



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



# The Year of Faith

(October 2012–November 2013)

## Thirty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

4<sup>th</sup> November 2012

Tel: 0121 230 6201 (Reception) or 0121 236 2251 (Cathedral House) Fax: 0121 230 6281  
Email: [reception@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:reception@rc-birmingham.org) Website: [www.stchadscathedral.org.uk](http://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk)

Canon Gerry Breen (Administrator & Dean) Tel: 0121 230 6209  
Email: [canonbreen@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:canonbreen@rc-birmingham.org) [gerrybreen@btinternet.com](mailto:gerrybreen@btinternet.com)

Fr. Gerry Lennon (Chaplain to the Children's Hospital) & Fr. Christopher Marshall  
Fr. Noel Bisibu N'tungu (Chaplain to the local Congolese Community). Contact at Cathedral House as above  
Oscott Seminarians: Alf Rebello, Roy Cooper & Roberto Ciardo

Sister Thérèse O'Brien (Pastoral Assistant) & Sister Florence Njoku Tel: 0121 454 1289  
Sister Margaret Walsh (St. Chad's Sanctuary Mon.-Fri. 10.30am-3.00pm) Tel: 0121 233 3127  
Mrs. Gabrielle Stanley (Parish Safeguarding Representative) Tel: 07939 472059  
Andrew De Valliere (Site Manager) Tel: 0121 230 6205 Email : [andrew@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:andrew@rc-birmingham.org)  
Professor David Saint (Director of Music) Organist: Nigel Morris  
Tel 0121 236 6247 [music@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:music@rc-birmingham.org)  
Junior Choir Outreach: [stchadschoraloutreach@hotmail.com](mailto:stchadschoraloutreach@hotmail.com)  
Cathedral Bookshop (Society of St Paul) Lorenzo Torri (Manager) 0121 236 6336  
St. Chad's Catholic Primary School: Mrs Deborah Cachia (Head teacher) 0121 464 6554

**LARGE PRINT LITURGY OF THE WORD AVAILABLE FROM THE SACRISTY**

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

**Entrance Antiphon:** Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

**Responsorial Psalm:** I love you, Lord, my strength.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

St. Chad's Cathedral is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Reg. Charity No. 234216  
Newsletter available online <http://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/newsletters.asp>

## Mass Times 3<sup>rd</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> November 2012

<b>Sat 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
10am	Roy Wilson RIP
12noon	Knights of St. Columba Mass
4.30pm	Holy Souls (Vigil)
<b>Sun 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9am	Christian Jude La Blanc
11am	Mary Ann Wallis RIP <i>Followed by Meet &amp; Greet</i>
2.30pm	Messe en Français
<b>Mon 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
12.15pm	Dot & Don Crump
<b>Tue 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
12.noon	Midday Prayer
12.15pm	<b>CHAPTER MASS</b>
<b>Wed 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
12.15pm	Tim & Elly Sheehan RIP
<b>Thu 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
9.15am	Mass in St. Chad's School
12.15pm	Mary Flaherty RIP
<b>Fri 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</b>
12.15pm	Margaret Bevan RIP
	<b>VISIT OF THE ICON OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA</b>
4.30pm	Liturgy of Welcome for the Icon including the Holy Rosary
7pm	Sung Vespers led by the Clergy & People from the Orthodox Communities
<b>Sat 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Memorial of St. Leo the Great</b>
8am	Private Veneration of the Icon
10am	Mass in Polish with the Polish Community
12noon	Catenian Mass for Deceased Brothers
4.30pm	People of the Parish (Vigil)
<b>Sun 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Remembrance Sunday</b>
9am	Mary Daly RIP
11am	Holy Souls

**Please visit our Website for more notices and news.**

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

## Cathedral Collections

### Last Sunday:

Loose £511.68 Gift Aid £247.00

**Second Collection this Sunday** for the Johnson Association for Sick & Infirm Priests.

**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 Joyce Crisp & Doris Bone and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time, especially: Mgr.: Bertie Gould, Canon Eugene O'Sullivan; Frs.: John Brisland, Derek Edwards, James Curtin, Cyril Duck & John Drinkwater. 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 November:**

**General:** - Ministers of the Gospel: That bishops, priests, and all ministers of the Gospel may bear the courageous witness of fidelity to the crucified and risen Lord.

