



Societas Presbyterorum  
Sacratissimi Cordis Jesu  
BETHARRAM

## SACRED HEART & ST CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

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### Today's Mass Readings

*Exodus 24:3-8;*

*Psalms 115;*

*Hebrews 9:11-15;*

*Mark 14:12-16.22-26*

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

<b>This Week: 2nd-9th June 2024 Psalter Week 1</b>	<b>Holy Mass &amp; Services</b>	<b>Other Events</b>
<b>Sunday 2nd June</b> <b>Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</b> <b>Year B</b>	8:30 am Chinnamma George RIP (SD) 10:30 am Moses Hodgetts & other lost infants RIP (CH) 6:00 pm Bernadette Violet Duffy RIP (PD)	After 8:30 am Mass: Tea & Coffee in the Hall
<b>Monday 3rd June</b> Memorial of Ss Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Mr & Mrs Catton	
<b>Tuesday 4th June</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Ian Martin RIP (P&CI)	
<b>Wednesday 5th June</b> Memorial of St Boniface, Bishop, Martyr	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Ian Martin RIP (KL)	10:00 am until 6:00 pm Adoration
<b>Thursday 6th June</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Ian Martin RIP (LM)	
<b>Friday 7th June</b> Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	6:00 pm People of the Parish	After Mass: Shared meal in the Hall
<b>Saturday 8th June</b> Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	11:00 am Alan Remedios RIP (AK)	9:30 am FHC Meeting in the Hall 10:15 am-10:45 am Confession
<b>Sunday 9th June</b> <b>Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Year B</b>	8:30 am Isabella & Kevin Read RIP (MM) 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 2:30 pm SVP Afternoon in the Hall

*“The Spirit of God who hovered over the waters at the beginning of time  
continues to be present, bringing light and order to our lives.”*

**Pope Francis via Twitter 29th 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 The cup of salvation I will raise  
I will call on the Lord's name

6.00pm The cup of salvation I will raise

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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, a little child who died  
recently. And also for Ian Martin who died last weekend. May their souls and  
the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in  
peace. Please keep the family and friends of Ruben and Ian in your prayers.

### REX LANGFORD

Sheila Langford and family would like to thank all the parishioners who have  
held us in their thoughts and prayers, all their kind enquires, dedicated  
Masses, and caring support following the passing of Rex. It is very much  
appreciated.

### 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 this 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.

### 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.

### **CAR PARK DEVELOPMENT**

Finally, twelve years after Planning Permission was granted, most of the car park at the back of the church is being sold for housing. The building work is likely to start in the autumn. Once the houses are built there will only be 66 spaces for the use of parishioners and hall users. But, during the build, this number will be reduced, inevitably leading to issues. When further details are available, including how the issues will be managed, these will be communicated.

### **JOB VACANCY**

Father Hudson's Care is looking to appoint a Caritas Development Lead. The position is home based and will involve travel across the region. The **Closing date is 5th June.**

Please see the poster at 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.

### **COME AND SEE WEEKEND**

Do you feel deep down in your heart that God is calling you to serve in His church as a priest or a religious? If so, this is the right time to discern. The Sacred Heart Fathers and Brothers (Betharram) invite you to a 'Come and See Weekend' to Explore the Gift of Vocation to the Religious Life and Priesthood from Friday 21st (Evening) until Sunday 23rd June 2024 at the Depuis Retreat Centre, St. Paul's Convent, 94 Selly Park Road, Selly Park, Birmingham B29 7LL

For more information please contact:

Br. Andrew Ferris SCJ : [andrewferris@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:andrewferris@hotmail.co.uk)

### **REFUGEE KNITTING**

Once again thank you so much for the wonderful variety of knitted goods donated recently. As ever so many of them were so thoughtfully packaged, and will undoubtedly bring such joy to the recipients.

Thank you also for the other items of clothing, particularly the vast quantity of underwear which is always desperately needed.

Donations of wool to help defray costs can be placed in the cupboards at the back of the church.

