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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4th September 2011

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

Entrance Antiphon: Lord, you are just, and the judgements you make are right. Show mercy when you judge me, your servant.

Responsorial Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God. My soul is thirsting for the living God.

Last Week's Collections – Gift Aid £75.00 Loose £396.53 Total £471.53

Thank you for your generosity and support of our Cathedral.

A warm welcome to all of our visitors

Welcome to all of our visitors and to those who return from the Summer Holidays. Our staff, pupils and students begin a new academic year. With our main Choir on vacation, we welcome various Parish Choirs from around the diocese and beyond. This week we welcome the choir from St. Wulstan's, Wolstanton. If we can be of any help to our visitors, 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.

Congratulations: to Ronan McCoy, Niall Leahy, Bart Baele & Jos Moons who took their First Vows in the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) this Saturday. Ronan and others are familiar faces at St Chad's Sanctuary; and Ronan is a frequent Altar Server at the 11am Mass on Sundays. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their formation to priesthood.

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

The New Translation of the Mass: this weekend we begin using the New Translation of the Mass, many of you will be use to the people's responses from the weekday Masses. There are sheets available at the back of the Cathedral. Our bookshop sells a variety of publications of the New Translation that you may wish to buy? The Staff are happy to advise you. We shall re-run the catechesis on the New Translation over the next few weeks.

'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 is available at the back of the Cathedral.

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.

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

Messe en Français every first Sunday of the Month at 2.30pm for our French speaking parishioners. Next date - **today**.

Parish & Deanery Events

St. Chad's Cathedral Tours for Heritage Open Days on Thursday 8th September at 10.00am and Saturday 10th September at 2.00pm. Please contact Sarah Nation (Education Officer) on Tel: 0121 230 6215 for further information or see events booklet at the back of the Cathedral.

Racial Justice Sunday – Theme: Created by God, treated like slaves; tackling human trafficking – Prayer Service at **St. Anne's Church, Alcester Street** on **Sunday 11th September** from **5.30-6.15pm**.

Blessed John Henry Newman Institute of Liturgical Music will be launched at the **Oratory, Hagley Road** on **Saturday 17th September** commencing with registration at **9.30am**. For full details of courses and registration forms (to be sent by 10 September) are available from the Oratory Tel: 0121 454 0496
Email: admin@oratorymusic.org.uk or visit www.oratorymusic.org.uk

Diocesan Events

Being Human: Catholic Perspectives Conference to be held at **Newman University College** on **Saturday 17th September** from **10am-4pm**. To book please contact Tel: 0121 476 1181 or Email: conferences@newman.ac.uk

Maryvale Institute Open Day on **Saturday 17th September** from **10.00am-4.30pm**. Maryvale offers a comprehensive range of courses central to the life and mission of the Church. For further information please Tel: 0121 360 8118 or visit www.maryvale.ac.uk

Newman Association Birmingham Circle Lecture – To be held at the **Plough & Harrow Hotel** (Lucullan Room), **Hagley Road** on **Monday 19th September** from **8.00-10.00pm**. “*The New Translation of the Liturgy*” given by Fr. George Grynowski LL.B. Limited spaces, please send SAE to Secretary Winifred Flanagan, 123 Groveley Lane, Birmingham B31 4QA to book a place.

Ecumenical and Inter-Faith Events

Birmingham Faith Leaders Group – Morning pilgrimage around Birmingham's faith centres on **Monday 12th September** commencing at **Guru Nanak Gurdwara, Soho Road** at **9.00**, reaching **St. Chad's Cathedral** at **9.30am**.

Taize Prayer Meeting at **SS. John & Peter Church, Darnley Road, B16 8TF** on **Sunday 18th September** from **6.00-7.00pm**.

Mass Intentions: 3rd – 11th September 2011

- Saturday 3rd** **St. Gregory the Great**
10.00am Sr. Helen Hennessy RIP
- (Vigil for Sunday) 4.30pm Alwen Griffiths
- Sunday 4th** **Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9.00am Mrs. Garvey
11.00am People of the Parish
2.30pm *Messe en Français*
3.00pm *Mass at Harvington (See notice)*
- Monday 5th** **Feria**
12.15pm Rees Family
- Tuesday 6th** **Feria**
12.15pm Bridget Ball
- Wednesday 7th** **Feria**
12.15pm Katie Byrne & Caitlin Griffin
- Thursday 8th** **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
12.15pm Mary Flaherty RIP
- Friday 9th** **Feria**
12.15pm Ceri Adams RIP
- Saturday 10th** **Feria**
10.00am Roman Zapior RIP
- (Vigil for Sunday) 4.30pm Jenny & Howard Drake
- Sunday 11th** **Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 Racial Justice Sunday
9.00am People of the Parish
11.00am Malcolm Spencer-Williams RIP

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!!

Both the Newsletter & Cathedral Website are being improved and expanded.