

# Metropolitan Cathedral & Basilica of St. Chad, Birmingham

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## 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH'S YEAR 28<sup>th</sup> November 2010

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

<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>
	10.00am Joseph Frederick
(Vigil for Sunday)	4.30pm Malcolm Spencer-Williams RIP
	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am Canon Pat Browne
	11.00am Angela Pearson RIP
	12.30pm Baptism – Samuel & Nithaeh Kongolo
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Monday of Advent</b>
	12.15pm Janet Waterhouse RIP
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St. Andrew Apostle</b>
	12.15pm William O'Leary RIP
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec.</b>	<b>St. Edmund Campion</b>
	12.15pm Clive Wilkinson RIP
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Friday of Advent</b>
	9.15am St. Chad's School Mass, Newtown
	12.15pm Janet Waterhouse RIP
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>St. Francis Xavier</b>
	12.15pm John Neville RIP
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	
	10.00am Ava Miller RIP
(Vigil for Sunday)	4.30pm People of the Parish
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am Joe Ahearn RIP
	11.00am Phil & Liz Carter
	12.30pm Baptism – Kylah & Kiah McKenzie

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation:** A priest will be available for Confessions 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 until 12 midday.

Last Week's Collections – Gift Aid £46.00 Loose £219.85 Total £265.85 Thank you.

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.

**Canon Pat Browne** – Next week we shall be taking a collection to make a presentation to Canon Pat for his ministry at St. Chad's. Also, there will be envelopes available for you to use. Once we can agree a date, we will invite Canon Pat back to celebrate Mass.

**The Season of Advent:** begins this weekend. 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 will decorate the tree throughout Advent. Please read the information beside them..

**Schools visiting our Cathedral this week:** Mon. 29<sup>th</sup> Nov. – St. Brigid's, Northfield; Tues. 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. – St. Mary of the Angels, Aldridge; Thurs. 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. – Christ the King, Coventry.

We welcome into our Church family Samuel & Nithaeh Kongolo and Kyla & Kiah McKenzie

The **2011 Cathedral Diary** is on sale at the back of the Cathedral price £1.

**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.

**St. Paul's Bookshop by St. Chad's** (0121 236 6336 or [www.stpauls.org.uk](http://www.stpauls.org.uk)) Open Monday – Saturday 9.00am – 5.00pm.

**Meet & Greet** one another over a tea/coffee in the **Grimshaw Room**, after **11am Mass** on **5<sup>th</sup> December**.

### **Parish & Deanery Events**

**Journey of Faith Programme 2010/2011 - Thursday 2<sup>nd</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 **Thursdays 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> December** from **7.00pm-8.30pm** (Tea/Coffee available from 7.00pm).

**International Carol Service – St. Catherine of Siena Church, Bristol Street** on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December** at **2.00pm**. All are welcome.

**Members of the Birmingham Conservatoire Organ Department** will perform *Olivier Messiaen's, La Nativite du Seigneur* at **St. Chad's Cathedral** on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December** at **7.30pm**. Pre-concert talk by Henry Fairs at 7.00pm, tickets on the door £5/£3 (students free).

**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.

**Please note** that as Midnight Mass this year will be broadcast live on Radio 4 there will not be the usual carol service prior to Mass.

### **Diocesan Events**

**St. Mary's College, Oscott Public Evening Prayer** – You are invited to join the staff and seminarians for Evening Prayer and Benediction on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November** and **5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> December** at **6.30pm**. Please see poster for 2011 dates.

### **Ecumenical and Inter-Faith Events**

**Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery** will hold an exhibition of photographs from Pope Benedict XVI's visit from 27 November – 30 January 2011. The Nativity Trail will also be available from 1 December – 6 January, starting at Gallery 13. Focusing on 12 works of art which show how artists over the last 500 years have depicted the story of the birth of Jesus.

**Carols for the Business Community** – **Birmingham Cathedral, Colmore Row** on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** from **1.05-1.55pm**.