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## SACRED HEART & ST CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

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### Today's Mass Readings

*Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9;*

*Dn 3;*

*2 Corinthians 13:11-14;*

*John 3:16-18*

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

<b>This Week: 31st May - 7th Jun 2026 Psalter Week 1</b>	<b>Holy Mass &amp; Services</b>	<b>Other Events</b>
<b>Sunday 31st May Solemnity of Most Holy Trinity Year A</b>	8:30 am Stella Turner RIP (AM) 10:30 am People of the Parish 6:00 pm Dr Jesmond Xuereb RIP (GK)	After 8:30am Mass - Tea & coffee in the Parish Hall
<b>Monday 1st June Memorial of St Justin, Martyr</b>	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Philip Duffy RIP (MS)	6.00pm Journey in Faith
<b>Tuesday 2nd June Feria</b>	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Alan Remedios RIP (AK)	
<b>Wednesday 3rd June Memorial of Ss Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs</b>	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Rene, Howard, Boris, Alana Johnson & Alicante Judges (KW)	After Mass, Adoration till 6pm
<b>Thursday 4th June Feria</b>	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Holy Mass	After Mass, Sacred Heart Novena
<b>Friday 5th June Memorial of St Boniface, Bishop, Martyr</b>	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Rene, Howard, Boris, Alana Johnson & Alicante Judges (KW)	After Mass, Sacred Heart Novena
<b>Saturday 6th June Feria</b>	11:00 am Mariyakutty Francis RIP (MF)	10:15-10:45am Confessions After Mass, Sacred Heart Novena 12:00-5:00pm Visitor Centre in the Romero Room, Parish Hall 2:30pm Children's Workshop Tour NLHF
<b>Sunday 7th June Solemnity of Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year A Second collection for a Missionary Sister</b>	8:30 am Isabella & Kevin Read RIP (MM) 10:30 am Holy Mass 6:00 pm PS and family (JD)	After 8:30am Mass - Tea & coffee in the Parish Hall

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**PARISH HALL  
BOOKINGS**

Please contact Sally at  
volunteers.

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**8:30am & 10:30 am**

**To be praised and highly exalted for ever!**

**6:00pm**

**Ring out your joy give glory to God. Lift up your hearts and sing.**

**Let all creation tell of His name. Praise Him for evermore.**

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**PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS**

Please pray for all our parishioners, and/or their friends and relatives, who are unwell: 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, Frances Varney, Ernst Vonzatovski and Michael McCorry.

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**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Of your charity please pray for Philip Duffy and Stella Turner who has recently died. Please also keep their families in your prayers. The Requiem Mass for Philip will take place on 16th June at 12.00am. His body will be brought to the Church on the evening before at 5pm. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA)**

The next Journey in Faith session will take place on Monday 1st June at 6pm. The topic will be 'Catholic Worship and Devotions'.

**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 12th of June we as a parish community solemnly celebrate the feast with Holy Mass at 6pm, followed by Festive 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 begin the Novena to the Sacred Heart after Mass, starting on Thursday the 4th of June. All those who can, please do join us for the novena .

**SAVE THE DATE: SACRED HEART SUMMER FAYRE 4TH JULY 2025**

This year, the summer fayre in July is going to have different stalls and activities from previous years. Therefore, we are not asking for donations of toys, books or bric-a-brac this time. Please save for a future fayre.

The raffle tickets should be on sale from Sunday 7th June after the end of each Mass and then for the following three Sundays. We are looking for volunteers to assist in this. For the summer fayre itself, we are looking for volunteers to run the stalls and general helpers on the day. There will be a clipboard at the back of church to put down your names. Please help us make this summer fayre a real success.

## MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST. PETER CLAVER

The Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver will be here on Sunday 7th June to appeal on behalf of the Sisters Missions Committee of England and Wales. The Sisters work in solidarity with missionaries around the world, especially in regions where the Church is poor and resources are limited. Through prayer and practical support, they help sustain missionary work in pastoral ministry, education and healthcare. We thank you for your generosity and ask to keep the missionaries and their work in your prayers.

## DEANERY ALTAR SERVERS DAY: 11TH JULY 2026

The Kidderminster and Worcester Deanery is organising the Annual Altar Servers Day on Saturday 11th of July from 10.30am till 2.00pm. The day will begin with Mass, followed by the gathering of all altar servers and conclude with Adoration and Benediction. The lunch will be provided. We request all the altar servers to attend this day.

## REFUGEE KNITTING

Please bring any items you have to church by June 7th. I can also collect anything you think would be useful for displaced people. Many thanks in anticipation for your continued support.

## CATECHIST FORMATION SESSION: "HOW JESUS CATECHISED"

Catechists, including Children's liturgy teams, and sacramental preparation teams from the Kidderminster and Worcester Deanery are invited to join us for a morning of reflection and discussion on how Jesus taught and catechised. This session will offer valuable insights for our ministry in our respective parishes in the Deanery. Date: Saturday, 6th June 2026 Time: 9:30 am – 12:15 pm Venue: St George's Parish Centre, Worcester

Formator: Dr. Christine Dodd. RSVP: Please contact Sacred Heart Parish Office ([sacredheart.droitwich@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sacredheart.droitwich@rcaob.org.uk)) to confirm your attendance by Sunday 31st of May 2026. We look forward to seeing you there!

