



Societas Presbyterorum  
Sacratissimi Cordis Jesu  
BETHARRAM

## SACRED HEART & ST CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

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### Today's Mass Readings

*Jeremiah 23:1-6;*  
*Psalm 22;*  
*Ephesians 2:13-18;*  
*Mark 6:30-34*

**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>21st-28th July 2024</b> Psalter Week 4	<b>Holy Mass &amp; Services</b>	<b>Other Events</b>
<b>Sunday 21st July</b> <b>Sixteenth Sunday</b> <b>in Ordinary Time, Year B</b>	8:30 am Bill Drury- speedy recovery (LD) 10:30 am Pauline Sherwood 60th Birthday (LM) 6:00 pm Anna Sidoli Morris- Speedy recovery (MW)	After 8:30 am Mass: Tea & Coffee in the Hall
<b>Monday 22nd July</b> Feast of St Mary Magdalene	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Milenda Da Silva for good health (MS)	12.30 pm Community Meal
<b>Tuesday 23rd July</b> Feast of St Bridget, Religious, Patron of Europe	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Psychiatric patients did of negligence RIP (BB)	
<b>Wednesday 24th July</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Iain Martin RIP (C&GP)	10:00 am until 6:00 pm Adoration
<b>Thursday 25th July</b> Feast of St James, Apostle	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Iain Martin RIP (J&GP)	
<b>Friday 26th July</b> Memorial of Ss Joachim and Anne, Parents of Blessed Virgin Mary	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Frances, Ernie & David Veale RIP (MD)	After mass– Novena to the Sacred Heart
<b>Saturday 27th July</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	11.00 am Alan Remedios RIP(AK)	10.15 am –10.45 am Confession
<b>Sunday 28th July</b> <b>Seventeenth Sunday</b> <b>in Ordinary Time, Year B</b>	8:30 am Victims of drug abuse RIP (BB) 10:30 am Stuart Hake (NH) 6:00 pm John and Mary Ryan (DR)	After 8:30 am Mass: Tea & Coffee in the Hall

*“Prayer is hope’s main strength.”*

*Pope Francis via Twitter 18th July 2024*

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**PARISH HALL  
BOOKINGS**

Please contact Sally at  
volunteers.

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**8.30am & 10.30am**    **The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

**6.00pm**    **His goodness shall follow me all the days of my life.  
I will walk in God's kingdom forever AK13**

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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 Mary Cotton who died recently. May her souls  
and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in  
peace. Please keep the family and friends of Mary in your prayers. Funeral  
Service for Mary Cotton will take place on Tuesday 6th August at 1 pm.

**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 centred 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).

**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.

### **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.

### **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. Thank you to all who have sponsored the 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.

### **HEAD TEACHER RETIRING**

Mrs. Cath Brian the head teacher at St. Josep's School is retiring after serving faithfully so many years. We as parish community take this opportunity to express our gratitude to Mrs. Brian for her dedicated service to the school. It was her hard work, leadership and teamwork that made our school one of the best schools in the area. We wish her all the very best and may God bless her.

### **TWO NEW BISHOPS FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE**

On Tuesday 16th July, the Archdiocese of Birmingham has been blessed with the ordinations Rev Mgr. Timothy Francis Menezes as titular Bishop of the See of Dougga and Rev Canon Richard Adrian Walker as Bishop of the titular see of Mortlach. Both will serve as the Auxiliary Bishops of the Metropolitan Archdiocese of Birmingham. We pray for the success of their mission as successors of the Apostles.

### **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 1st August soon after morning Mass.

### **COMMUNITY MEAL**

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

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

The Children's Liturgy  
will resume  
in September.

### **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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sg.sacredheart.droit  
wich@rcaob.org.uk  
or alternatively the  
Diocesan  
Safeguarding team  
can be contacted on  
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6240/safeguarding@  
rcaob.org.uk if you  
have any concerns.

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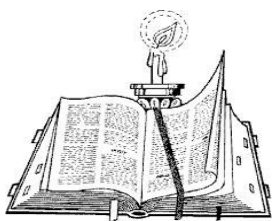
**Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.**

**Mass attendance  
last Sunday: 237**

**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 8th August 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**

*2 Kings 4:42-44;*

*Psalms 144;*

*Ephesians 4:1-6;*

*John 6:1-15*

*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.*

As the schools and the colleges break for summer holidays, we are all in the mood of a holidays. It is important to take a break in life – to move away from the monotony, to rest, to reflect. We all need that a break and rest. In the Book of Genesis, we are told that God took a break from his creative work and rested. So, it is not surprising that Our Lord Jesus Christ in today's Gospel encouraged his disciples to take a break. The text tells us that the disciples had just returned from their work and did not have time to take a break and eat. There is a certain rhythm that we need to maintain in life- the rhythm of rest and work. We cannot work until we have our rest and we cannot rest until we have worked and are tired. There are two dangers in life. First, there is the danger of too much activity, when we spend all the time in the day working, making money or being entertained. Second, there is a danger of too much withdrawal. What would be termed as 'SHIRKING'. This rhythm is also a part of Christian living. Just as no one can work without rest, similarly no one can live a Christian life unless he gives himself time with God. Sometimes the trouble in our lives we are overwhelmed with our work and trying to meet needs of our lives, we miss the time to be with our lord and so give God no opportunity to speak to us because we are not ready yet to listen to Him. We give God no time to recharge us with spiritual energy and strength. Secondly, in Christian living, time spent with God must result in action. Prayer that does not issue in action is not real prayer. We must never seek the fellowship of God to avoid the fellowship of people, but in order to fit ourselves better for it. The rhythm of Christian life is the alternate meeting with God in Prayer and serving his people in the world.

In the Gospel we saw that our Lord Jesus took his breaks for prayer and rest. He was spiritually recharged for his mission and this also gave him a chance to be attuned to the needs of the people. So, as we see in today's Gospel, even though he wanted to set aside time for a break, the presence of the people made him change his mind. It was because of the spiritual rhythm that he maintained that he was able to recognize their needs and rework his priorities. Any human person would have reacted, would have pushed people off because of this infringement of one's time. To attune ourselves to an authentic Christian life we must maintaining the rhythm of spiritual life. The people sensed this spiritual rhythm in Jesus and his disciples; therefore, they kept flocking to Jesus who showed them compassion, who spoke kindly, who gave them hope. Jesus felt sorry for the people because they did not have good leaders to help them find the way, to feed them spiritually, to defend them against spiritual dangers. As we hear our Lord telling us in today's Gospel to maintain a rhythm in life – of work, of prayer and of rest, I know of many people who set aside this time daily for at least half an hour to pray, to reflect on the day gone by, to get spiritually recharged. Maintaining a rhythm helps in our growth as persons. Let's pray that all those who shepherd in Christ's name will continue His work of leading all people into His truth. For our part, let's be eager to know and to understand so as to live our faith fully, and to see such an effort as a generous response to Christ the teacher, who wants to shepherd all of us to eternal life

Fr. George Mathew SCJ