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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 4TH MARCH 2012

BI-CENTENARY OF A.W. PUGIN (1812-1852)

LARGE PRINT LITURGY OF THE WORD AVAILABLE FROM THE SACRISTY

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

Entrance Antiphon: Of you my heart has spoken: seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

Responsorial Psalm: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him." Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Communion Antiphon: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

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 3rd – 11th March 2012

Sat 3rd 10am	Weekday of Lent Annette Ekunzola
4.30pm	Vigil Mass for the Second Sunday of Lent People of the Parish
Sun 4th 9am 11am	Second Sunday of Lent Mary Culloty RIP Barbara Pickles <i>Followed by Meet & Greet in the Grimshaw Room</i>
2.30pm	Messe en Français
Mon 5th 12.15pm	Weekday of Lent Doreen Green RIP
Tue 6th 12.15pm	Weekday of Lent Margaret & Peter McCarthy Families
Wed 7th 12.15pm	Weekday of Lent Eric Banneville RIP
Thu 8th 9.15am 12.15pm	Weekday of Lent Mass at St. Chad's School Mary Flaherty RIP
Fri 9th 12.15pm 7.30pm	Weekday of Lent Caitlin Griffin & Kate Byrne Young Adults Mass
Sat 10th 10am	Weekday of Lent Peggy Flynn & Family
4.30pm	Vigil Mass for the Third Sunday of Lent Jim & Gerald Byrne RIP
Sun 11th 9am 11am 12.30pm	Third Sunday of Lent People of the Parish Mary Cotterill RIP <i>Baptism of Marinela, Etilia & Bonheur Mabaka</i>

Cathedral Collections

Gift Aid £55.00 **Loose** £516.62

Gift Aid envelopes are available for those who pay tax.

2nd Collection for CAFOD this Sunday. Gift-Aid envelopes available. Please read note below.

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, Benedict Symonds and the children in the Children's Hospital.
- For all who have died recently, especially Larry Thompson, Margaret O'Reilly & Kitty Dooner. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially: Fr. Terry Luxton & Deacon James Rowe. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

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

General: - Contribution of Women: That the whole world may recognize the contribution of women to the development of society.

Missionary: – Persecuted Christians: That the Holy Spirit may grant perseverance to those who suffer discrimination, persecution, or death for the name of Christ, particularly in Asia.

Welcome to all of our visitors, especially if this is your first visit. 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.

CAFOD FAST DAY: the Government are going to match pound for pound any monies we collect for CAFOD up to the middle of May. This is an opportunity not to be missed! If you normally donate to CAFOD at other times throughout the year PLEASE make your donation now so that we can take advantage of this offer and help to change even more lives! Our Second Collection this Sunday is for CAFOD.

Events for the Bi-Centenary of Pugin can be found on our Cathedral Website, and on the special Pugin Newsletter, available in the Cathedral.

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 8th March 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

Meet & Greet one another over a tea/coffee in the Grimshaw Room, after 11am Mass today.

Messe en Français in the Cathedral this Sunday 4th March at 2.30pm, all are welcome.

School Educational Visit this week: Tues. 6th Mar. – St. Ambrose Barlow, Hall Green.

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 this 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 27th March at 6pm, and during term time only. Everyone is welcome.

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.

'Moving Statues': you will notice that the Statue of Our Lady has returned to her original place on the corbel specially designed for her by Pugin. The statue was his gift to the Cathedral, and is 15 Century, Netherlandish; and is reputed to be the very first statue of Our Lady erected after the Reformation for public veneration. (This also provides greater security.) At some point, we will have to re-site the Sacred Heart Statue to a higher level. You will notice, not only the damage caused by smoke from the votive candles – but more of a concern, is the shrinkage of the plaster caused by heat from the candles which is breaking up the statue (a gift from Archbishop Ilsley).

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

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.

St. Anne's Church Flower Festival – Based on the 'Olympic Values' to be held in the Church, Alcester Street, B12 0PB on Friday 9th March (12.30pm-7.00pm), Saturday 10th March (10.00am-12noon & 2.00pm-7.00pm) and Sunday 11th March (after the Parade until 7.00pm)

Birmingham Newman Association Lecture – To be held in St. Anne's Meeting Room, 96 Bradford Street on Wednesday 14th March at 7.00pm. Fr. Paul Chavasse will speak about Blessed John Henry Newman's involvement in establishing Dublin University.

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

Apologies for not having room for all of the notices

to appear on our Newsletter. More information is available on our Website.