Sacred Heart Novena after 9:15am Mass
<b>Saturday 27th September</b> Memorial of St Vincent de Paul, Priest	<b>10.30 am Harry Remedios RIP(AK)</b>	<b>10.00 am Confession</b> 12:00-5:00 pm Visitor Centre in the Romero Room, Parish Hall 1.00 pm SCJ Sponsored Walk
<b>Sunday 28th September</b> <b>Twenty-Sixth Sunday</b> <b>in Ordinary Time Year C</b> Second collection for Fr Hudson's Care	8:30 am Neil Duffy RIP (JD) 10.30 am Holy Mass 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 am Mass: Tea & coffee in the Hall Children's Liturgy during 10.30 am Mass

**"Through His cross, Jesus revealed to us the true face of God, His infinite compassion for humanity.  
He took upon Himself the hatred and violence of the world,  
to share the lot of all those who are humiliated and oppressed."**

Pope Leo XIV via Twitter 14th September 2025

## **SACRED HEART COMMUNITY**

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## **PARISH HALL BOOKINGS**

Please contact Sally at  
volunteers.

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## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**8.30 am & 10.30 am**

**Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.**

**6.00 pm**

**Bless the Lord my soul.**

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## **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.

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## **SCJ SPONSORED WALK 2025**

The Sacred Heart sponsored walk will be on Saturday 27th September at  
1.00pm . Your generous support would be greatly appreciated. If you would  
like to sponsor the walk please write your name on the clipboard at the back  
of church. If you would like to join the walk you are most welcome to join  
the Sacred Heart Fathers and Brothers. The walk will be held in Nottingham,  
the starting point address is Our Lady & St Patrick's Catholic Church, Launder  
Street, NG2 1JQ.

## **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 first session will be on Monday 22nd September in the  
Parish Hall at 7pm. The topic will be "Intro: The Call; What are we looking  
for?" If you are already a Catholic and would like to explore more about  
your faith, or if you want to become a Catholic, now is the time to start  
exploring your faith.

## **CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2025**

Children who are 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 on 3rd December at 7.00 pm. If you would like your child to  
be part of the parish preparation group please could you contact Fr. George  
or the parish office by the end of September. Confirmation sessions will  
start on 11th October at 9.30am in the Hall.

## **NET MINISTRIES- VIBHA THOMAS**

Thank you so much to all those who supported me in fundraising for my  
mission year with NET ministries! The total money raised from my parish  
appeal for my mission year with NET ministries was £1352. Your support will  
go towards youth encountering Christ's love! I am so grateful for your  
generosity. My mission year has started, and my month-long training is  
almost over. I will be sent out with my team mid-September to start serving  
and evangelising youth through retreats! Please keep me in prayers over the  
next year and know that you are all in my prayers as well! God Bless! - Vibha  
Thomas.

## **SUNDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER— EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY ( HOME MISSION SUNDAY)**

A message from Abbot Hugh Allan O’Praem, Director of Mission at the Catholic Bishops’ Conference: Evangelii Gaudium Sunday calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. “Evangelii Gaudium” is Latin for “Joy of the Gospel”. It is a Sunday more commonly known as Home Mission Sunday, a day for us as the Catholic community in England and Wales to celebrate the beauty of our faith, and our shared commitment to witness to the fullness of life in Christ. Celebrating 1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea, the theme for this year is “I believe...” as the heart of mission. More details about this can be found on the Bishops’ Conference website - <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday>. The second collection this weekend is to support the work carried out by the Bishops’ Conference Mission Directorate. Through this directorate, we support our Church in a wide field of service and mission here in England and Wales. Please hold this important work in your prayers and give as generously as you can.

### **CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL THIS HARVEST**

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God’s abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers “signs of hope” in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Ware’s in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call 03033033030.

### **DEANERY YOUTH LEADERS DAY**

On Saturday 27th September we host Deanery Youth Leaders Day from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm. If all youth volunteers could attend this gathering, that will be greatly appreciated.

