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Sixth Sunday of Easter 13th May 2012

The Bi-Centenary of A.W. Pugin
(1812-1852)

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LARGE PRINT LITURGY OF THE WORD AVAILABLE FROM THE SACRISTY

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

Entrance Antiphon: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: the Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: "If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him." Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Please Note the change for the times of Masses on Thursday

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 Blue Badge - you will get a parking ticket!!

Mass Times 12th – 20th May 2012

Sat 12th Weekday of the Easter Season

10am John Sage RIP

4.30pm Madelaine McCann (Vigil)

Sun 13th Sixth Sunday of Easter

9am People of the Parish

11am Alison & Colin Spencer

12.30pm *Baptism of Khyannah & Kai Weston*

Mon 14th Feast of St. Matthias

12.15pm Lucy O'Driscoll

Tue 15th Weekday of the Easter Season

12.15pm Mrs. Beryl Gill

Wed 16th Weekday of the Easter Season

12.15pm Bridhet Lohan RIP

Thu 17th Weekday of the Easter Season

10.30am Father Hudson Good Shepherd Mass

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Fri 18th Weekday of the Easter Season

12.15pm Kathleen Lehenen

Sat 19th Weekday of the Easter Season

10am Noel Fortune RIP

12noon UCM Annual Mass

4.30pm Deceased Members of the Lennon & Brennan Families (Vigil)

Sun 20th Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

9am Fr. Tony Sims

11am People of the Parish

2pm Birmingham Children's Hospital Service

A polite request: would all who receive Communion in their hand please ensure that you consume the Host immediately rather than walk away still holding the Host. Would parents, in particular, ensure that children are aware of this please? It avoids the embarrassment of the Priest or Minister of Holy Communion having to follow someone down the Cathedral to ensure that they have consumed the Blessed Sacrament. Thank you. A gentle but important request.

Cathedral Collections

Last Sunday:

Gift Aid £99.00 **Loose** £705.36

Gift Aid envelopes are available for those who pay tax.

Second Collection next week for Catholic Communications.

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. Thèrèse.

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

We pray for all those who are ill especially: Frs.: Tony Taylor, Peter Rogers, Frank Rowe; also: Mike Stanley, Lorraine Grant, Mariu Mugnaini, Alwen Griffiths, Hector Alphonse, Benedict Symonds, Ann Symonds, Peter Taroni, Barbara Saint, Bridie Kearney; and Dwayne Philpott and the other children in the Children's Hospital.)

For all who have died recently, especially: the Philpott children who died in the arson attack in Derby; and those whose anniversaries occur about this time, including: Canon Wilf Smith; Frs.: Cathal Cassidy, Denis Hickling & Larry Jones. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father for the Month of May:

General: - The Family: That initiatives which defend and uphold the role of the family may be promoted within society. **Missionary:** – Mary, Guide of Missionaries: That Mary, Queen of the World & Star of Evangelisation, may accompany all missionaries in proclaiming her Son Jesus.

A Word of Welcome: in welcoming our usual visitors, we extend a warm welcome to the following Groups who will meet here this week: the Diocesan Historical Church's Committee; the Midlands Catholic History Society; Open University Students; the UCM for their Annual Mass; the Staff of Father Hudson's Society and the Staff & Pupils of many of our diocesan schools for the Good Shepherd Masses on Thursday; and the Chaplaincy Team and families from the Children's Hospital for their Annual Service. We are both privileged and delighted to welcome all of our visitors who reflect so much of the spirit of mission and evangelisation in our diocese.

If we can be of help to any of our visitors, please introduce yourself to one of the priests or a member of staff.

The Good Shepherd Masses this Thursday: for almost 100 years during the Season of Lent, the school children of the diocese collected pennies for the children being cared for in Father Hudson's Homes in Coleshill. The monies collected would be presented to the Homes in Coleshill. Our school children continue to support the mission of Father Hudson's Society which has changed over the years – but their generosity remains the same. Due to the vast numbers of children, Masses are celebrated around the diocese to enable the schools to present their Lenten Offerings. We host two of the Masses here this Thursday, so there is a change to the regular Mass time. However, all are welcome to attend either of these Masses at 10.30am or 1.30pm.

Planned Giving Envelopes: the new envelopes are available for collection from the Sacristy. If anyone would like to start using envelopes for your weekly offering, or use a Standing Order, which is easier for all, please contact the Dean or Deacon Peter Tibke (see front cover).

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. Available at the back of the Cathedral.

Important Parish Meeting Sunday 24th June following the 11am Mass. As a follow up to the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter there is now a Discussion Document for us to consider the wider issues of planning for the future of our parishes and making the best use of our resources, including the involvement of the laity and the deployment of our priests. Please see separate sheet. Also: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk for Document and more information.

Events for the Bi-Centenary of Pugin can be found on our Cathedral Website, and on the special Pugin Newsletter, available in the Cathedral. **Basilican Magazine:** now available and dedicated to the Pugin Bi-Centenary. It is a Special Limited Edition so make sure to buy one!

Journey in Faith: Our next meeting will be publicised in the Newsletter. Please keep in your prayers all who were received into Full Communion with the Church this Easter.

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.

Parish & Deanery Events

Day of Prayer for Vocations at St. Michael's, Moor Street on Friday 18th May.

Bottle Stall: His Grace, Archbishop Bernard, is hosting a Garden Party next month to encourage support for our Cathedral Renovations. The Friends of St. Chad's (St. Chad's Association) have requested help with items for our Bottle Stall please. Any donations would be gratefully received after any Mass or at the Cathedral Reception. For further information please contact the Cathedral or Anne Symonds on 0121 249 1487. Many thanks.

Second Friday Group: Mass for Students & Young Adults: 7.00pm 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 8th June. There will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) from 6.30pm. Everyone, including the 'young at heart,' are welcome to join us.

Invocation 2012: to be held at Oscott College, July 6-8. A remarkable event for all young people who are exploring their relationship with God in a very challenging society. It will be an opportunity to meet with others who have responded to God through a variety of vocations. If your life of Faith needs a boost? – then this is a must for you! More info: www.invocation.org.uk

Diocesan Events & Ecumenical Events

Rosary Rally for Peace: St. Augustine's Church, Solihull, next to John Lewis. Sunday 20th May. Holy Hour at 2pm Mass at 3pm followed by a May Procession and refreshments.

The Beorma Ensemble – Will present a musical journey through Renaissance Europe on Saturday 19th May at 7.30pm at The Link, New Road, Water Orton B46 1QU. Tickets £6, for more information please email magnificat@hotmail.co.uk

Petitions to Our lady of Lourdes: if you would like Canon Gerry to take a petition to the Grotto in Lourdes, please leave them at the Cathedral Reception or in the Sacristy within the next two weeks. Please do not put any money in with your Petitions as they are left un-opened at the Grotto. Donations for Candles to be lit may be left in a separate envelope.

A Day with Mary – To be held at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham on Sunday 3rd June commencing at 12noon. Please see posters at the back of the Cathedral.

Annual Novena and Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Maryvale Institute. Mass, Sermon and Novena each evening at 8.00pm from Thursday Corpus Christi 7th – 15th June Feast of the Sacred Heart. Sunday 17th June at 3.00pm Pilgrimage Afternoon – Open Air Mass and Procession. Please see posters at the back of the Cathedral.

Renovations to the Cathedral Narthex: the work continues – often unseen and perhaps not obvious? The French Polishers are working on the cleaning and re-nourishing of the doors in both side entrances. Also, repairs to the Confessional Roof and corridors continue following rain damage following the theft of lead from the exterior roof. Our apologies for any inconvenience.