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TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9TH OCTOBER 2011

LARGE PRINT LITURGY OF THE WORD AVAILABLE FROM THE SACRISTY

Sunday: Cycle A; Weekday: Year 1; Divine Office: Psalter Week 4

Entrance Antiphon: if you, O Lord, laid bare our guilt, who could endure it? But you are forgiving, God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but nothing shall be lacking to those who fear the Lord.

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 8th – 16th October 2011

Sat 8th Feria
 10am Philip James Wallis RIP

Vigil of Twenty Eighth Sunday
 4.30pm Mary Flaherty RIP

Sun 9th Twenty Eighth Sunday
 9am People of the Parish
 11am Mary Howe
 12.15pm *Baptisms of Happiness, Giradina & Goldy Mambu*
 3pm Mass & Investiture of Dame Pat Crosby

Mon 10th Feria
 12.15pm Joe Daly RIP

Tue 11th Feria
 12.15pm James Gaffney RIP

Wed 12th Feria
 12.15pm St. Joseph's Prayer Group

Thu 13th Feria
 9.15am Mass at St Chad's School
 12.15pm Edward McDonald RIP

Fri 14th Feria
 12.15pm Peggy Walsh RIP
 7.30pm Young Adults Mass

Sat 15th St. Teresa
 10am Birmingham Catholic Rambling Club
 Deceased Members
 12noon CWL/UCM Annual Mass

Vigil of Twenty Ninth Sunday
 4.30pm Don Smith RIP

Sun 16th Twenty Ninth Sunday
 9am Paddy Burke
 11am People of the Parish

Cathedral Collections

Gift Aid £112.00 **Loose** £444.84
Donation towards re-decoration: £500
Special Collection This Sunday for **Cafod Family Fast Day**.
 Gift Aid envelopes are available at rear of Cathedral.
Cathedral Poor Box: helps us provide fresh fruit, vegetables
 & fish for daily food bags given out by St Chad's Sanctuary to
 the destitute.

Thank you for your generosity!

ROTAS (under development)

Eucharistic Ministers

Readers

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.

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

The Cathedral Parish has benefitted greatly in the past from the thoughtfulness of parishioners who have nominated the Parish to receive funds from their estate.

Prayer Intentions

- We pray for all those who are ill especially: Alwen Griffiths, Hector Alphonse, and all of the children at the Children's Hospital, especially Francis Xavier Pryce & Flora McDermott.
- For those who have died recently. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur about this time, especially Pope Pius XII & Fr. Seamus Gilroy. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

A warm welcome to all of our visitors, especially if this is your first visit. It is good to see our students back for the new academic year; and many new faces too from around the world. 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. 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.

OscottCollege Seminarians: we also welcome to the parish two 5th Year students from our Diocesan Seminary who are on Pastoral Placement. They are Henry Whisenant and Kieran Fletcher. They will be helping with the Journey in Faith program. It is wonderful that we have them with us. Please do keep them and all who are training for the priesthood in your prayers. (See Vocations Notice)

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

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 commencing Instruction Classes in October, to be held on Saturdays. Please give full details to Canon Gerry or Sr. Thèrèse .

Journey in Faith: Starts Thursday 3rd November at 7.30pm informal talks on the Faith for any adult who is thinking about becoming a member of the Church. These talks will be held on Thursday evenings. 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.

Altar Servers: if anyone is interested in assisting during the Mass as an Altar Server, please contact Canon Gerry. Children and young people who have made their First Holy Communion may be servers. It is also an invite to those not so young!

The New Translation of the Mass: We have begun using the New Translation and thank you for your positive comments. There are simple photocopies available for the People's Responses at the rear of the Cathedral. However, it is advisable for you to purchase a Card or Booklet which includes ALL of the prayers and texts. There is a variety available from the Cathedral Bookshop. The Staff will be happy to advise you. Monsignor Bruce Harbet, priest of the diocese, worked on the New Translation in Rome and has written very 'user friendly' CTS Booklet which explains all about the 'changes'. It is an excellent publication, and can be bought or ordered through the Book Shop.

'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 16th October is available at the back of the Cathedral.

Parish & Deanery Events

Second Fridays Students & Young Adults Mass: 7.30pm at the Cathedral. This is an opportunity to meet other young Catholics. Our time together will include a short period of discussion on topical issues; followed by Mass; ending with tea or coffee. All are welcome, especially if you are new to the area. Next Mass Friday 14th October.

School Educational Visits this week: Mon. 10th Oct. – Our Lady of Lourdes, Witney; Wed. 12th Oct. – St. Anne's, Alcester Street; Thurs. 13th Oct. – St. Augustine's, Handsworth.

St Chad's Primary School: we are desperately in need of at least two new Governors for our school. Experience isn't essential, and support and training will be given. The diocese has benefited from retired Heads and Teachers volunteering to help as Governors. Anyone who is interested, please contact Canon Gerry. Thank you.

St Chad's Sanctuary: we are indebted to the help we receive for the running of the Sanctuary and the assistance we are able to afford to the destitute (which includes Mums and children.) We are struggling for tinned fish at the moment – preferably in Brine. (A number of different races and cultures struggle with the taste and digestion of tomato sauce!!) Any help from parishioners or Web readers would be so gratefully received!

St Paul's School for Girls Open Evening: Transition to the 6th Form on Wednesday 19th October at 6.00pm in the New Hall. Please see poster for full details.

Diocesan Events

Oscott College & Vocations: there is plenty of new material available on the theme of Vocations and Oscott College. There are prayer cards for you to use to pray for our present students and to pray also for priests for all our futures. Please see the poster inviting you to visit the College and join them for Evening Prayer.

Faith Today the October Edition is available in the Cathedral. An excellent publication about Real People.

Belmont Abbey Music for Organ and Brass – David Saint & the Cambrian Brass Quintet: Saturday 15th October at 7.30pm. Tickets available from the Abbey Bookshop.

Ecumenical Events

Come and Sing with Birmingham Cathedral Chorus: on Saturday 22nd October at 7.30pm. £7 to sing, £5 to listen. Please see poster or contact Dr. Jan Marsters at St. Philip's Cathedral.

Our Newsletter & Website: as you can see this is 'a work in progress'. We will continue to experiment till we get it right! Any items for publication should be sent in no later than Thursday please.