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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 11TH MARCH 2012

BI-CENTENARY OF A.W. PUGIN (1812-1852)

LARGE PRINT LITURGY OF THE WORD AVAILABLE FROM THE SACRISTY

Sunday: Cycle B; Weekday: Year 2; Divine Office: Psalter Week 3

Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Responsorial Psalm: You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Hand bags & personal property: please do not leave unattended – especially when going to receive Holy Communion.

Please do not park in the coach bay outside of the Cathedral Reception – even with a Disabled Badge - you will get a parking ticket!!

Mass Times 10th – 18th March 2012

- Sat 10th Weekday of Lent**
10am Peggy Flynn & Family
- Vigil Mass for the Third Sunday of Lent**
4.30pm Jim & Gerald Byrne RIP
- Sun 11th Third Sunday of Lent**
9am People of the Parish
11am Mary Cotterill RIP
12.30pm *Baptism of Marinela, Etilia & Bonheur Mabaka*
- Mon 12th Weekday of Lent**
12.15pm Ann Byrne RIP
- Tue 13th Weekday of Lent**
12.15pm Brother Bede
- Wed 14th Weekday of Lent**
12.15pm Harry Hayward
7.30pm *Fr Brian Doolan talks on A.W. Pugin*
- Thu 15th Weekday of Lent**
9.15am Mass at St. Chad's School
12.15pm Fr. Gregory Winterton RIP
- Fri 16th Weekday of Lent**
11.45am *Stations of the Cross*
12.15pm Doreen Green RIP
7.00pm CAFOD Romero Mass
- Sat 17th Feast of St. Patrick**
10am Delia Shanley RIP
- Vigil Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Lent**
4.30pm William Bulger RIP
- Sun 18th Fourth Sunday of Lent**
9am Mary Culloty RIP
11am People of the Parish
2pm *Marriage of Susana Flores Langarica & Gary Topiol*

Cathedral Collections

Gift Aid £68.00 **Loose** £661.13

Gift Aid envelopes are available for those who pay tax.

CAFOD Family Fast - £490.98

Second Collection this Weekend: is for the Maintenance of our Cathedral.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions are available after the 12.15pm Mass during the week, Monday to Friday, and following the 4.30pm Vigil Mass on Saturday afternoon. Also, there is an opportunity for Confession after the 10.00am Mass on Saturday during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Anyone seeking baptism for their children or themselves, please contact Canon Gerry or Sr. Thérèse.

Gift Aid can be taken out at any time of the year. It is a valuable source of additional income to the Cathedral at no extra cost to the parishioners.

Please contact Rev Peter Tibke at Cathedral House 0121 230 6208 for details on Gift Aid and other finance matters.

Wills & Bequests— Your Cathedral has benefitted greatly in the past from the thoughtfulness of parishioners who have remembered the Cathedral in their Wills. Some have funded particular projects in Memoriam of loved ones. God bless you for your kindness.

Prayer Intentions

- At this time, we pray for all who are victims of abuse and exploitation, especially children.

We pray for all those who are ill especially: Fr. Ken Collins, Fr Tony Taylor, Fr. Peter Rogers, Fr. Frank Rowe, Marie Iu, Alwen Griffiths, Hector Alphonse, Benedict Symonds and the children in the Children's Hospital.

- For all who have died recently, we remember those who have lost their lives through violence and terrorism, especially the soldiers killed in Afghanistan and the Reporters murdered in Nigeria. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially: Fr. Chris Thornton, Fr Connell Harkin, Fr Vaughan Lloyd & Fr Bill Madden. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Pastoral Letter on Marriage: this weekend this Letter will be read in all Catholic churches throughout England & Wales. As usual, copies are available for you to take home to give to those who are housebound or lapsed; and for all of us to reflect on its content and use it as a source for prayer and action. With the Letter you will find important information on how to sign a Petition which will be presented to the Government who seek to change the legal definition of Marriage. We as Catholics, along with many other citizens, are encouraged to sign this Petition. Your name alone could make all the difference! Please ensure that you take a copy home.

Welcome to all of our visitors, especially if this is your first visit. If we can be of any help to make you feel at home, please introduce yourself to one of the priests or a member of staff.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 11.45am before Mass at 12.15pm. You are welcome to join us at the start of the Stations or once they have started if you are coming to Mass from work.

CAFOD FAST DAY: the Government are going to match pound for pound any monies we collect for CAFOD up to the middle of May. This is an opportunity not to be missed! If you normally donate to CAFOD at other times throughout the year PLEASE make your donation now so that we can take advantage of this offer and help to change even more lives! Thank you for your generosity last week end.

