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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19TH FEBRUARY 2012

LARGE PRINT LITURGY OF THE WORD AVAILABLE FROM THE SACRISTY

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

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

Responsorial Psalm: Heal my soul for I have sinned against you.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

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 18th – 26th February 2012

Sat 18th Weekday in Ordinary Time

10am John Acquaye RIP

Vigil Mass for the Seventh Sunday

4.30pm Noel & Jane Byrne RIP

Sun 19th Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am Mary Culloty RIP

11am People of the Parish

12.30pm *Baptism of Cameron Brogan*

Mon 20th Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.15pm Lily Davis

Tue 21st Weekday in Ordinary Time

12.15pm Willie Flaherty RIP

The Season of Lent

Wed 22nd

Ash Wednesday

Day of Fasting & Abstinence. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.

9.15am Mass at St. Chad's School

12.15pm Dorrie West RIP

6.00pm Special Intention

Thu 23rd Thursday after Ash Wednesday

12.15pm Thomas Flaherty RIP

Fri 24th Friday after Ash Wednesday

12.15pm Nan Haycock

Sat 25th Saturday after Ash Wednesday

10am Eileen, Jerry & Diggins Family

Vigil Mass for the First Sunday of Lent

4.30pm Danny Sheehan RIP

Sun 26th First Sunday of Lent

9am People of the Parish

11am Mary McCarthy RIP

3pm The Rite of Election

'Walk with Me' for Lent.

The Season of Lent begins this week, providing a wonderful opportunity for us to journey with Our Lord, for his journey is ours too – with all its joys and sorrows. Please make use of the Walk with Me Prayer Booklets available at the back of the Cathedral. Please do take a free copy for anyone who is housebound, lapsed or searching for meaning in their lives.

Cathedral Collections

Gift Aid £92.00 **Loose** £560.96

Gift Aid envelopes are available for those who pay tax.

Second Collection this week for **LIFE**.

Cathedral Poor Box: helps us provide fresh fruit, vegetables & fish for daily food bags given out by St Chad's Sanctuary to the destitute.

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, and the children at the Children's Hospital.
- For all who have died recently, especially Fr. Michael Roche, OSA, & Ronald Thomas; and for all who died in the Prison Fire in Honduras. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially: Bishop Joseph Cleary, Fr. Sean Farrell & Fr. Martin Meager. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

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

General: - Access to Water: That all peoples may have access to water and other resources needed for daily life.

Missionary: – Health Workers: That the Lord may sustain the efforts of health workers assisting the sick and elderly in the world's poorest regions.

A warm welcome to all of our visitors, especially if this is your first visit. Each week the Cathedral plays host to many Groups, Schools and Associations. 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.

Our Prayers & Congratulations: to Roger Raven, on the Staff of St. Paul's Bookshop who was ordained Deacon by Archbishop Bernard last week. Please pray for an increase in Vocations, and for those preparing for Ordination.

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!

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. Thèrèse, or contact them for further information.

Journey in Faith: Continues on Thursday 23rd February 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. Thèrèse.

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: Thurs. 23rd Feb. – The Abbey, Erdington.

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 Friday 9th March. 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 28th February, and during term time only. Everyone is welcome.

Cathedral Website: work has started in updating and improving our Website. **2012 marks the Bi-Centenary of Augustus Welby Pugin** who designed your Cathedral. There is a whole diary of events planned for the year, beginning in March. We shall publish an Events List shortly.

Cathedral Renovations: The Narthex (Porch) as you can see the renovation of the Narthex is almost complete. We are awaiting the return of the external notice boards. Work is being carried out on the door hinges and springs which have worn over the last 170 years or so. Apologies for any inconvenience when entering the Cathedral. Please use the designated doors.

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

Diocesan Events & Ecumenical Events

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

CAFOD Presentation on Campaigning and Thirst for Change – will take place in Newman House Catholic Chaplaincy, 29 Harrisons Road, B15 3QR on Sunday 11th March at 6.30pm. There will be Mass and supper afterwards provided by University of Birmingham Catholic Soc. For further information please contact Marie Southall on Tel: 0207 0955411 or Email: msouthall@cafod.org.uk

Lenten Day of Prayer to be held at St. Mary's Convent, Hunters Road, B19 1EB on Saturday 24th March from 10am-4pm. The cost including dinner is £25. To book please contact Tel: 0121 554 3271 or Email: sistersofmercy@btconnect.com by 10th March.

Taizé Prayer around the Cross – St. Mary's Church, Vivian Road, B17 0DN on Tuesday 6th March at 7.30pm. All are welcome, please come in for tea and coffee afterwards.

BCYS Alton Castle Weekend – will take place from 11th-13th May. It is open to any young person who is in school years 5-9 and costs £65 (excluding transport). Booking forms available from Peter Lucas on Tel: 07971 643648 or Email: peter.lucas@bcys.co.uk