**Missionary:** – Pilgrim Church: That the pilgrim Church on earth may shine as a light to the nations.

**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. We welcome this week the Metropolitan Chapter on Tuesday (Midday Prayer & Mass at 12noon); and the Delegates of the National Association of Lourdes Pilgrimage Directors for their Annual Conference. Archbishop Bernard will be celebrating Mass with them on Wednesday at 12.15pm. We also welcome the Knights of St. Columba and Members of the Catenians.

**Visit of the Icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa to Saint Chad's Cathedral: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November:** We are delighted to welcome the Icon as part of a national tour. Please see posters in the Cathedral. The Icon arrives at 4.30pm on Friday. There will be a Welcome Liturgy including the Holy Rosary and a talk on Life Issues. Representatives of Life, SPUC and 40 Days for Life will have displays in the Grimshaw Room. At 7pm there will be sung Vespers (Evening Prayer) with the Orthodox Communities. Saturday morning there will be Mass in Polish at 10am with representatives from the Polish Community from across the Midlands. The Icon will leave the Cathedral at the end of Mass to journey to the Shrewsbury Diocese. There will be plenty of opportunity for private prayer and devotion.

**November – the Month of Holy Souls:** our Holy Souls boxes will be on the Sanctuary throughout the month of November. You may wish to place the names of your deceased relatives and friends in these for inclusion in our Holy Souls Mass each week. Donations for Masses may be included or you may wish to put a donation in the Holy Souls wall safe at the rear of the Cathedral.

**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.

**The Apostles' Creed:** Archbishop Bernard has recommended we use this throughout the Year of Faith. The text is available at the back of the Cathedral, along with the Prayer for the Year of Faith. We conclude the Creed with the addition of *'This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.'* from the Liturgy of Baptism. The Year of Faith Committee has produced some very rich material to assist us throughout the Year. Each week there will be plenty of material for you to take home. Please visit our YOF table at the rear of the Cathedral.

**School Educational Visits this week:** Tues. 6<sup>th</sup> Nov. – St. Anthony's, Leamington Spa; Thurs. 8<sup>th</sup> Nov. – St. Augustine's, Coventry; Fri. 9<sup>th</sup> Nov. – St. Edward's, Coleshill.

**Meet & Greet** every first Sunday of the month following the 11am Mass. Today Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November in the Grimshaw Room you are welcome to join us for a tea/coffee.

**Messe en Français** every first Sunday of the month at 2.30pm. The next Mass will be today Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Mass will be followed by a community celebration in the Grimshaw Room.

**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: 'Year of Faith' Special Edition:** our very own newspaper now available in the Cathedral.

**St. Chad's Association Annual Dinner:** Thursday evening 8<sup>th</sup> November, hosted by Archbishop Bernard. Tickets available from Anne Symonds 0121 249 1487

**St. Chad's Sanctuary** – Sr. Margaret is in urgent need of warm winter clothing and walking shoes for men, women and children please. 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](mailto:stchadschoraloutreach@hotmail.co.uk). More information to follow. Please see Website.

**Journey of Faith 2012/13 Programme** resumes on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 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](mailto:canonbreen@rc-birmingham.org).

**Children and the Sacraments:** we shall soon be starting 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Blessing of Graves St. Mary's College, Oscott** on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm.

**World Youth Day 2013:** Rio De Janeiro 17<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.bcys.co.uk)

**Volunteers:** we are looking for extra volunteers for our Cleaning Rota for the Cathedral. If you have a spare hour or two please contact Fr. Gerry. Also, we need to increase our volunteers on our Counters Team for Monday mornings. If you can help please contact Fr. Gerry. Many thanks.

**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!!**