Thank you all so very much for your continual support, and keep knitting, it means so much to the refugees and the organisation. The next collection will probably be in a couple of months.

### **COMMUNITY MEAL**

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

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

The Children's Liturgy  
will resume after 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  
Gerry Ceclich, Clare  
Tomlinson and Carla  
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Safeguarding team  
can be contacted on  
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[rcaob.org.uk](mailto:rcaob.org.uk) if you  
have any concerns.

## Main collection

£286.16

Gift Aid: £221.00

## Second Collection for White Flower Appeal

£213.10

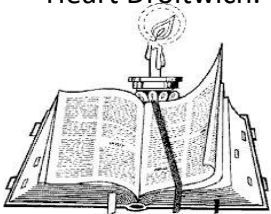
Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.

Mass attendance  
last Sunday: 235



## 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 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

*Genesis 3:9-15;*

*Psalms 129;*

*2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1;*

*Mark 3:20-35*

In simplicity, Jesus gives us the greatest sacrament: the Holy Eucharist. The Eucharist is the most sober & most solemn Sacrament where we experience communion between God and us. At a young age, the young boy Carlo Acutis knew what truly nourishes and heals us: the Eucharist. As a young boy he used his talents for the Kingdom of God: he created a website on Eucharistic miracles and other religious websites. Bl Carlo Acutis would say, "The more Eucharist we receive, the more we will become like Jesus". The Eucharist has sustained generations and continues to bring healing.

Today, we celebrate the solemn feast of Corpus Christi. It is three feasts in one: the feast of the Eucharistic sacrifice, the feast of the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the feast of the Real Presence of Jesus in this Sacrament. Corpus Christi is a doctrinal feast established for three purposes: 1) to give God collective thanks for Christ's abiding presence with us in the Eucharist, 2) to instruct us in the Mystery, Faith and devotion surrounding the Eucharist, and 3) to teach us to appreciate and make use of the great gift of the Holy Eucharist, both as a Sacrament and as a sacrifice. In the Old Testament from time to time we get glimpses and hints of Jesus who is to come, in events or people who are pointing the way to Jesus. In the book of Genesis (Gen 14:18-20) we see the priest Melchizedek is one of those people in the Old Testament giving us a glimpse and hint of Jesus to come. Melchizedek was a priest and Jesus is the High Priest of the New Testament which Psalm 109 prophesied: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek." Melchizedek brought bread and wine which is a foreshadowing of the Eucharist that Jesus would give.

St. Paul's description of the Last Supper, in his first letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor 11:23-26) is very precious to us because it is the oldest account of the Last Supper in the Scriptures, written even before the Gospels. Jesus said, "This is my body..." He did not say, "This is a symbol of my body" or "This represents my body" but Jesus said, "This is my body." Transubstantiation is the name we give to the bread and wine changing into the body and blood of Jesus while maintaining the appearance of bread and wine. Trans – substance, the substance is transformed while maintaining its external appearance of bread and wine: transubstantiation. In the Gospel of Luke (Luke 9:11-17) we see the miracle of Jesus feeding thousands from only five loaves and two fish. This miracle is preparing for the greatest New Testament miracle, the Eucharist. Jesus performed the same four actions over the bread and fish, when he multiplied them, as he would do later over the bread during the Last Supper; he took the bread and fish, said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to his disciples. Finally, today in the solemnity of Corpus Christi, what Christ offers us is His Real Body and Blood, real food and real drink which is the core of our faith. In the Holy Eucharist, Christ draws us closer to himself. Christ is present with us in the Holy Eucharist as the head of the Church. So, today's celebration provides us an opportunity to thank and adore Christ, present in the Most Holy Sacrament. So let us adore Christ saying: O Sacrament Most Holy, all praise and all thanksgiving be unto you. Let's remember the quote of Bl Carlo Acutis, "The more Eucharist we receive, the more we will become like Jesus".

Fr. George Mathew SCJ