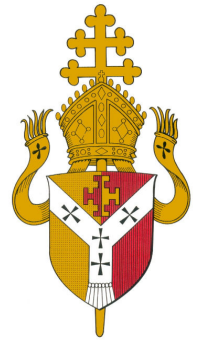


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The Year of Faith
(October 2012-November 2013)

The First Sunday of Advent

2nd December 2012

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Sunday: Cycle C; Weekday: Year 1; Divine Office: Psalter Week 1

Entrance Antiphon: To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Responsorial Psalm: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Mass Times 2nd – 9th December 2012

Sat 1st 10am	Feast of Edmund Campion Tony Quinney RIP
4.30pm	Vigil of the First Sunday of Advent People of the Parish (Vigil)
Sun 2nd 9am 11 am 12.30pm 2.30pm	The First Sunday of Advent Clare McGeown & Robert Kimberley Jahanzaib (In thanksgiving) <i>Baptism of Leona Tamirepi</i> Messe en Français <i>Baptism & Reception of Jolie Mpomabe</i> <i>Baptisms of Ryan Mpomabe Levande & Geordie Mawusa Levande.</i>
Mon 3rd 12.15pm	Memorial of St. Francis Xavier Mary & Philip Doherty
Tue 4th 12 noon 12.15pm	Weekday in Advent Midday Prayer CHAPTER MASS
Wed 5th 12.15pm	Feast of St. Birinus Holy Souls
Thu 6th 9.15am 12.15pm	Weekday in Advent Mass in St. Chad's School Christy & Marie Gleeson RIP
Fri 7th 12.15pm	Memorial of St. Ambrose Bridget Holte RIP
Sat 8th 10am 4.30pm	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Brennan, Hession & O'Connor Families Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent Mary Flaherty RIP
Sun 9th 9am 11am	The Second Sunday of Advent People of the Parish Purdue, Nolan & Whitty Families

Please Note: Archbishop Bernard will celebrate the 10am Mass next Saturday for the Diocesan Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

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Cathedral Collections

Last Sunday:

Loose £843.44 Gift Aid £88.00

Second Collections

Last week: Catholic Youth Services
£93.71

This week: Our Poor Parishes

Gift Aid envelopes are available for those who pay tax.

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. Fr Noel Bisibu N'tungu conducts baptisms for the Congolese Community every First Sunday. Please contact Canon Gerry.

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.: Peter Rogers, Frank Rowe & John Berry; Deacon: David McCarroll; Infants: Cara Rose McCourt, Victoria Czyzo & Charlotte Lockery; also Mike Stanley, Yvonne Barraclough, John O'Donaghue, Marie Southall, Sheila Barr, Lorraine Grant, Alwen Griffiths, Peter Taroni, Barbara Saint, Bridie Kearney & Bernard Alsopp.

For all who have died recently, especially Shirley Haines, Eileen Gambs & Atilano Calvo Amigo, and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time, especially: Fr. Liam MacFarlane & Horace Ralph. 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 December:

General: - Migrants. That migrants throughout the world may be welcomed with generosity and authentic love, especially by Christian communities. **Missionary:** Christ, light for all humanity. That Christ may reveal himself to all humanity with the light that shines forth from Bethlehem and is reflected in the face of his Church.

A Word of Welcome to our Cathedral: we welcome all of our visitors, especially if this is your first visit. We make a special word of welcome to the Metropolitan Chapter on Tuesday. You are welcome to join us for Midday Prayer at noon and Mass at 12.15pm. This weekend we welcome the Knights of St. Columba to the 4.30pm Mass for the enrolment of Officers; and at the 9am Mass on Sunday we welcome the children and their families from the parish and St. Chad's School who are to be enrolled for the Sacraments. If we can be of any help to our visitors please do speak with a member of the clergy or our cathedral staff.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception: next Saturday. His Grace, Archbishop Bernard will celebrate Mass at 10am. Please come and pray for our Diocese, especially in this Year of Faith.

