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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
6th February 2011

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

Entrance Antiphon: Come, let us worship the Lord. Let us bow down in the presence of our maker, for he is the Lord our God.

Responsorial Psalm: The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.

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: Give praise to the Lord for his kindness, for his wonderful deeds towards men. He has filled the hungry with good things, he has satisfied the thirsty.

Last Week's Collections – Gift Aid £61.00 Loose £438.00 Total £499.00

Thank you for your generosity and support of our Cathedral.

Collection next week for LIFE

A warm welcome to all of our visitors. If we can be of any help, 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.

The 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.

Sr. Margaret at The Sanctuary would be extremely grateful for help with any of the following items please: rice, sugar, cooking oil, tinned tomatoes, and toiletries for both men and women – especially disposable razors. Also on her 'wish list' sizes 9 & 10 shoes/trainers for the men (new or nearly new) thank you.

School Educational Visits this week: Thurs. 10th February – St. Bernard's, Moseley.

Congratulations to Jim McManus who has been awarded the Good Samaritan Medal by the Pontifical Council for Healthcare. This award was instituted by Pope John Paul II to recognise the valuable contribution made by Catholics and others in the area of world health.

Parish & Deanery Events

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

Sponsorship Request – Yusef, one of the Cathedral's servers, is visiting Letshego primary school, South Africa with a group from Bishop Challoner's school, who have been working with the school for six years. The group are raising money to fund their trip, if you can help please contact Canon Gerry.

Day of Prayer for Vocations will be held at **St. Philip's, Smethwick** on **Monday 7th February** and at **St. Anne's, Alcester St.** on **Wed. 9th February**.

Journey of Faith Programme 2010/2011 next meeting takes place in the **Chapter Room (Main Reception Entrance) St. Chad's Queensway** on **Thursday 17th February** from **7.00pm-8.30pm**. This is an opportunity for people who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith.

[Diocesan Events](#)

Vocations: 'Come and See'. When Jesus was asked: "Where do you live?" He answered: "Come and see." (John 1:29). Every First Friday of the Month there will be a Mass at 7pm in the Cathedral followed by tea/coffee in the Canon's Dining Room. Mass will be offered for those who are already in formation for the Priesthood, and for those who feel that God may be calling them to serve the Church as a Priest. We encourage parishioners to come and pray for vocations also. This invite is extended to all of our priests and religious. Our meeting after Mass will be very informal and will provide an opportunity to answer questions and share the experience of living life as a Diocesan priest. so please, 'Come and See'. (Please check our website in the event of changes. Thank you)

St. Mary's College, Oscott Public Evening Prayer – You are invited to join the staff and seminarians for Evening Prayer and Benediction on **Sunday 6th, 13th and 20th February** at **6.30pm**. Please see poster for further details.

Archdiocese of Birmingham World Day of the Sick – Saturday 12th February. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley at **4.30pm**, followed by refreshments in the Grimshaw Room.

Archbishop Oscar Romero Mass celebrated by Bishop David McGough to be held at **St. Chad's Cathedral** on **Friday 18th March** at **7.00pm**. Afterwards there will be light refreshments in the Grimshaw Room and a talk about Romero by Jan Graffius, Conservator of the Relics of Archbishop Romero and Curator of Stonyhurst College.

Birmingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage May 29th – June 3rd. For more information please contact Trish Brookes in the Pilgrimage Office: 0121 236 4585 Email lourdesadmin@rc-birmingham.org.

National Pilgrimage to Fatima 8th – 15th July 2011. For booking forms and further information please contact Mrs. Brigid McKenna, Tel: 0121 429 4145.

Birmingham Diocesan Young Adults' Taizé Pilgrimage 23rd July – 1st August 2011. For more information please contact Claire Swaffield Tel: 01905 22224 Email: claire.swaffield@bcys.co.uk

Birmingham Diocesan Holy Land Pilgrimage 27th September – 6th October 2011. Booking forms are available from Holy Land Pilgrimage Support Group, Archbishop's House, 8 Shadwell Street, Birmingham B4 6EY Tel: 0121 236 9090. Completed booking form with non returnable deposit of £300 per person required asap. Please see poster for further details.

[Ecumenical and Inter-Faith Events](#)

Taizé Worship takes place on the first Sunday of every month (ie **6th February**) at The Christian Mediation Centre, 235 Alcester Road South, B14 6DR from 8.00pm-8.45pm. For further information please contact Joy Cheek on Tel: 0121 449 0511.

Mass Intentions: 5th – 13th February 2011

Saturday 5th	St. Agatha 10.00am Mary Guina RIP
(Vigil for Sunday)	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 4.30pm Don Smith <i>The Baptism of Dorina Lekgegaj</i>
Sunday 6th	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Brendan Healy 11.00am People of the Parish 12.15pm <i>The Baptisms of Elim Alem & Nazrawi Elim</i>
Monday 7th	Feria 12.15pm John O'Donnell RIP
Tuesday 8th	Feria 12.15pm Mary Flaherty RIP
Wednesday 9th	Feria 12.15pm Eamon Lynch RIP
Thursday 10th	St. Scholastica 9.15am St. Chad's School Mass, Newtown 12.15pm Thomas Flaherty RIP
Friday 11th	Our Lady of Lourdes 12.15pm Kevin Kilbane
Saturday 12th	Feria 10.00am Joe Daly
(Vigil for Sunday)	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 4.30pm World Day of Prayer for the Sick
Sunday 13th	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am George Hart RIP 11.00am Patrick Walsh RIP 12.15pm <i>Baptism of Mikyas Efrem</i>

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