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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

*Deuteronomy*

4:32-34.39-40;

*Psalms* 32;

*Romans* 8:14-17;

*Mathew* 28:16-20

This Week: 26th May-2nd June 2024	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
<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
<b>Monday 27th May</b> Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop	<b>10.00 am</b> Janet Silsby (RIP)	
<b>Tuesday 28th May</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am <b>Communion Services</b>	
<b>Wednesday 29th May</b> The Solemnity of Dedication	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Rex Langford RIP (BB)	10:00am until 6:00pm Adoration
<b>Thursday 30th May</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Ruben Dominic RIP	
<b>Friday 31st May</b> Feast of the Visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Anne Copestick RIP	After Mass: Novena to the Sacred Heart
<b>Saturday 1st June</b> Memorial of St Justin, Martyr	11:00 am Mathew Devasiya RIP (I&MM)	9:30 am FHC Meeting in the Hall 10:15 am-10:45 am Confession
<b>Sunday 2nd June</b> <b>Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</b> <b>Year B</b>	8:30 am Holy Mass 10:30 am Bernadette Violet Duffy RIP (PD) 6:00 pm People of the Parish	After 8:30 am Mass: Tea & Coffee in the Hall

*“The Holy Spirit comforts us and heals our memories by focusing our attention on God’s love and His gaze upon us. The Spirit brings order to our lives. He teaches us to accept ourselves, forgive, reconcile with the past, and start anew.”*

**Pope Francis via Twitter 23rd May 2024**

## SACRED HEART COMMUNITY

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### PARISH HALL BOOKINGS

Please contact Sally at  
volunteers.

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## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30am & 10.30am

Happy the people the Lord  
has chosen as his own.

6.00pm

11 AK The word of God.

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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 Ruben Dominic Bridges, little child 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 Ruben Dominic Bridges in your prayers.

### MISSION TALK

Fr. George will be doing a Mission Talk in the diocese of Shropshire so he will be away from the parish this weekend.

### 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.

### 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.

### MARCH FOR LIFE BAKE SALE

The total money raised for March for Life was £130.00. Thank you to all for your support.

### JOB VACANCY

The Father Hudson's Care is looking to appoint an Caritas Development Lead, which is based at Coleshill, Warwickshire, Home Based and travel across the region. **Closing date -5th June.**

Please see poster in the back of the Church

### YOUTH GROUP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our parish youth group is eagerly seeking additional volunteers who are keen to contribute towards the youth group. If you are available on Friday evenings and would be interested in having a conversation about different ways that you could help please email the parish secretary or speak to Matthew Hartley directly.

### WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2024

The society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal this weekend. SPUC's vision is for a world where abortion is unthinkable. This year's appeal calls for the Government to end the pills-by-post DIY abortion policy.

As well as ending the lives of precious babies, this policy lacks safeguards against illegal late-term abortions, and puts mothers at physical and psychological risk. 86% of GPs are concerned that this scheme leaves women vulnerable to coerced abortion.

Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers by highlighting this urgent crisis.

### 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.

### COMMUNITY MEAL

Monday **21st July** at  
12.30 pm in the  
Parish Hall.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy  
will resume after the  
half term.

### 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  
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Diocesan  
Safeguarding team  
can be contacted on  
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rcaob.org.uk if you  
have any concerns.

**Main collection**

**£371.34**

**Gift Aid: £178.00**

**Additional donation  
for CAFOD Sudan**

**£20.00**

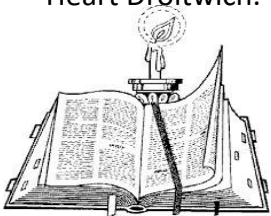
**Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.**

**Mass attendance  
last Sunday: 334**



**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**

*Exodus 24:3-8;*

*Psalms 115;*

*Hebrews 9:11-15;*

*Mark 14:12-16.22-26*

Trinity Sunday is a special Sunday in the Church year; it has been celebrated since 1334 when Pope John XXII fixed it as the Sunday after Pentecost. It is a Sunday which is not tied to any special event. We do not have to remember any special events or rituals. Instead, it is a day on which we remember God; it is a day to focus our hearts and minds on the mystery, and also on the reality, that is God. The French writer, aviator, and novelist, Antoine de Saint- Exupery, once said: "If you want to build a ship, don't herd people together to collect wood and don't assign them tasks and work, but rather teach them to long for the endless immensity of the sea." The Easter celebrations ended with Pentecost. Through the Trinity Sunday the Church is inviting us to return to Ordinary Time, by presenting us with the big picture of the "endless immensity of the sea" we call God.

The Trinity is not an explanation of God, though many have tried to explain what the Trinity means. It is a description of what we know about God, although contradictory and contrary to logic as we know it. One good way to understand the Trinity, even if inadequately, would be to understand the Father, Son, and Spirit as Lover, Beloved, and the flow of love between them that has constantly flowed since before time began. Through the Incarnation, the Beloved (The Son) came to dwell among us. When we stand in the place of the Beloved, when we accept the offer to become the adopted sons and daughters of God, we also become the Beloved of God, and share in this same Flow of Love. However, even this way of understanding falls short and we must be careful not to reduce the mystery to these explanations. The Church teaches us that God is three persons in one nature; that Father, Son, and Holy Spirit together make one Godhead. Beyond that is nothing more than the speculation of our tiny minds.

The first reading of today insists that, though understanding the mystery of God is beyond human comprehension, our God is a God who has immersed himself in human history. He is a God who spoke to the people of Israel, and a God who translated that word into action by redeeming them from slavery and bringing them into the freedom of their own land. However, this immersion was through human intermediaries. Since God wanted to show his love and care for the whole of humanity to the greatest extent possible, he made himself visible when he took on human form, being born as Jesus Christ. This was not all. He went even further when he embraced the Cross willingly and whole heartedly to show that there would never be any limits to his love. His death on the Cross, however, was only the beginning of new life. He was raised and, after his resurrection, gave to his disciples both a commission to continue to do his work on earth and the gift of the Spirit to enable them to do so. Thus, the feast of the Trinity celebrates freedom, love, community, diversity, and inclusiveness. God does not exist in isolated individualism but in a community of relationships. Therefore, the ideal Christian spirituality is not that of flight from the world. Rather, it is an immersion into the world with a view to transforming sorrow to joy, injustice to justice, negatives to positives, darkness to light and, death to life. There is no one who is outside the kingdom of God. There is no "us" and "them". There is only "we." and, we are all connected. The Trinity embraces diversity. We are not asked to be clones of Jesus. We are asked to offer our unique gifts for the good of the community. May God bless us to immerse in His love and unity.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