



Societas Presbyterorum  
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BETHARRAM

## SACRED HEART & ST CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

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### Today's Mass Readings

*Acts 2:1-11;*

*Psalm 103;*

*Galatians 5:16-25;*

*John 15:26-27;16:12-15*

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

This Week: 19th-26th May 2024	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
<b>Sunday 19th May</b> <b>Solemnity of Pentecost</b> <b>Year B</b>	8:30 am People of the Parish 10:30 am The Children's Liturgy (SY) 6:00 pm Holy Mass	After 8:30 am Mass: Tea & Coffee in the Hall Children's Liturgy during 10:30 am Mass After morning Mass –March for Life Bake Sale
<b>Monday 20th May</b> Memorial of Mary, Mother of Church	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Holy Mass	12.30 pm Community Meal
<b>Tuesday 21st May</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Michael Webb RIP (PW)	
<b>Wednesday 22nd May</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Gladys Remedios RIP(AK)	10:00am until 6:00pm Adoration
<b>Thursday 23rd May</b> Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Holy Mass	After Mass– Church cleaning
<b>Friday 24th May</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Miriam Croucher (C&PI)	After Mass: Novena to the Sacred Heart 6.30 pm Youth Group
<b>Saturday 25th May</b> Memorial of St Bede the Venerable, Priest, doctor of the Church	11:00 am Keith & Nicky Dalton 20th wedding anniversary (LM)	9:30 am FHC Meeting in the Hall 10:15 am-10:45 am Confession
<b>Sunday 26th May</b> <b>Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity</b> <b>Year B</b> Second collection for White Flower Appeal 2024	8:30 am P Turner RIP (C&PI) 10:30 am Bernadette Violet Duffy RIP (PD) 6:00 pm In thanksgiving (JD)	After 8:30 am Mass: Tea & Coffee in the Hall

*"We are called to be missionaries of Peace. This choice will give us peace. It means making space in our hearts for all, and believing that differences are not obstacles, that others are our brothers and sisters, and that the peace Jesus brought into the world is mean for all."* **Pope Francis via Twitter 16th May 2024**

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## PARISH HALL BOOKINGS

Please contact Sally at  
volunteers.

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## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30am & 10.30am

Sent forth your Spirit, O Lord,  
and renew the face of the earth.

6.00pm

Send forth your spirit O Lord,  
that the face of the earth be renewed (237 )

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## PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

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

Barbara Conway, Finbarr Cronin, Beryl Hill, Alan Hurst, John Jennings,  
Andrew McDermott, Jackie McLean, Michael Sheridan, Jacky Smith, Paul  
Smith, Margaret Steward, Breda Wightman, Richard Wightman & Msgr.  
Graham Wilkinson, Fr. Brian Boyle, Mrs. Roma, Pamela Wojciechowski

**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.**

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## RECENTLY DECEASED

Your prayers are asked for Mr Mathew Devasiya Korandakkatte, father of  
Fr George Mathew who died recently. May his soul and the souls of all the  
faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Please keep the  
family and friends of Mr Mathew Devasiya Korandakkatte in your prayers.

## MARCH FOR LIFE BAKE SALE ON 19th MAY

There will be a March For Life bake sale on Sunday 19th May after morning  
Mass to raise funds for the March for Life movement. The fundraiser is  
organised by Vibha Thomas and the donations from which will go to the  
March for Life organisation in the UK.

## SACRED HEART SUMMER FAIR 29TH JUNE 2024

We are hoping and praying for delightful sunny weather for our Summer  
Fair! We are also hoping to have a BBQ, Indian Food Stall, Beer or Wine  
Tasting, Games organised by the Youth Group and much more. We just  
need you!! Could you please offer to organise one of these attractions or a  
different event just for this one occasion? Get together with a couple of  
friends or family to help us out! Please see Fr George to share your talents  
and skills.

To add colour to its social aspect, we have the Summer Raffle. If you would  
like to sponsor a raffle prize, please give your name to Terry Poulton 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.

## GIFT AID

If you are a taxpayer please consider signing a Gift Aid Form (blanks are at  
the back of the Church). The Church can receive the tax back on your  
donation. This is a very important part of the funding of the Parish.

## SACRED HEART FEAST

The Feast of the Sacred Heart is the family celebration of our parish where all of us come together to celebrate this family feast. This year the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is on Friday 7th June. We will have a concelebrated Solemn Mass at 6pm followed by a shared meal. Please come along with your family and friends to celebrate this family day. Could you bring some food to be shared during the meal after the Mass? Coffee/tea and soft drinks will be provided. Please mark this day in your diary.

## STELLA MARIS

Catholic maritime charity Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is very grateful for this parish's prayer and financial support of its work on Sea Sunday last year. To report back on the use of those funds, it invites parishioners to join an **online update and thank you webinar on Tuesday 28th May from 7:30pm to 9:00pm**. You will hear about the impact of your generosity on the lives of seafarers, fishers, and their families over the last year. Its CEO and chaplains will share inspiring stories of how they have helped seafarers and fishers through your support. To register for this virtual event, please visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou2024](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou2024)

## REFUGEE KNITTING

Thank you as ever for your continual support. The next collection will be on Tuesday 28th May. Donations of wool and other related items would be gratefully accepted to help defray the costs of the wonderful band of knitters.

