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Sacratissimi Cordis Jesu  
BETHARRAM

## SACRED HEART & ST CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

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### Today's Mass Readings

*Jeremiah 31:7-9;*  
*Psalm 125;*  
*Hebrews 5:1-6;*  
*Mark 10:46-52*

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

This Week: 27th Oct-3rd Nov 2024 Psalter Week 2	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
<b>Sunday 27th October</b> <b>Thirtieth Sunday</b> in Ordinary Time, Year B	8:30 am Margaret, John & Paul Harding RIP (MM) 10:30 am People of the Parish 6:00 pm Iain Martin RIP (MM)	After 8:30 am Mass: Tea & Coffee in the Hall
<b>Monday 28th October</b> Feast of Ss Simon and Jude	9:00 am Holy Rosary 9:15 am Holy Mass	
<b>Tuesday 29th October</b> Feria	9:00 am Holy Rosary 9:15 am Bob Grant RIP (DG)	
<b>Wednesday 30th October</b> Feria	9:00 am Holy Rosary 9:15 am Claire & Jim Langston RIP (MM)	10:00 am to 6:00pm Adoration 7.00 pm Journey in Faith (RCIA)
<b>Thursday 31st October</b> Feria	9:00 am Holy Rosary 9:15 am Peace in the middle east.	5.15 pm Reception of the Body Ben Ward
<b>Friday 1st November</b> Solemnity of all Saints	8:55 am Morning Prayer 9:15 am Catechumens 7.00 pm Holy Mass	1.30 pm The Requiem Mass of Ben Ward
<b>Saturday 2nd November</b> The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed	11.00 am All the faithful departed	10:15-10:45 Confession
<b>Sunday 3rd November</b> <b>Thirty-First Sunday</b> in Ordinary Time, Year B Second collection for Johnson Association	8:30 am Deceased Members of Leasn Family (MB) 10:30 am Michael & Katherine Sekovski, Edward Sykes RIP (BS) 6:00 pm People of the Parish	After 8:30 am Mass: Tea & Coffee in the Hall

***"I ask Jesus Christ to grant that His Sacred Heart may continue to pour forth streams of living water that can heal the hurt we have caused, strengthen our ability to love and serve others, and inspire us to journey toward a just, solidary, and fraternal world."***

*Pope Francis via Twitter 24th October 2024*

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**PARISH HALL  
BOOKINGS**

Please contact Sally at  
volunteers.

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**8.00am, 10.30am** What marvels the Lord worked for us!

**Indeed we were glad.**

**6.00 pm** They go out they go out full of tears, carrying the seed.

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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, 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 and Mrs. Roma.

**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 Ben Ward who died recently. May his souls and  
the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in  
peace. The Requiem Mass of Ben Ward will take place on Friday 1st  
November at 1.30pm. Ben will be brought to the Church on the evening  
before at 5.15 pm. Please keep the family and friends of Ben in your prayers.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR 30TH NOVEMBER**

Parish Fair is the time we all can come together as a Parish Family apart from  
liturgical services to meet and greet our fellow parishioners twice a year.  
Also, though small, it is one way of raising some additional funds for the  
parish to cope with the massive increase of gas and electricity bill, even  
though this winter likely to be better than last couple of winters. The  
Christmas Fair this year will be on Saturday 30th November from 11.00am  
until 2pm. 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. In  
addition, there will be stalls such as coffee tea and cacks, food and cack stall,  
bric-a-brac, tambala and toiletries, toys and books. Please start bringing  
items for these stalls, especially items for tombola and toiletries. We are  
looking for volunteers to help the Christmas Fair. If you can help, please  
contact with Fr. George. Please keep this day in your diary.

**NOVEMBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS**

In November we remember and pray especially for those who have died. At  
the back of the church there are "In Remembrance" sheets. If you would like  
to remember your loved ones who have died, write down their names, place  
the sheet in one of the envelopes provided and put it in the Holy Souls Box  
(do not put any money in the envelope). The 'Holy Souls Box' will be placed  
at the altar in each Mass in November. It is special time of the year to offer a  
Holy Mass for the repose of a loved one or someone close to you who needs  
our prayers. There are Mass Intention Request envelopes available in the  
Narthex if you wish to have Mass offered for deceased relatives and friends.

## **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.

## **SVP SACRED HEART & ST. JOSEPH'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

SVP Sacred Heart and St Joseph's RC Primary school are delighted to announce that we have jointly set up a "Minnie Vinnies " in the school. This is the youngest possible level of membership for the St Vincent de Paul Society and we now have 12 young volunteers. We wish the Minnie Vinnies every success in their efforts to make a difference to society and to people lives. Well done to the staff at St Josephs and to the children. The adult conference is looking forward to having joint events with them.

## **OCTOBER ROSARY MONTH**

Month of October traditionally dedicated as month of the Holy Rosary. So, starting from Tuesday the 22nd till Thursday the 31st of October, we will have Rosary at 9.00 am followed by Holy Mass. During these 10 days, we will be pray for peace in this troubled world through the intercession of Our Lady Queen of Peace. Please do come and join us for the Rosary in the morning.