### **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ENGLAND**

Churches Together in England invites you to support the call to prayer for peace in the Middle East on Sunday, 21 September 2025. A coalition of Christian agencies is coordinating an act of Christian witness that speaks to a shared commitment to peace, reconciliation and the dignity of all people. The call to churches across Britain to pray for peace on Sunday 21 September coincides with UN World Peace Day and the global call to prayer from the World Council of Churches ([www.oikoumene.org/events/world-week-for-peace-in-palestine-and-israel-0](http://www.oikoumene.org/events/world-week-for-peace-in-palestine-and-israel-0)).

### **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

**21st, 28th**

**September**

**and on**

**5th, 12th October.**

### **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:

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or alternatively the Diocesan

Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230

6240/[safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.

**Main Collection:**

**£249.29**

**Gift Aid: £109.00**

**Second Collection for  
Catholic Education  
£90.58**

**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 **12th**

**October** 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**

**Amos 6:1a,4-7**

**Psalms 145(146);**

**1 Timothy 6:11b-16**

**Luke 16:19-31**

*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.*

We are living in a new world, where powerful and influential people and governments dictate the fate of the rest of the world. The modern economic system, designed by powerful businesspeople, and the subsequent governments and political system, which are the beneficiaries of this new world order, write the terms and conditions for the rest of the world. It wasn't much different in the time of prophet Amos during the reign of Jeroboam II in the northern kingdom of Israel, around 760 BC. The northern kingdom of Israel under the reign of Jeroboam II experienced the peak of its prosperity and glory outwardly, but deep beneath the surface there was inequality, injustice and distress among the people. The wealthy elites grew richer while the poor were squashed and ignored. The prophet condemns those who exploit the weak, especially the businessmen who are impatient for Sabbath to end so they can return to making profits. Amos warns that God sees these actions and "will never forget" the injustice done to His people. The heart of Amos's message is that worship and rituals mean nothing if they are not accompanied by justice and ethics. To oppress the poor while pretending to honour God is hypocrisy. This passage speaks powerfully to our own time too.

A businessman who heads his own company interviewed three applicants for a job. As a test he asks: "If you divide six by two, what's the result?" "Three," answered the first applicant. He was not hired for being too honest. "Two," answered the second applicant. Again, he was not hired because he was dishonest and for being an ignorant fool. The third applicant answered, "Sir, if I were to divide six between you and me, I would rather give you four and take two myself". He was hired for being clever. In the Gospel Jesus speaks about stewardship. Jesus was not a global economist or even a private financial adviser, but He did have a bit to say about Christian economics. He clearly thought money can indeed be used well, in support of good works both spiritual and mundane, and He praised voluntary charity, paying just taxes, investing wisely as well as generously forgiving debts. If he and his followers were to be "good news to the poor", they had to be both willing and able to do something for them. They required both the means and the good motive to be stewards in the household of God and Good Samaritans in the world.

St. Teresa of Avila was once criticised for being too worldly: a true saint, her critics suggested, would have no need of money. Teresa, being a practical woman, responded with Spanish humour, "With God I can do much; with God and money, I can do even more!". Not that she was licensing materialism and selfishness or preaching the ideology of unbridled capitalism and consumerism. No, this eminently practical and deeply spiritual woman knew well the temptations of the human spirit. Money has its uses, but money alone will not make us a saint. Jesus concludes his parable with a lesson on what controls or rules our lives. Who is the master in charge of our life? Our master is that which governs our thought-life, shapes our ideals and controls the desire of the heart and the values we choose to live by. Many different things can rule us, the love of money or possessions, power or position, the glamour of wealth and prestige, the driving force of unruly passions and addictions. Ultimately the choice boils down to two: God and Mammon. There is one Master alone who has the power to set us free from the slavery of sin and spiritual degradation. The Master is the Lord Jesus Christ. God bless us.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