



## Metropolitan Cathedral and Basilica of St Chad Birmingham

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### 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of ADVENT 19<sup>th</sup> December 2010

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

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let the clouds rain down the Just One, and the earth bring forth a Saviour.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.

**Communion Antiphon:** The Virgin is with child and shall bear a son, and she will call him Emmanuel.

**Last Week's Collections** – Gift Aid £80 Loose £342.70 Total £422.70  
Thank you.

**Next Week's Collection:** will be your Christmas Offering to Canon Gerry.

**This Newsletter is also available on the Cathedral website –**  
[www.stchadscathedral.org.uk](http://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk)

## [A warm welcome to all our visitors](#)

**Welcome to our Cathedral**, especially if this is your first visit. 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. Thank you.

**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.

**Canon Pat Browne** – thank you to all who contributed to Canon Pat's Collection. We shall invite him back in the New Year to celebrate Mass with us which will give us the opportunity to make the Presentation.

**The Season of Advent:** You will notice in the Cathedral, the liturgical colour purple. Our Advent Wreath will mark the progression of the Season; and our Jesse Tree teaches us about the Family Tree of Jesus, and the people of the Old Testament who looked forward to the birth of the Messiah. The children from St. Chad's Primary School have decorated the tree throughout Advent. Please read the information beside the Tree.

The **2011 Cathedral Diary** is on sale at the back of the Cathedral.

The **2011 Archdiocese Directory** is also on sale price £2.35.

**Cathedral Christmas Candles** – If you would like to donate a candle in memory of family and friends please let Frances Crockett in the Sacristy or Alwen Griffiths in Cathedral House have a note of the names together with your donation as soon as possible please.

**Assistance with cleaning** the Cathedral would be most welcome. For more details please contact our Sacristan, Frances on 230 6246 or Cathedral House reception on 230 6201, thank you.

**MISSIO Red Boxes** should be handed into **Sr. Thèrèse** in the Sacristy or Cathedral House by Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December please.

**Sr. Margaret** at **The Sanctuary** would be extremely grateful for donations of warm clothing, particularly coats, thank you.

**Knights of St. Columba Christmas Posters** are available at the back of the Cathedral, please take one and display it during the Christmas season. "Proclaiming Christ as the True Reason for the Season".

*Parish & Deanery Events*

**St. Chad's Cathedral Choir Carol Service on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 5.00pm.** Followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Crypt.

**Journey of Faith Programme 2010/2011 - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 7.30pm** for this week, the Group will attend the Advent Talk: 'Lord, Teach Us To Pray' (see below). **Venue – Grimshaw Room, via Cathedral Car Park, Shadwell Street, B4 6EY.** This is an opportunity for people who are interested in hearing more about the Catholic faith to share a journey with people who may wish to become Catholics, with people who wish to accompany others seeking to increase their knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith or others who are sharing faith and knowledge of our faith, combined with:

**Lord Teach us to Pray - Series of four Advent Talks** led by Sr. Breda Noonan SSC, Fr. Paul Nicholson SJ and Sr. Maureen Marston SP taking place in the **Grimshaw Room, St. Chad's Cathedral** on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December** from **7.00pm-8.30pm** (Tea/Coffee available from 7.00pm).

*Diocesan Events*

**Sr. Brendan Memorial Concert** at **St. Francis Centre, Wretham Road, B19 1ED** on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> December** at **8.00pm**. Tickets £4 – Proceeds to St. Chad's Cathedral Maintenance Fund.

**PLEASE NOTE:** on Christmas Day (Saturday) there will be the usual Vigil Mass at 4.30pm for the Sunday. The Intention for this Mass will be for Refugees and all who seek Asylum. Please remember in your prayers the work of SR Margaret and St Chad's Sanctuary. The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph were also refugees.

**Mass at Midnight:** this year is to be broadcast live on BBC Radio 4. Archbishop Bernard will be the Main Celebrant. The sound engineers have to set up in the Cathedral after the Mass at 6pm. Therefore, there will not be the usual Vigil of Carols & Readings before the Mass. Also, if you wish to attend **you have to be seated no later than 11pm!** The Cathedral doors will be shut at 11 o'clock so as not to interrupt the recording.

**Mass Intentions 19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> December 2010**

<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> December ‘O Adonai’</b>
	10.00am Baby Jaydon Cawley RIP
(Vigil for Sunday)	4.30pm Rosellen Hogan RIP
	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am Peter & Simon Griffiths RIP
	11.00am Malcolm Spencer-Williams RIP
	5.00pm <i>St. Chad’s Cathedral Choir Carol Service</i>
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> December ‘O Clavis David’</b>
	12.15pm John O’Dwyer RIP
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> December ‘O Oriens’</b>
	12.15pm Willie Flaherty RIP
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> December ‘O Rex Gentium’</b>
	12.15pm In Thanksgiving
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> December ‘O Emmanuel’</b>
	12.15pm Thomas Flaherty RIP
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve</b>
	12.15pm James McKinney RIP
	6.00pm Vigil Family Mass – Ben Barlow RIP
	12midnight Special Intention
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Solemnity of the Nativity of The Lord</b>
	9.00am Special Intention
	11.00am Special Intention
(Vigil for Sunday)	<b>Holy Family</b>
	4.30pm Refugees & Asylum Seekers.
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</b>
	9.00am John O’Donnell RIP
	11.00am Anna Graham RIP

*A Blessed & Holy Christmas to everyone!*