## **NOVEMBER 2ND ALL SOULS**

All Souls' Day, also called The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, is a day of prayer and remembrance for the faithful departed, through prayer, intercessions, alms, and visits to cemeteries. This Saturday, after the Mass there will be blessing of graves around the church. If your loved ones buried or interred the ashes in the graveyard, please place some flowers at the grave if you can.

## **THANK YOU EVENING FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER**

To thank all of you and the parish volunteers who are involved in different areas of parish life both spiritual and temporal, this year the Thankyou Evening will be on Friday 29th of November. The Evening will start with Holy Mass at 6pm followed by meal and entertainments in the parish hall. Please keep this day in your diary. Please help the catering team by letting us know if you would like to join the meal and social in the parish hall after Mass.

## **"EMBRACE YOUR LIFE TOGETHER IN LOVE"**

The Marriage Encounter weekend (29 November - 1 December at The Ibis Hotel, Rugby) and online experience are an opportunity to explore your relationship at a deeper, more intimate level, regardless of how long you have been together. Thousands of couples in the UK have benefited from a Marriage Encounter Experience. To find out more or book an experience: Go to [WWME.org.uk](http://WWME.org.uk)

## **JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA)**

The next Journey in Faith (RCIA) session will be on Wednesday 30th October at 7pm in the Elgar Room. On this day we will be discussing the topic "Getting to know God through the Creed" second part.

## **IN MEMORY OF BETTY PARRY**

In memory of her gran, Betty Parry's granddaughter is fundraising for St Richard's Hospice. As a director of Worcestershire LitFest Nina nominated them for the Grow Your Dough campaign. She's producing online writing workshops and events from October to December in gratitude to the team at the Hospice, for the love and care they showed Betty and her family. If you are interested in learning more or donating, you can visit

[justgiving.com/page/wlff-172716797879](http://justgiving.com/page/wlff-172716797879). Every bit helps to make a difference.

## **COMMUNITY MEAL**

Monday **18th November** at 12.30 pm in the Parish Hall.

## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Children's Liturgy will resume on **10th November**

## **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 Tucker. They can be contacted on 01299 851188 or email: [sg.sacredheart.droitwich@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.sacredheart.droitwich@rcaob.org.uk) 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**

**£318.22**

**Gift Aid: £188.50**

**Second collection for**

**Missio:**

**£164.85**

**Additional collection**

**for CAFOD:**

**£20.00**

**Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.**

**Mass attendance  
last Sunday: 258**

**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 10th**

**November** 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 6:2-6;*

*Psalms 17;*

*Hebrews 7:23-28;*

*Mark 12:28-34*

*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.*

Today's gospel has a lot to teach us. We see the blind and poor Bartimaeus yearning for healing and liberation. He will not let this opportunity pass him by. So, like a drowning man, he cried out for help: "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!" "What would you want me to do for you?" This question of Jesus to Bartimaeus places a responsibility on both Bartimaeus to express his need and on Jesus to fulfil it. The blind Bartimaeus represents our collective human situation that is constantly yearning for healing and liberation from weakness, sickness, poverty and sin. "What would you want me to do for you?" It is a question that we hear God asking His people throughout the Bible.

We know that God answers the requests of all the people who want Him to do something for them, especially as we hear the words of the prophet Jeremiah in the first reading which talks of God helping His people who were in exile. "What would you want me to do for you?" It is a question that we can hear Jesus ask all of us this Sunday as we gathered around His Table. This is a question that has a lot of care, love, concern and respect attached to it. I'm sure this is a question that spouses would love to hear, as they go about doing their daily work, but would also like some assistance and support in life's journey. This is a question that parents would love to hear from their children, as they look forward to them achieving goals that will benefit them in life. I'm convinced that this is also a question that children would love to hear from their parents as they seek guidance, support and encouragement in their struggles and difficulties. As Christians, this is a beautiful question we can ask people from all walks of life whom we interact with every day. Imagine the impact on life such a question would make because we can see its effect on the lives of so many people who were asked this question by Jesus.

This question brings with it a lot of responsibilities. It may mean dirtying my hands, it may require me to give my time, it may mean sacrificing what is dear to me. But then that's how Our Good Lord would love us to operate for Him because that is how He worked. How about starting it today? Asking the definite question like Jesus, "What would you want me to do for you?" Let's try to make it a ministry of sorts as we go around doing good, because that's the reason why each one of us has been sent into the world. Our blindness might not necessarily be the physical loss of vision. However, it could be whatever limits and prevents us from reaching or maximizing our potential in life. To be free from these limitations, first, we must humbly acknowledge that they exist. Second, it is interesting to note that, Bartimaeus did not believe because he was cured. Rather, he was cured because he believed, and humbly cried out for help. Like the blind Bartimaeus, we must humbly call out to him: "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me...Lord, that I may see." Also, like Bartimaeus, neither the crowd nor pride can stop us from reaching Christ. As the psalmist tells us: "The poor man called and the Lord heard him" (Ps 36, 4).

Fr. George Mathew SCJ