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TWENTYSEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
2ND OCTOBER 2011

LARGE PRINT LITURGY OF THE WORD AVAILABLE FROM THE SACRISTY

Sunday: Cycle A; Weekday: Year 1; Divine Office: Psalter Week 3

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, you have given everything its place in the world, and no one can make it otherwise. For it is your creation, the heavens and the earth and the stars: you are the Lord of all.

Responsorial Psalm: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to those who are searching for his love.

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 1st. Oct-9th Oct 2011

Sat 1st. 10am	St Teresa of the Child Jesus Veronica Jordan
	Vigil of Twenty Seventh Sunday 4.30pm The Clifford Family
Sun 2nd. 9am 11am 12.15pm 2.30pm	Twenty Seventh Sunday Betty Carrie RIP Joe Daly <i>Baptisms of Eranga, Saman, Nuwan, Nelum&UdayalBentaraGuruge</i> Messe en Français
Mon 3rd. 11am 12.15pm	Feria Requiem for Thomas Concannon Patrick & Mary Burke RIP
Tue 4th 12.15pm	St Francis of Assisi Cathedral Chapter Mass
Wed 5th. 12.15pm	Feria Audrey Wardell
Thu 6th. 9.15am 12.15pm	Feria Mass at St Chad's School Teresa & Joe Lawless RIP
Fri 7th. 12.15pm	Our Lady of the Rosary & Family Fast Margaret Bufton
Sat 8th 10am 4.30pm	Feria Philip James Wallis RIP Vigil of Twenty Eighth Sunday Mary Flaherty RIP
Sun 9th 9am 11am 12.15pm 3pm	Twenty Eighth Sunday People of the Parish Mary Howe <i>Baptisms of Happiness, Giradina&GoldyMambu</i> Mass & Investiture of Dame Pat Crosby

Cathedral Collections

Gift Aid £74 **Loose** £525.28 **Musician's Mass** £206.67

Fr Hudson's Society £181.11

Donation towards re-decoration: £500

Special Collection next Sunday for **Cafod Family Fast Day**.

Gift Aid envelopes are available at rear of Cathedral.

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 generosity!

ROTAS (under development)

Eucharistic Ministers

Readers

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

The Cathedral Parish has benefitted greatly in the past from the thoughtfulness of parishioners who have nominated the Parish to receive funds from their estate.

Prayer Intentions

- We pray for all those who are ill especially: Alwen Griffiths, Hector Alphonse, and all of the children at the Children's Hospital, especially Francis Xavier Pryce & Flora McDermott.
- For those who have died recently especially Thomas Concannon.. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur about this time. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

A warm welcome to all of our visitors. Welcome to all of our visitors, especially if this is your first visit. It is good to see our students back for the new academic year; and many new faces too from around the world. 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. If you are new to the Cathedral Parish, please let us have your details by email or letter. We are grateful for the assistance of Fr. Gerry Lennon and Fr. Chris Marshall with our Cathedral Masses and Confessions.

Meet & Greet after 11am this Sunday 2nd October. Sr Margaret has invited us to meet at the Sanctuary behind the Cathedral. All parishioners are welcome, especially new ones!. It will be an opportunity to see at first-hand the excellent work being done by the Sanctuary Volunteers for those who are destitute. Also present will be Nigel Simons and Nic Clarke who will be running in the Birmingham Half-Marathon to raise funds for the Sanctuary (and may be sponsor them!).

Oscott College Seminarians: we also welcome to the parish two 5th Year students from our Diocesan Seminary who are on Pastoral Placement. They are Henry Whisenant and Kieran Fletcher. They will be helping with the Journey in Faith program. It is wonderful that we have them with us. Please do keep them and all who are training for the priesthood in your prayers. (See Vocations Notice)

Cathedral Narthex (Porch): is being decorated at present. You can still access the Cathedral. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Messe en Français: every first Sunday of the Month at 2.30pm for our French speaking parishioners. Next date this - **Sunday 2nd October**

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 commencing Instruction Classes in October, to be held on Saturdays. Please give full details to Fr Gerry or SrThérèse.

Adult Instruction in the Faith: Starts Thursday 13th October at 7.30 informal talks on the Faith for any adult who is thinking about becoming a member of the Church. These talks will be held on Thursday evenings. All details or enquiries to Fr Gerry or SrThérèse.

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.

Altar Servers: if anyone is interested in assisting during the Mass as an Altar Server, please contact Canon Gerry. Children and young people who have made their First Holy Communion may be servers. It is also an invite to those not so young!

The New Translation of the Mass: We have begun using the New Translation and thank you for your positive comments. There are simple photocopies available for the People's Responses at the rear of the Cathedral. However, it is advisable for you to purchase a Card or Booklet which includes ALL of the prayers and texts. There is a variety available from the Cathedral Bookshop. The Staff will be happy to advise you. Monsignor Bruce Harbet, priest of the diocese, worked on the New Translation in Rome and has written very 'user friendly' CTS Booklet which explains all about the 'changes'. It is an excellent publication, and can be bought or ordered through the Book Shop.

'The Wednesday Word': A missionary initiative promoted by Archbishop Bernard and the Diocesan Education Service. A very effective way of sharing the Scriptures in our parishes, homes and schools. It is very simple: make time on Wednesday of each week to spend a little time in prayer as family, or friends, and using the sheet provided, to reflect on the Word of God which we will share in Mass the following Sunday. Although we are using this in our schools, the purpose is to bring together our Parish, Homes and Schools. For more information, please visit our Website, or www.wednesdayword.org

The sheet for next Sunday's Liturgy of the Word 9th October is available at the back of the Cathedral.

Parish & Deanery Events

Second Fridays Students & Young Adults Mass: 7.30pm at the Cathedral. This is an opportunity to meet other young Catholics. Our time together will include a short period of discussion on topical issues; followed by Mass; ending with tea or coffee. All are welcome, especially if you are new to the area. Next Mass Friday 14th October.

School Educational Visits this week: Wed. 5th Oct. – St John Vianney, Coventry; Thurs 6th Oct.: St Francis', Walsall & Fri 7th Oct: St Paul's Girls, Edgbaston.

St Chad's Sanctuary: we are indebted to the help we receive for the running of the Sanctuary and the assistance we are able to afford to the destitute (which includes Mums and children.) We are struggling for tinned fish at the moment – preferably in Brine. (A number of different races and cultures struggle with the taste and digestion of tomato sauce!!) Any help from parishioners or Web readers would be so gratefully received!

Diocesan Events

Oscott College & Vocations: there is plenty of new material available on the theme of Vocations and Oscott College. There are prayer cards for you to use to pray for our present students and to pray also for priests for all our futures. Please see the poster inviting you to visit the College and join them for Prayer.

Faith Today the October Edition is available in the Cathedral. An excellent publication about Real People.

Ecumenical Events

Our Newsletter & Website: as you can see this is 'a work in progress'. We will continue to experiment till we get it right! Any items for publication should be sent in no later than Thursday please!