



Metropolitan Cathedral & Basilica of St Chad
St Chad's Queensway, Birmingham, B4 6EU



Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

23rd September 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 1

Entrance Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord upholds my life.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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 23rd – 29th September 2012

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| Sat 22nd | Weekday in Ordinary Time |
| 10am | Ernie Slater |
| 4.30pm | People of the Parish (Vigil) |
| Sun 23rd | Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 9am | Thomas Flaherty |
| 11am | Anthony Walshe |
| Mon 24th | Our Lady of Walsingham |
| 12.15pm | Paddy Finn |
| Tue 25th | Weekday in Ordinary Time |
| 12.15pm | David Hickman |
| Wed 26th | St. Cosmas & St. Damien |
| 12.15pm | Francis Hamilton |
| Thu 27th | St. Vincent de Paul |
| 9.15am | Mass in St. Chad's School |
| 12.15pm | Ben Barlow |
| Fri 28th | Weekday in Ordinary Time |
| 12.15pm | Noel Blackhay |
| Sat 29th | Feast of St. Michael, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael |
| 10am | Matthew Mendy |
| 4.30pm | People of the Parish (Vigil) |
| Sun 30th | Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 9am | David Davies |
| 11am | Fr. Tony Sims |

Messe en Français: every First Sunday of the Month at 2.30pm.
Next Mass Sunday 7th October.

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 and well-intended request.

Please visit our Website for more notices and news.

Cathedral Collections

Last Sunday:

Loose £499 Gift Aid £60
Home Mission Collection: £225

Second Collection today for Father Hudson Society.

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; Deacons: Trevor Smith & David McCarroll; Babies Cara Rose McCourt & Adrian Hejduk, David Walmsley-Cotham, Mike Stanley, 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: Fr. Tony Taylor, Mary McNulty, Virginia Harrison and Donna Kirton. Also for those whose anniversaries occur about this time, especially: Pope John Paul I; Canons: Leo Twiney & Bert Adams; Mgrs.: Michael McTernan & Henry Farrelly; Frs.: Peter Lloyd, Gordon Banks, Paul Orchard, John Bale, Edward Cotter & Laurence Daly. 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 September:

General: - Politicians: That politicians may always act with honesty, integrity, and love for the truth.

Missionary: – Help for the Poorest Churches: That Christian communities may have a growing willingness to send missionaries, priests, and lay people, along with concrete resources, to the poorest Churches.

A Word of Welcome to our Cathedral: we welcome all of our visitors, especially if this is your first visit. If we can be of any help to our visitors, please introduce yourself to one of the priests or a member of staff.

Pastoral Letter from His Grace, Archbishop Bernard Longley, on the Year of Faith: to be read in all the churches of the diocese this weekend. As always, copies of this Letter are available from the Sacristy at the end of Mass. Please ask for a copy to take home for those who cannot be with us, in particular those who may have lapsed in the practise of their 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. There will be plenty of resources available to lead us joyfully together in prayer and hope throughout this Year of Faith.

Year of Faith Opening Mass: Sunday 14th.October at 3pm. Clergy, religious and parishioners from across the diocese will gather at the Cathedral to begin this wonderful year together. All are welcome.

School Educational Visits this week: Wed. 26th:St Jude's, Maypole. Thurs. 27th :St Joseph's, Whitnash. Fri 28th. Corpus Christi, Stechford.

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 at the back of the Cathedral and is packed with lots of interesting features about our diocesan family and the Catholic life of the diocese.

Other Catholic Newspapers: are available from the Cathedral Shop. Please remember that the shop is not open on Sundays.

Parish Lunch: Sunday 30th.September following the 11am Mass. Held in the Canon's Dining Room. Home cooked food. To help with preparation, it has to be by Ticket only, so please book now! Adults £7 and Children under 10: £5. Come and enjoy good food and excellent company.

Sponsored Bike Ride: to raise funds to purchase an incubator for the Princess Marie Louise Children's Hospital in Accra, Ghana. Liz Anseh, and her young niece are completing a 5 kilometre cycle. Please sponsor this worthy cause if you can. You may wish to make a one off donation? Thank you to all who have done so already.

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!

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.

Visit of the Icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa to Saint Chad's Cathedral: Friday 9th – Saturday 10th November: We are delighted to welcome the icon as part of a national tour. More details will be published once they are finalised.

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 Friday 12th October. 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.

Journey of Faith 2012/13 Programme commences on Thursday 4th October from 7.00-8.30pm in 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

Peace Ambassadors Margaret & Barry Mizen share their experiences with CAFOD partners working for peace in Nairobi at the Parish Centre, St. Mary the Mount, Walsall WS1 3NF on Wednesday 26th September at 7.00pm. Please see posters at the back of the Cathedral.

Diocesan Events & Ecumenical Events

Inter-Cultural Mass: Saturday 6th October 3pm at St. Catherine's, Bristol Road. A wonderful opportunity to celebrate the rich diversity of culture and language that make up the unity of our faith in the City of Birmingham. We encourage in particular those who are new to our city.

St. Mary's College, Oscott Guided Tours. Please contact Maggie Wilson (Tel: 0121 321 5026) if you would like to join a tour of Oscott College available most Wednesday afternoons (commencing at 1pm) during term time. Cost is £7 including tea. Please see leaflets at the back of the Cathedral.

World Youth Day 2013: Rio De Janeiro 17th - 29th July 2013. Archbishop Bernard will be joining young people from across the diocese on this great event. We would like all of our parishes to be represented by at least one young pilgrim. If you will be 18 years of age by the summer of 2013 and may be interested in going to represent the Cathedral. Please have a word with Canon Gerry. More info on the Birmingham Catholic Youth Services (BCYS) website: www.bcys.co.uk

Volunteers Needed: if anyone would like to join one of our teams of volunteers who assist in the following areas of Cathedral life we would be most grateful: our Counting Team on Monday mornings; our Cleaning Team for the Cathedral, to suit any hours you may be free; or our Team of Cathedral Guides who conduct pre-arranged tours of the Cathedral & Crypt? Training will be given to anyone who may be interested. Please contact Fr. Gerry. Thank you for the kind offers so far! More would be welcome. Many thanks!

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