## ARE YOU CARING AND COMPASSIONATE?

Droitwich Bereavement Project are looking for new volunteers to join our fabulous team. As part of our third anniversary celebration we are holding an event to thank our wonderful volunteers and to meet those who are interested in finding out more about how to get involved.

Join us to find out more on Tuesday 14th July at 7pm at Rotary House, Corbett Avenue, WR9 7BD.

Contact us on 07713623997 or [droitwichreferrals@svp.org.uk](mailto:droitwichreferrals@svp.org.uk)

## NATIONAL LOTTERY PROJECT – PUBLIC TOURS & CHILDREN'S WORKSHOPS

The next monthly public church tours (with a café) will take place on:

**Saturday 27th June @ 2pm**

**Saturday 25th July @ 2pm.**

The next monthly public children's workshops (mini church tour & mosaic-making session) will take place on:

**Saturday 6th June @ 2:30pm**

**Saturday 11th July @ 2.30 pm.**

All of these events can be booked on Eventbrite, links can be found on the parish website. Or by contacting the Hall Booking Secretary.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy will resume after half term time on **14th June**.

## PARISH YOUTH GROUP

Hopefully this will resume as soon as possible and run 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](mailto:sg.sacredheart.droitwich@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.

**Main collection:**

**£291.80**

**Gift Aid: £159.15**

**Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.**

**Mass attendance  
last Sunday: 259**



**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 **14th June**  
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**

Deuteronomy

8:2-3, 14b16a;

*Psalms 147;*

*1 Corinthians*

*10:16-17;*

*John 6:51-58*

My dear brothers and sisters, once a young child asked her mother, "Mama, who made me?" The mother replied, "God made you, my dear?" The child thought for a moment and asked again, "But mama, why did He make me? Was it because He was lonely?" The mother smiled and said, "No, sweetheart. God made you because He is love and love always wants to share itself". This simple exchange holds the deepest truth of today's feast. The Most Holy Trinity is not a puzzle to be solved. It is a love to be celebrated. In our first reading Moses climbs the mountain and stands before God. He reveals Himself to Moses, not His power or super superiority or distance. He proclaims His own name, "I Am who I Am; The Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness". Why does God reveal His innermost life to us? He reveals Himself to us not merely as a divine puzzle to solve, but as an invitation to participate in His life. Is God intelligible? We try to portray God through images, but they are insufficient to express who God really is. Even if a picture does paint a thousand words, we can of course never fully know anyone, let alone God, from a picture. We may have photos of family and friends, for instance, but we only really get to know them not by looking at their picture but by communicating with them, by entering relationship with them, by making the effort to express our thoughts and feelings, our hopes and desires. If this is true of human beings, it must be no less true of God. The feast of the Holy Trinity reminds us that God as Trinity is not a problem to be solved or a theory to be analysed, but someone to enter into relationship with. The very nature of God as three Persons, in continuous relationship, is the most powerful message we have that God can only be known when we are willing to relate to God in openness and love.

The Mystery of God is much greater than mere human words and thoughts can explain. What does it mean when we say, One God in Three Persons? Here, let us not confuse the word 'person' with our everyday use of the word 'people'. When we are talking about God, we use the word 'person' to distinguish between the three persons of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. When we say one God in three persons, we are thinking of the three ways in which God has made Himself known to man while remaining one divine essence. Remember, God is not a human, not a 'being'. He does not fit into human classifications, as He is the ultimate cause of everything. He is totally other than all created 'beings', and therefore requires a different language. Perhaps the 'I AM' of Exodus 3:14 may be the closest expression of God. In Catholic theology we understand the persons of the Blessed Trinity subsisting within the inner life of God to be truly distinct relationally, but not as a matter of essence, or nature. Each of the three persons in the Godhead possesses the same eternal and infinite divine nature. Thus, they are the one, true God in essence or nature, not "three Gods". Yet, they are truly distinct in their relations to each other. Therefore, we do not confess three Gods, but one God in three persons, the "consubstantial Trinity". In the words of the Fourth Lateran Council (1215), "Each of the persons is that supreme reality, viz., the divine substance, essence or nature." The divine persons are distinct from one another. "God is one but not solitary." "Father", "Son", "Holy Spirit" are not simply names designating modalities of the divine being (the different ways God expresses Himself, operates, or exists), for they are distinct from one another. They are distinct from one another in their relations of origin: "It is the Father who generates, the Son who is begotten, and the Holy Spirit who proceeds." The eternal generation of the Son is a Trinitarian doctrine, which is defined as a necessary and eternal act of God the Father, in which he generates (or begets) God the Son through communicating the whole divine essence to the Son. Generation is not defined as an act of the will but is by necessity of nature. To avoid anthropomorphic understandings of the doctrine, theologians have defined it as timeless, non-bodily, incomprehensible and not as a communication without but within the Godhead. Brothers and sisters, may this feast of the Holy Trinity, the feast of God's relational life, cause us to pause and reflect on the quality of our most important relationships. If we had to draw a picture of God, what would we draw? But more to point, what would we draw if we had to draw a picture of how we relate to those people whom God has given us?

Fr. George Mathew SCJ