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## SACRED HEART & ST CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

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### Today's Mass Readings

*Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29;*  
*Psalm 66;*  
*Apocalypse 21: 10-14, 22-23;*  
*John 14: 23-29*

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

This Week 22nd May - 29th May (Psalter Week 2)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
<b>Sunday 22nd May</b> <b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Year C</b>	8.30 am People of the Parish 10.30 am Rose Lyon RIP (CL) 6.00 pm Gladys Remedios RIP (KA)	During 10.30 am Mass: Children's Liturgy
<b>Monday 23rd May</b> Easter Feria	9.15 am Marie Marlow Greene - For Healing (B.B)	
<b>Tuesday 24th May</b> Easter Feria	9.15 am Betty Priddey RIP	
<b>Wednesday 25th May</b> Memorial of St. Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church	9.15 am For the Terminally Ill	10.00 am until 7.00 pm: Adoration
<b>Thursday 26th May</b> <b>Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord</b>	9.15 am Dominic Chapman RIP	
<b>Friday 27th May</b> Feast of St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop	9.15 am Holy Mass 9.45am: Novena to the Sacred Heart (soon after Mass) 12.30 pm: Requiem Mass	6.30 pm: Youth Group
<b>Saturday 28th May</b> Easter Feria	11.00 am Harry Remedios RIP (KA)	<b>10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions</b>
<b>Sunday 29th May</b> <b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Year C</b> Retiring Collection for Catholic Communications	8.30 am Holy Mass 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm Holy Mass	World Communications Day 12 Noon: Baptism

*"One does not teach what one knows, but what one is...we transmit to others what we are inside. It is not enough to fill one's head with ideas, that is not educating; to educate is to transmit life...God is only communicated if He dwells in our lives, if He fills our affections, if He unites our thoughts and inspires our actions."*

Vatican News quoting Pope Francis, 14th May 2022

## SACRED HEART COMMUNITY

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## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am : Let the peoples praise you, O God; let  
all the peoples praise you.

6.00 pm: Cry out with joy to God all the earth. Please repeat  
the phrase the cantor sings.

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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, Joan Graham, 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 & 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 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 **Dominic Chapman** and **Betty Priddey** who died  
recently. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through  
the mercy of God rest in peace. The Requiem Mass for Dominic Chapman  
will be at 12.30 pm on Friday 27th May, followed by a burial at St. Peter's  
Church. The Requiem Mass for Betty Priddey will be on Thursday 9th June  
at 12 noon. Please keep their families and friends in your kind thoughts and  
prayers.

## LIVESIMPLY INITIATIVE

Around one third of all food produced globally is lost or wasted. That's 1.3  
billion tonnes of food every year being thrown away globally. The land it  
takes to provide just the food that we throw away is bigger than the size of  
India, and the water it takes is equivalent to 300 million Olympic swimming  
pools. One study found that in the UK 9% of strawberries and 19% of  
lettuces grown ended up as waste. To feed the current global population  
we need to produce 3.7 billion tonnes of food per year. We are currently  
producing 4 billion tonnes per year. Around half of the food we eat in the  
UK comes from other countries, including 80% of our fruit, 50% of our  
vegetables and all of our rice. Pope Francis is calling for a change to our  
food systems. Each of us has a role to play for the benefit of people and our  
planet. Are you living simply?

## CCTV

We have installed four CCTV cameras in the church covering the Narthex,  
main entrance and the path through the graveyard. For information access  
requests please contact the Archdiocese of Birmingham on 0121 230 6216  
during office hours or the Parish Office on 01905 773258 outside of these  
times.

## UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

The Universe Catholic Weekly is thrilled to announce that they have  
launched their new online newspaper. Order your digital copy by going to  
www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk or call on 0743 661 7650.

## COVID-19 GUIDANCE: UPDATED 27TH FEBRUARY

Please note that the wearing of face covering is 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. As has always been good practice during pandemic, please **avoid** attending church if you, or someone in your household, has symptoms of COVID. Thank you for your co-operation.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - APPEAL FOR HELP

St. Vincent de Paul Society is looking for a clothes rail for someone who doesn't have a wardrobe. If you have such a thing that is not being used and would be happy to donate it to us please make contact either on 0777 292 7535 or at [droitwichsvp@gmail.com](mailto:droitwichsvp@gmail.com). Thank you for your support.

### HARVINGTON HALL

Harvington Hall, the Elizabethan Manor House which belongs to the Archdiocese of Birmingham, is now fully open for 'free flow' visits & tour. On Saturday 28th May & Sunday 29th May there is a special event "History through the Ages" billed as the 'biggest re-enactment ever' at the Hall. For further information and tickets visit [www.harvingtonhall.co.uk](http://www.harvingtonhall.co.uk).

### THREADS THROUGH CREATION

*Threads Through Creation* is an extraordinary, uplifting textile art exhibition at Worcester Cathedral, on from now until Sunday 5th June. You'll get to see a spectacular display of twelve huge and beautiful silk panels retelling the story of Creation from Genesis. It took Christian artist Jacqui Parkinson three years, miles of thread - and eight million stitches! It's great for Christians to enjoy the detailed bible narrative, and it's one of those special opportunities where you can take non-Christian friends – and be certain they'll enjoy it. You'll have some interesting conversations. And it's great fun for kids too! More info at [www.creation-threads.co.uk](http://www.creation-threads.co.uk) and [www.worcestercathedral.co.uk](http://www.worcestercathedral.co.uk).

