



Societas Presbyterorum  
Sacratissimi Cordis Jesu  
BETHARRAM

## SACRED HEART & ST CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

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### Today's Mass Readings

*Ezekiel 2:2-5;*

*Psalm 122;*

*2 Corinthians 12:7-10;*

*Mark 6:1-6*

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

<b>This Week:</b> <b>7th-14th July 2024</b> Psalter Week 1	<b>Holy Mass &amp; Services</b>	<b>Other Events</b>
<b>Sunday 7th July</b> <b>Fourteenth Sunday</b> <b>in Ordinary Time, Year B</b>	8:30 am Iain Martin RIP (PW) 10:30 am Joel Jose (MF) 6:00 pm John Bell RIP (P&PG)	After 8:30 am Mass: Tea & Coffee in the Hall 10.30 am Children's Liturgy
<b>Monday 8th July</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Ashley Smith RIP(VS)	
<b>Tuesday 9th July</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Mary Leason RIP (MB)	
<b>Wednesday 10th July</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Ashley Smith RIP(VS)	10:00 am until 6:00 pm Adoration
<b>Thursday 11th July</b> Feast of St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Iain Martin RIP(AK)	
<b>Friday 12th July</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Ashley Smith RIP(VS)	After mass– Novena to the Sacred Heart 6.30pm Youth Group
<b>Saturday 13th July</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	11.00 am Ashley Smith RIP(VS)	10.15 am –10.45 am Confession
<b>Sunday 14th July</b> <b>Fifteenth Sunday</b> <b>in Ordinary Time, Year B</b> Second collection for the Apostleship of the Sea	8:30 am Milbrough Blizard RIP (RB) 10:30 am Ashley Smith RIP(VS) 6:00 pm Krzysztof Gawlik RIP (S)	After 8:30 am Mass: Tea & Coffee in the Hall 10.30 am Children's Liturgy 2.30 pm SVP Afternoon

*“Let us Pray Together that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick may  
grant the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones.  
May it become for everyone an ever more visible sign  
of compassion and hope.”*

**Pope Francis via Twitter 2nd July 2024**

## SACRED HEART COMMUNITY

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### PARISH HALL BOOKINGS

Please contact Sally at  
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07891144870

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30am & 10.30am Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy.

6.00pm I lift up mine eyes O I lift up mine eyes,  
I lift up mine eyes to the Lord.

**From whence shall come my help, from whence shall come my help?  
I lift up mine eyes to the Lord. (34 AK)**

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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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### CHURCH TOUR FOR PARISHIONERS

Further to the church tour which took place on 6th June, another  
opportunity is available for parishioners on Saturday 20th June at 12.00  
noon. This free tour will be led by John Pilley and restricted to the first 20  
parishioners who request a place. Please email the Parish Secretary, Bogusia  
Koniszewska- Fijolek if you would like to join this interesting tour.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY DROITWICH

A big thank you for the continued donations of jigsaw puzzles, colouring and  
quiz books. They are making a difference to the lives of prisoners. Please  
also remember that we are still collecting foreign, old and unwanted money  
to convert coins4cash for SVP funds. We much appreciate your support.

### IGNITE' 2024-TEENS CONFERENCE

Jesus Youth UK invites all teenagers in school years 9 to 12 (starting  
September 2024) to 'IGNITE' 2024, a Teens Conference centered around 2  
Timothy 1:6 "I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you." It  
will take place at Worth Abbey School in Crawley from Friday August 23rd to  
Monday August 26th 2024 and it will be a time filled with exciting talks,  
various workshops, personal testimonies, and plenty of time to interact with  
other like-minded teenagers, eager to grow closer to the Lord. For more  
details or to register, please visit [https://jesusyouth.co.uk/\(News/Events\)](https://jesusyouth.co.uk/(News/Events)) or  
email [teensministry@jesusyouth.co.uk](mailto:teensministry@jesusyouth.co.uk). If you'd like to speak to someone  
from the parish, please reach out to Vidya Thomas  
at [vidyann14@gmail.com](mailto:vidyann14@gmail.com).

## **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 SUMMER FAIR**

Thank you to all those who supported the Summer Fair, either by making cakes, advertising the event, helping set up the stalls, being a stall holder, selling raffle tickets, helping with the games, providing refreshments, clearing up afterwards, donating items, attending on the day and supporting the event. The total raised for the parish was £2223.85. The list of the raffle prizes is at the back of the Church. Please have a look to see if you have won a prize. The raffle prizes can be collected from the Romero Room after each Mass.

