



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



The Year of Faith

(October 2012–November 2013)

Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

7th October 2012

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

Entrance Antiphon: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Responsorial Psalm: May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

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

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

Mass Times 6th October – 14th October 2012

Sat 6th	Weekday in Ordinary Time
10am	Gerard Gaffney RIP
3pm	<i>Inter-Cultural Mass (St Catherine's)</i>
4.30pm	Don Smith RIP (Vigil)
Sun 7th	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
9am	People of the Parish
11am	Mary Flaherty RIP
12.30pm	<i>Baptism of Zane Roland Pearson</i>
2.30pm	Messe et Baptisme de Fertani Ngoy Kanday
Mon 8th	Weekday in Ordinary Time
12.15pm	Philip James Wallis RIP
Tue 9th	Blessed John Henry Newman
12.15pm	Mary Howe
Wed 10th	Weekday in Ordinary Time
12.15pm	Teresa & Joe Lawless
Thu 11th	Weekday in Ordinary Time
9.15am	Mass in St. Chad's School
12.15pm	Fr. Roger Raven
Fri 12th	Weekday in Ordinary Time
12.15pm	Maria Pia Caruso Calderaro
7.00pm	2 nd Friday Mass
Sat 13th	Weekday in Ordinary Time
10am	BCRC Deceased Members
4.30pm	Amy Desmond (Vigil)
	Opening of the Year of Faith
Sun 14th	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9am	Irene & Noel Powell
11am	People of the Parish
3pm	Diocesan Mass for the Year of Faith

A polite request: would all who receive Communion in their hand please ensure that you consume the Host immediately rather than walk away still holding the Host. Would parents, in particular, ensure that children are aware of this please? It avoids the embarrassment of the Priest or Minister of Holy Communion having to follow someone down the Cathedral to ensure that they have consumed the Blessed Sacrament. Thank you, a gentle and well-intended request.

Please visit our Website for more notices and news.

Cathedral Collections

Last Sunday:

Loose £474.83 Gift Aid £70

Second Collection This week for CAFOD Fast Day.

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; Deacons: Trevor Smith & David McCarroll; Baby Cara Rose McCourt & David Walmsley-Cotham, Mike Stanley, 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 baby Adrian Hejduk, Deacon Tony Colby and John Holmes; and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time, especially: Fr. Seamus Gilroy & Deacon Louis Kelly. 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 October:

General: - New Evangelisation: That the New Evangelisation may progress in the oldest Christian countries.

Missionary: – World Mission Day: That the celebration of World Mission Day may result in a renewed commitment to evangelisation.

A Word of Welcome to our Cathedral: we welcome all of our visitors, especially if this is your first visit. We welcome delegates from the Conservative Party Conference taking place in the City. If we can be of any help to our visitors, please introduce yourself to one of the priests or a member of staff.

Blessed John Henry Newman: whose Feast Day is this Tuesday. Please visit our Shrine in the Cathedral and pray the prayer for his Canonisation.

Pastoral Letter from His Grace, Archbishop Bernard Longley, on the Year of Faith: read last Sunday copies of this Letter are available in the Cathedral. Please take a copy home for those who cannot be with us, in particular those who may have lapsed in the practise of their 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. There are plenty of resources available at the back of the Cathedral to lead us joyfully together in prayer and hope throughout this Year of Faith. We ask for a single small donation of at least £2 to cover the costs please. Donations can be put in the wall safe marked Books.

Year of Faith Opening Mass: Sunday 14th.October at 3pm. Clergy, religious and parishioners from across the diocese will gather at the Cathedral to begin this wonderful year together. All are welcome.

Introductory Day to the YoF: Saturday 20th.October beginning with Mass at 10am and finishing at 3pm. All are welcome. Lots of information and material on our newly designed Diocesan Website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

School Educational Visits this week: Mon.8th.Oct. Holy Trinity, Bilston; Wed. 10th.Oct. St. Patrisck's, Stafford; Fri. 12th Oct. St. John Fisher, West Heath.

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 Newspapers: are available from the Cathedral Shop. Please remember that the shop is not open on Sundays.

Day for Life: September 26th. – November 4th. We are asked to Pray & Fast for end to abortion. Also, you would be welcome to join the Peaceful Vigil outside of the Calthorpe Clinic, Edgbaston, B15 2UL. See poster for further details.

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. More information to follow. Please see Website.

Journey of Faith 2012/13 Programme commences this Thursday 11th October from 7.00-8.30pm in the Grimshaw 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

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 this Friday 12th October. 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.

Music at St. Chad's – St. Mary's Church, Moseley Choir Concert on Monday 15th October commencing at 7.30pm. Admission (on the door) is £5 (£3).

Visit of the Icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa to Saint Chad's Cathedral: Friday 9th – Saturday 10th November: We are delighted to welcome the icon as part of a national tour. More details will be published once they are finalised.

Diocesan Events & Ecumenical Events

Inter-Cultural Mass: Saturday 6th October 3pm at St. Catherine's, Bristol Road. A wonderful opportunity to celebrate the rich diversity of culture and language that make up the unity of our faith in the City of Birmingham. We encourage in particular those who are new to our city.

8th Birmingham Diocesan Justice & Peace Assembly to be held at St. Peter's School, Whitefields Rd., Solihull B91 3NZ on Saturday 13th October from 10.30am-4.30pm. Booking forms and details from David Jenkins Tel: 01993 702654 or Email: Jenkins@woxon.freeseerve.co.uk

St. Mary's College, Oscott Guided Tours. Please contact Maggie Wilson (Tel: 0121 321 5026) if you would like to join a tour of Oscott College available most Wednesday afternoons (commencing at 1pm) during term time. Cost is £7 including tea. Please see leaflets at the back of the Cathedral.

World Youth Day 2013: Rio De Janeiro 17th - 29th 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

Volunteers Needed: if anyone would like to join one of our teams of volunteers who assist in the following areas of Cathedral life we would be most grateful: our Counting Team on Monday mornings; our Cleaning Team for the Cathedral, to suit any hours you may be free; or our Team of Cathedral Guides who conduct pre-arranged tours of the Cathedral & Crypt? Training will be given to anyone who may be interested. Please contact Fr. Gerry. Thank you for the kind offers so far! More would be welcome. Many thanks!

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

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!!