Thank you also for the new clothes items left since the last collection. They have been safely delivered to the organisers. Storage is a problem at church, but if you wish to leave new or good quality items that will benefit the refugees during the above period that will be fine.

## COULD YOU BE A SEED OF HOPE?

The Archdiocese of Birmingham is inviting enthusiastic individuals to create a network of **Environment Champions**. To celebrate Laudato Si week (19-26 May), please help us get as many parish/cluster/deanery Environment Champions as we can. Your mission is to be a channel of communication between the Archdiocese and your parish, cluster or deanery, to promote Care of Creation and to enthuse others to help in responding to Pope Francis' call in Laudato Si to a spirituality which supports an ecological conversion. You will receive the full support of the Care for Creation Committee as part of the diocesan effort to act as stewards of creation. <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/seedofhope>

## CHURCH CLEANING

As you are all aware that we have beautiful church which is a gem in the town and in the country people of all faith and no faith admire its atmosphere of prayer and beauty. To preserve this richness of our church, we invite any parishioners of any age, skill, or level of mobility, with a little time to spare, to volunteer to join the Church cleaning group. Thanks to all those who came last time to clean the church. We need a few more hands. Would you like to help? That will be great appreciated. Next cleaning day is Thursday 23rd May soon after morning Mass.

## COMMUNITY MEAL

Monday 20th May at  
12.30 pm in the  
Parish Hall.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be  
Children's Liturgy  
during 10.30 am mass  
on 19th May

## 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  
Gerry Ceclich, Clare  
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alternatively the  
Diocesan  
Safeguarding team  
can be contacted on  
0121 230  
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rcaob.org.uk if you  
have any concerns.

**Main collection**

**£366.84**

**Gift Aid: £158.30**

**Second collection for  
Catholic**

**Communication**

**£8.80**

**Gift Aid £111.70**

**Additional donation  
for CAFOD Sudan**

**£20.00**

**Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.**

**Mass attendance  
last Sunday: 234**

**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 this Sunday 9th June 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](mailto:DroitwichReferrals@svp.org.uk) or on 07772 927535 or on Facebook, SVP Sacred Heart Droitwich.



**Next Sunday's Mass**

**Readings**

*Deuteronomy*

4:32-34.39-40;

*Psalms* 32;

*Romans* 8:14-17;

*Mathew* 28:16-20

*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.*

*Come Holy Spirit!*

The feast of the Pentecost marks the official beginning of the Church. As promised by Jesus before his Ascension into Heaven, the Holy Spirit comes down on the apostles at Pentecost and it transforms, sanctifies and strengthens them. The Apostles become supercharged people and they go out and win a world for their Master—Jesus. Can we not do the same? Didn't you and I receive the same Holy Spirit at our Baptism and Confirmation? Yes, we did receive the Holy Spirit and, yes, we can do what the Apostles did, if we but allow the Spirit to work within us.

Today's Readings remind us that Pentecost is an event of both the past and the present. It's an event that will happen in our lives every day, if we will. An old beggar lay on his deathbed. He called his youngest son who had been his constant companion during his begging trips and said, "Son, I have nothing to give you except a cotton bag and a dirty bronze bowl which I got in my younger days from the junk yard of a rich lady." After his father's death, the son continued begging, using the bowl his father had given him. One day a gold merchant dropped a coin in the young man's bowl and he was surprised to hear a familiar clinking sound. "Let me check your bowl," the merchant said. To his great surprise, he found that the beggar's bowl was made of pure gold. "My dear young man," he said, "why do you waste your time begging? You are a rich man. That bowl of yours is worth at least 30 thousand dollars." Aren't we too oftentimes like that young beggar who failed to recognize and appreciate the value of his bowl? Don't we fail to recognize the power of the Holy Spirit, especially the power of his gifts and charisms in our lives?

Pentecost marked the beginning of the end. It ended the timidity and indifference of the apostles, it ended fear and confusion, it ended compromise and half-heartedness, it ended doing divine activity under the influence of man's wisdom and efforts. At Pentecost, Peter possessed a personality totally influenced by the Spirit of God that enabled him to preach what he believed and live what he preached. His preaching at Pentecost was a tremendous exhibition and illustration of the Spirit's power, a mandatory qualification to become a witness to Jesus Christ.

A genuine experience of Pentecost inspires us to ask, like Peter's listeners, "What shall we do?" The answer is simple: Resolve to reject our old self, the routine ways of living our lives, and accept a new self-given by the Holy Spirit. We need to allow the Holy Spirit to fill every area of our lives our minds, words, relationships, attitude and character to ever remain and live under His divine influence. Fulton J. Sheen once said about the Church, "Even though we are God's chosen people, we often behave more like God's frozen people. Frozen in our prayer life. Frozen in the way we relate with one another. Frozen in the way we celebrate our faith." Today is a great day to ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle in us the spirit of new life and enthusiasm, the fire of God's love. Let us repeat Cardinal Newman's favourite little prayer, "Come Holy Spirit:"

Fr. George Mathew SCJ