CAFOD Mass in Celebration of Oscar Romero – St. Chad's Cathedral on Friday 16th March at 7.00pm. Reception afterwards in the Grimshaw Room with refreshments and a short talk by Sarah Smith-Pearse, CAFOD Latin America. Any queries please call CAFOD on Tel: 01922 72294

Events for the Bi-Centenary of Pugin can be found on our Cathedral Website, and on the special Pugin Newsletter, available in the Cathedral. This Wednesday at 7.30pm, Fr. Brian Doolan is giving a talk in the Cathedral for the Victorian Society on A. W. Pugin.

Basilican Magazine: now available and dedicated to the Pugin Bi-Centenary. It is a Special Limited Edition so make sure to buy one!

Wednesday Word Plus + a great resource for prayer and preparation for the Sunday scriptures. Why not make a special effort to use this FREE resource during the coming Season of Lent? Available at the back of the Cathedral.

'40 Days for Life' February 22nd. to April 1st. A peaceful Prayer & Fasting initiative to bring an end to abortion. Please take a leaflet home with you. It is important that we give thanks to God for the precious gift of life; and to pray for all involved in its unnecessary destruction, especially the child in the womb who has no voice but ours!

Walk for Life: Sunday 18th March from St Michael's Church, Moor Street. We gather from 2.30pm and Walk at 3pm to Victoria Square for a Prayer Service and Balloon Release. A witness to the beauty and great gift of LIFE in the heart of our City. All are welcome to join us on the Walk or to gather for prayers at Victoria Square at 3.30pm.

Children & the Sacraments: if you have children not attending a Catholic school who are eligible to receive the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion (those aged 7 or more in June 2012) or children who are to be Confirmed (10 or 11 years old this November). We are run Instruction Classes on Saturdays. Please give full details to Canon Gerry or Sr. Thérèse, or contact them for further information.

Journey in Faith: Continues on Thursday 15th March at 7.00pm. Please come to Cathedral House Reception. A series of informal talks on the Faith for any adult who is thinking about becoming a member of the Church. All details or enquiries to Canon Gerry or Sr. Thérèse.

Readers & Ministers of Holy Communion: We are also looking for more people to volunteer to assist at any of our Masses. Please contact Canon Gerry if you are willing to help. Thank you.

Assistance with cleaning the Cathedral would be most welcome. For more details please contact our Sacristan, Frances on 230 6246 or Reception at Cathedral House on 230 6201, thank you.

Parish & Deanery Events

School Educational Visit this week: Mon. 12th Mar. – Holy Name, Great Barr; Tues. 13th Mar. – St. Thomas More, Sheldon; Fri. 16th Mar. - St. Ambrose Barlow, Hall Green.

Second Fridays: Mass for Students & Young Adults: 7.30pm at the Cathedral. This is an opportunity to meet other young Catholics. Our time together will include a short period for a talk and discussion. All are welcome, especially if you are new to the area. Next Mass on Friday 11th May. There will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) from 7.00pm.

Students Holy Hour, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – Held in the Cathedral every 4th Tuesday of the month, next on 27th March at 6pm, and during term time only. Everyone is welcome.

Diocesan Events & Ecumenical Events

Charity Swing Evening in Aid of Birmingham Children's Hospital to be held in the Grimshaw Room, St. Chad's Queensway on Friday 23rd March at 7.30pm. Black tie/formal dress. Tickets (£20) to include charity auction, buffet and dancing, available from Tel: 07793 749986 or Email: wynneefred@hotmail.com

Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2nd June – 8th June. If you are a school student Year 10 – Year 13 and your School is not going to Lourdes, why not join our Soli House Team in Lourdes? Cost £500. Please contact Catherine 01789267011 solihouse@hotmail.co.uk

St. Anne's Church Flower Festival – Based on the 'Olympic Values' to be held in the Church, Alcester Street, B12 0PB on Friday 9th March (12.30pm-7.00pm), Saturday 10th March (10.00am-12noon & 2.00pm-7.00pm) and Sunday 11th March (after the Parade until 7.00pm)

AGM of the Friends of Cardinal Newman – The Oratory on Tuesday 13th March at 7.30pm followed by a talk on 'Newman and Faith' by Fr. Ian Ker.

Birmingham Newman Association Lecture – To be held in St. Anne's Meeting Room, 96 Bradford Street on Wednesday 14th March from 8.00-10.00pm. Fr. Paul Chavasse will speak about Blessed John Henry Newman's involvement in establishing Dublin University.