### BLESSED EDWARD OLD CORNE CATHOLIC COLLEGE - JOB VACANCIES

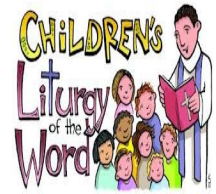
Job vacancies at Blessed Edward Oldcorne Catholic College:

- Level 3 Teaching Assistant with responsibility for Reading Interventions - Closing date: 10.00am on Wednesday 25 May 2022
- TA1 Physical Education Teaching Assistant and Technician - Closing date: 10.00am on Wednesday 25 May 2022
- Examinations officer – Closing date: 10.00am on Wednesday 25 May 2022

For further information and details of how to apply please visit <https://www.blessededward.co.uk/about-us/vacancies/>

### *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

There will be Children's Liturgy for two groups (4 to 7 year olds and 8 to 11 year olds) at the 10.30 am Mass. All children are welcome.

### COMMUNITY MEAL

The next Community Meal is on Monday 6th June at 12.30 pm in the Parish Hall.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

If you would like some company a drink, chat and cake then please come and join us on Sunday 12th June from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm in the church hall. Please see the notice at the back of church for more information.

If you know of anyone in need please do not hesitate in contacting us on 0777 292 7535 or at [droitwichsvp@gmail.com](mailto:droitwichsvp@gmail.com).

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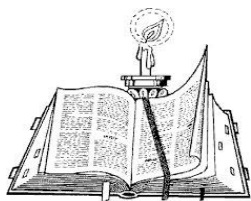
**Thank you for your  
generosity.**



### **FOODBANK**

There is a new wish list for Sunday 22nd May that has been emailed with this newsletter and is on the website and the noticeboard at the back of church. Any donations would be gratefully received.

Thank you.



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

*Acts 7: 55-60;*

*Psalms 96;*

*Apocalypse 22: 12-14,  
16-17, 20;*

*John 17: 20-26*

*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 liturgical readings are the proof that the church is still guided and governed by the Holy Spirit. The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, tells us how the Holy Spirit, indwelling in the Church, helped the apostles to solve a major doctrinal problem about the Gentiles becoming Christians. At the same time the Book of Revelation describes the Church as the Heavenly Jerusalem which replaces the holy presence of God in the Holy of Holies in the Temple in Jerusalem. This New Jerusalem is a city united in love, with the victorious Jesus residing in it and in each of its members.

Today's Gospel passage explains the doctrine of the indwelling of the Holy Trinity in the human soul, and the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

1) The abiding presence of God in the human soul: The promise of God's abiding presence must have been of great comfort to the early Christians after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem by the Roman army. In today's Gospel passage, Jesus tells us that the one thing in life which we can always trust is God's presence. God inhabits our hearts so deeply and intimately that we become the visible dwelling place of God. Thus, we are invited to look for and encounter "God-with-us," yet "hidden" in the person sitting next to us, in the words we speak and in the songs we sing at Mass. 2) Condition for the indwelling of the Holy Trinity: Jesus teaches us the condition for this indwelling of the Holy Trinity, namely, we have to show our love of God by keeping his word. And this keeping of his word will be facilitated by the Holy Spirit, God's Holy Breath. 3) The role of the Holy Spirit is twofold: a) to "teach" the disciples and b) to "remind" them of what Jesus has already taught them. "At work since creation, having previously 'spoken through the prophets,' the Spirit will now be with and in the disciples, to teach them and guide them 'into all the truth'" (CCC 243). Jesus affirms that even though He will no longer be visibly with them, he will continue to be present among them through the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of Truth will continue teaching them and helping them to understand and to build on what Jesus has already taught them. The Advocate will bring no new revelation because God has already revealed Himself in Jesus. But the Advocate will deepen their understanding of the revelation given by Jesus. 4) Jesus gives his followers four gifts: First, he gives them His love, which will enable them to keep his word. Next, he gives them the Holy Spirit, who will teach them everything they need to know. The Holy Spirit is the abiding love of God available to us, enabling us to accept the friendship of Jesus, while imitating Him, the Master. Third, He gives them His peace to strengthen them against fear in the face of trouble. Fourth, Jesus rewards them with the assurance of His second coming.

However, to be able to receive these gifts, it is necessary for us to spend a little time each day in personal prayer, talking to God and listening to Him. We must deepen our relationship with Jesus, learn to get in touch with him, and sincerely love him. When we listen to the Holy Spirit, we will know His plan for our life and His solutions to whatever problems we face. We will be able to love our fellow human beings, and there will be a core of peace within us. The Holy Spirit teaches us through the Scriptures and breaking the word of God during the Holy Mass. Jesus loves us and comes to us in Communion. When the Mass is ended, we go forth in the peace of Christ. All this under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. 4 conclude this reflection with an Irish saying, "Paddy Murphy went to Mass, never missed a Sunday. But Paddy Murphy went to hell, for what he did on Monday". This means we are invited to live our Christian life every day of our life. Fr. George Mathew SCJ