## **NEW LECTIONARY**

The Lectionary, which is the book that contains the scripture readings for Mass and the Sacraments, is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations. The process began with the Roman Missal in 2011 and has continued with all the other liturgical texts. The new Lectionary will use both the English Standard Version Catholic Edition of the Bible and the Abbey Psalter for the psalms. The changes are intended to make the biblical translations more faithful to the original languages, to reflect current biblical scholarship, and to provide a text for use in liturgical setting that is more proclaimable and, where appropriate, more inclusive. All through the year a set of 4 volumes used the total cost will be £960 including book of the Gospel. If you would like to sponsor a volume or more in remembrance of your loved one or to mark a significant event like anniversaries of Jubilees etc your name will be inscribed on the Donor Bookplate in the Lectionary. A single volume cost £192. Please let us know if you can sponsor a Lectionary for the church. The standard edition of the new Sunday missal for the people's use can be ordered. Hard back missal cost 19.95 there is 10% reduction for preorders.

## **THE FLAME OF LOVE**

### **OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY MOVEMENT UK**

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Movement invite you for their annual conference on 2nd-4th August in Ampleforth Abbey in Yorkshire, YO62 4EN.

Please see poster in the back of the Church or visit [www.flameoflove.org.uk](http://www.flameoflove.org.uk) for more information and cost.

## **NEW AUXILIARY BISHOPS**

The Holy Father Pope Francis has (25 April 2024) appointed Mgr Timothy Menezes, Dean of St Chad's Cathedral, and Canon Richard Walker, Vicar General, to be new Auxiliary Bishops to serve our Archdiocese. The Episcopal Ordination will be live streamed from St Chad's Cathedral at 12noon on Tuesday 16 July. Due to limitations on space the Mass of Ordination is by invitation only, but all are welcome to join online via the cathedral's live stream facility; <https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/> The booklet for the Ordination will be available on the website and it is hoped it will also be recorded. If you are interested in watching a live Ordination stream in a big screen, please let us know so that we can arrange in the Church.

## **COMMUNITY MEAL**

Monday **22nd July** at  
12.30 pm in the  
Parish Hall.

## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

There will be  
Children's Liturgy  
during 10.30 am mass  
on 7th & 14th July

## **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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or alternatively the  
Diocesan  
Safeguarding team  
can be contacted on  
0121 230  
6240/[safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you  
have any concerns.

**Main collection**

**£350.82**

**Gift Aid: 133**

**Second collection for  
Peter's Pence**

**£41.21**

**Gift Aid: £88.40**

**Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.**

**Mass attendance  
last Sunday: 244**

**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 July 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**

*Amos 7:12-15;*

*Psalms 84;*

*Ephesians 1:3-14;*

*Mark 6:7-13*

*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.*

On this Fourteenth Sunday of the Ordinary Season, the readings invite us to focus our attention to three important points. The Call to be God's prophets; The Rejection that we will have to face as Christian; and finally, the importance of recognizing our prophetic role. At first glance, the readings remind us about our Call to be prophets. In the first reading God calls Ezekiel to be a prophet to the rebellious Israelites. Like any other prophet, he too was not well accepted by the people.

St. Paul in today's second reading describes his own personal sufferings as "a thorn in the flesh", in his ministry. Despite his plea for its removal, God's response was, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Like Ezekiel and Paul, every one of us is entrusted with this mission of proclaiming God's truth, sharing His love, and living out the Gospel in our daily lives. The Gospel reading from MARK warns us that we will face scepticism and rejection from our own people, just as Jesus was rejected in His own village. Instead of rejoicing and accepting Jesus as the God-sent Saviour and Messiah, they found fault with Him and "took offence at Him." "Where did this man get these things? The saying, "Familiarity breeds contempt," is so true in this case, and they fail to recognise the divine presence in His words and actions. This is a powerful reminder that as we carry out our prophetic mission, we too will face scepticism, cynicism, and rejection. If we look closely into our society and the world at large, we can clearly see this unhinged cynicism, and rejection towards Christianity and Christ.

Unlike towards any other religions, church and Christianity has been disproportionately targeted over the century. It is true that church is made of imperfect people and so it is inevitable that unholy actions could be seen in the church because of those imperfect persons. But the amount of contempt and scorn towards Christ and his Church is way beyond the amount of imperfections in the church. This unjustifiable contempt and scorn towards Christ and his Church are a huge block for many people to know and experience Christ and his message. This is what Jesus warns his followers. In such moments, Jesus says, "Be of good courage, for I have conquered the world." Pope Francis also encourages us, in *Christus Vivit*, No. 64, saying, "Do not be afraid to set your sights higher, to allow yourself to be loved and liberated by God. Do not be afraid to let yourselves be guided by the Holy Spirit." In the face of adversity, we must remain steadfast in our mission like Jesus, trusting in God's grace and guidance. The readings highlight the necessity of recognizing God's presence in the people around us, in their commitment, goodness, truthfulness, justice, and leadership. The people of Nazareth could not see beyond Jesus' humble origins. Their lack of faith astonished Jesus, and He could not perform many miracles because of their unbelief. They missed God's visitation among them and marvellous works for them. We too are called to look beyond our differences to see the potential in everyone. God bless us.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