The Season of Advent: once more we enter this beautiful time in the Church's calendar. You will notice in the Cathedral the colour **purple**, a royal colour as we await the coming of the King. We do not use flowers in Advent, but our focus is the **Advent Wreath** next to the lectern to illuminate the word of God proclaimed from Holy Scripture which leads us through this season to the Light of the Christ Child. The circular wreath symbolises eternity and eternal life; its evergreen foliage signifies enduring life reminding us of the persistence of life in the midst of winter and the darkness that would seek to overcome us. Each week of Advent we light an additional candle on the wreath as Christmas draws ever near. The **Jesse Tree**, an ancient Christian symbol, represents the Family Tree of Jesus 'springing from the root of Jesse' decorated with symbols of Old Testament people who looked forward in hope to the coming of the Messiah. Throughout Advent the children of the parish will decorate our Tree. In this Year of Faith, these rich symbols along with our Scripture, the Walk with Me Booklets and Calendars will guide and help us to encounter and deepen our relationship with the person of Christ that we may truly celebrate his birth at Christmas.

The Year of Faith: Archbishop Bernard has placed the Year of Faith under the patronage of Blessed Dominic Barberi, a Passionist priest closely associated with the conversion of Blessed John Henry Newman. A Shrine has been created in the Chapel of St. Edward to encourage us to seek the intercession of this Holy man, and to pray that he may be raised to the Altar of the Saints. A Relic of Blessed Dominic is kept in the Tabernacle in the Chapel.

St. Chad's Cathedral Calendar 2013: we have produced a wonderful Calendar for 2013 containing lots of beautiful images of our Cathedral for only £10.00 to help raise funds for our renovation. The Calendar will make the perfect Christmas gift. It is available at Reception, Cathedral House and in St. Paul's Bookshop.

School Educational Visits this week: Mon. - St. Brigid's, Northfield; Wed. – St. Philip's, Smethwick.

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.

Catholic Today: our very own newspaper the latest edition is now available in the Cathedral.

Missio (Mill Hill Missionaries Red Boxes) are now due for collection, please return them no later than Sunday 16th December to Sister Thérèse at Cathedral House, thank you.

St. Chad's Sanctuary – Sr. Margaret is in urgent need of warm winter clothing and walking shoes for men, women and children please. Also, we need scarves and gloves for men if possible, and hand cream and moisturiser? The Sanctuary phone number is 233 3127 if you are able to help. Thank you.

Parish & Deanery Events

St. Chad's Choral Outreach Project: a new initiative for our Birmingham Primary Schools to develop vocal techniques and choral singing for our youngsters with an aim to create a Youth Choir of the highest standard drawn from our local schools who will perform at the Cathedral. This may well provide an opportunity for them to take up Junior Choral Scholarships. If any schools are interested please email: stchadschoraloutreach@hotmail.co.uk. More information to follow. Please see Website.

Journey of Faith 2012/13 Programme continues on Thursday 6th December from 7.00-8.30pm in the Chapter Room, Cathedral House. This is an opportunity for people who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. Please contact Canon Gerry directly Tel: 0121 230 6209 or Email: canonbreen@rc-birmingham.org or gerrybreen@btinternet.com.

Children and the Sacraments: we have begun Instruction Classes on Saturdays for children who do not attend a Catholic school or those who are old enough but have not made their First Holy Communion or Confirmation. If you wish your child to be enrolled for Instruction please speak with Fr. Gerry or Sr. Thérèse after Mass, or contact us by telephone or email to provide your details. Thank you.

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 is on Friday 14th December. 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.

Diocesan Events & Ecumenical Events

The Birmingham Nativity Trail: at the Museum & Art Gallery continues until 6 January 2013, it is open to the public and free to view. Please make time to visit the Christmas Crib next to the Council House.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY PERSONAL PROPERTY IN THE BENCHES WHEN GOING TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION.

CHANGES TO PARKING OUTSIDE OF THE CATHEDRAL - THERE ARE NO LONGER ANY PAY & DISPLAY PARKING BAYS. THERE ARE SPACES FOR BLUE BADGE HOLDERS AT THE FAR END OF THE PARKING BAY. THIS IS BECAUSE THE ROAD IS NOW CLASSED AS A RED ROUTE FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES.

Please visit our Website for more notices and news.

C.C.T.V. IS IN OPERATION FOR YOUR SAFETY & SECURITY.