



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



The Year of Faith
(October 2012–November 2013)

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

12th May 2013

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LARGE PRINT LITURGY OF THE WORD AVAILABLE FROM THE SACRISTY

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

Entrance Antiphon: Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Go, make disciples of all the nations; I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Mass Times 11th – 19th May 2013

Sat 11th

Easter Feria

10am

Patrick O'Connell RIP

11.30am

Mass for Permanent Deacons

Vigil for the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord – World Communications Day

4.30pm

Marian O'Didry RIP

Sun 12th

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord – World Communications Day

9am

People of the Parish

11am

Eileen Alcock RIP

12.30pm

Baptism of Zuzia Foster

3pm

Birmingham Children's Hospital Liturgy

Mon 13th

Easter Feria

12.15pm

Joseph Mendy

Tue 14th

Feast of St. Matthias

12.15pm

Patrick Terence Murphy RIP

Wed 15th

Easter Feria

12.15pm

Mary Scott

Thu 16th

Easter Feria

12.15pm

Cynthia Sweeney

Fri 17th

Easter Feria

12.15pm

Margaret Satchwell

Sat 18th

Easter Feria

10am

Marie Flanagan RIP

Vigil for the Solemnity of Pentecost

4.30pm

People of the Parish

Sun 19th

Solemnity of Pentecost

9am

Mass of Confirmation for St. Chad's School.

11am

Barbara Saint RIP

12.30pm

Baptism of Baby Connor

2pm

Blessing of Hands Mass (Lourdes Pilgrimage)

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Please do not leave any personal property in the benches when going to receive Holy Communion.

Please visit our Website for more notices and news.

www.stchadscathedral.org.uk

Cathedral Collections

Last Sunday:

Loose £462.44 **Gift Aid** £121.00

Second Collection today for Cathedral Flowers

Gift Aid envelopes are available for those who pay tax.

New Planned Giving Envelopes are available. Please collect from Sacristy.

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 – Our 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: Canons Peter Taylor & Gerry Breen, Frs.: Rob Taylerson, Peter Rogers, Tony Sims & Frank Rowe; Deacon: David McCarroll; also Jim McManus, Eva Theresa McNair, Peter Jennings, Phylis McCullion, Brian Gregory, Mike Stanley, Yvonne Barraclough, John O'Donoghue, Marie Southall, Sheila Barr, Lorraine Grant, Alwen Griffiths, Gwen Morris, Bridie Kearney, Alistair Plummer, Louise Davis, Bernard Alsopp, Sean Hogan, Eileen O'Hallorhan, Adrian Girvin, William Donnelly, Shirley Ward & Peter Gore.

For all who have died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially: Frs.: Cathal Cassidy, Denis Hickling & Thomas Canning. 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 Emeritus for the Month of May: *General:* That those who administer justice will always act with integrity and upright conscience. ***Missionary:*** That seminarians, especially from mission Churches, may always be pastors according to the heart of Christ, fully devoted to the proclamation of the Gospel.

Canon Gerry Breen update: His convalescence is going well. He is grateful for the prayers, cards and kind wishes he has received, and to Mgr. Timothy Menezes, V.G., Fr. Gerry Lennon, Fr. Chris Marshall and Sr. Therese for looking after the spiritual and pastoral work of our Cathedral Parish and School. Canon Gerry assures you of his prayers. He is managing some administrative work and hopes to resume his full duties in due course.

A Word of Welcome to our Cathedral: We welcome all of our visitors, especially if this is your first visit. Next Sunday we welcome Bishop Pargeter who will celebrate the 9am Mass and confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on the children of our school and parish. We welcome the families and relatives of the children. Please pray for those to be confirmed. Also next Sunday, we welcome priests, religious and laity from across the diocese who are travelling to Lourdes with the Diocesan Pilgrimage in two weeks' time. There will be Mass at 2pm to which all are invited. If we can be of help to any of our visitors please speak to a member of the Cathedral Staff or call at Reception.

School Educational Visits this week: Fri. - Our Lady & St. Kenelm's, Halesowen.

Messe en Français every first Sunday of the month at 2.30pm. The next Mass will be on Sunday 2nd June. Mass will be followed by a community celebration in the Grimshaw Room.

Meet & Greet every first Sunday of the month following the 11am Mass. Next event will be on Sunday 2nd June in the Grimshaw Room, you are welcome to join us for a tea/coffee.

Planned Giving Envelopes: for those parishioners who use the Planned Giving Envelopes for your weekly offering, the new boxes have arrived and may be collected from the Sacristy. If anyone is interested in using these envelopes please speak to Canon Gerry or contact Deacon Peter Tibke. His details are on the Newsletter. Many thanks!

A38 Tunnels Closure: Summer 2013 – The St. Chad's and Queensway tunnels will be completely closed to all traffic from **19 July to 2 September**. The closure will be preceded by four weeks of overnight closures, 10pm to 6am and followed by up to two weeks of similar overnight closures. There is more detail surrounding these closures on www.brumtunnels.co.uk

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.

Basilican Magazine: our latest edition is now available in the Cathedral. As ever, it is full of interest facts and stories! Make sure you buy your copy!

Parish Lunch - Organised by St Chad's Cathedral Association takes place after the 11.00am Mass on Sunday 12th May 2013 in the Canons' Dining Room. Enjoy the company of fellow worshippers in pleasant surroundings with Hot Home Cooked Food. Tickets are available from Cathedral House Reception during the week or at the back of the Cathedral after Masses at the weekend. Please obtain your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Adults - £7.50 Children (Under 12) £5.00

Parish & Deanery Events

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Petitions & Candles: if anyone would like a petition taken to Lourdes to be left at the Grotto please put them in a sealed envelope marked as such and they can be given to one of the priests, Sr. Therese or left at Reception no later than Thursday 23rd May. Trish Brookes will take them for you. Also, if you would like a candle to be lit at the Grotto please leave a donation for the candle in an envelope marked Candle Donation. Do not put money in with your Petitions as these are not opened.

Situations Vacant: a Carer/Companion with their own transport is needed for an elderly lady in the Four Oaks area. Duties would include taking her to lunch time Mass. This would be for three days a week from 12.30-4.30pm. Good rates of pay. For further information please contact her daughter Liz Ansah on 07800983085.

Vacancy for Year 6 Teacher – The Abbey Catholic Primary School have a vacancy for a Year 6 Teacher with responsibility for Science. Full details can be obtained by contacting Miss S. Cope on Tel: 0121 373 1793 or Email: s.cope@abbeyrc.bham.sch.uk

Newman Association Meeting – Saturday 18th May from 12noon to 3pm in the Masterson Room, Cathedral House. Please see poster in the Cathedral narthex or contact Winifred Flanagan, 123 Groveley Lane, Birmingham B31 4QA for full details.

Music at St. Chad's – Organ Concert on Monday 20th May at 7.30pm performed by Daniel Moul.

A Day with Mary – National Shrine of Our Lady Walsingham on Sunday 26th May from 12.20pm. Please see posters at the back of the Cathedral.

World Youth Day at Home, 26th – 29 July. An opportunity for young people aged 16-30yrs.to meet nationally with 100's of Catholic young people from Diocese' across the UK. A taste of RIO and a live link up with our Diocesan pilgrims at Aylesford Priory. There will be live music, workshops, talks, discussions, bible study, social time and an all-night vigil, Stations of the Cross and Mass. Go to brightlights@bcys.co.uk