



Metropolitan Cathedral & Basilica of St Chad
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The Year of Faith
(October 2012-November 2013)

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

13th January 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: After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

Responsorial Psalm: Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I. He will baptise with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

Mass Times 12th - 20th January 2013

Sat 12th 10am	Feria after Epiphany Timothy Dass
	Vigil for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
4.30pm	Joanne Jones RIP
Sun 13th 9am 11am	The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord People of the Parish Michael Callaghan RIP

The close of the Christmas Season

Ordinary Time Sunday Cycle Year C & Weekdays Year 1.

Mon 14th 12.15pm	Feria in Ordinary Time Frank & Mary Sheldon & Grandchildren
Tue 15th 12.15pm	Feria in Ordinary Time Thomas Flaherty RIP
Wed 16th 12.15pm	Feria in Ordinary Time Mrs. Murphy
Thu 17th 9.15am 12.15pm	Memorial of St. Anthony Mass in St. Chad's School Lucy O'Driscoll RIP
Fri 18th 12.15pm	Feria in Ordinary Time Bob Deen
Sat 19th 10am	Feast of St. Wulstan James Quirke RIP

Vigil for the 2nd Sun in Ordinary Time

4.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun 20th 9am 11am	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Peace Day Bryan Holden RIP Mr. & Mrs. Dixon

Cathedral Collections

Last Sunday:

Loose £657.49 Gift Aid £138.00

Second Collection today for the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child (SPUC)

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: Archbishop Patrick Kelly, Canon Peter Taylor, Frs.: Peter Rogers, Frank Rowe & John Berry; Deacon: David McCarroll; Infants: Jamie Laverty, Ella Maria Moloney, Cara Rose McCourt & Victoria Czyzo, also Jim McManus, Marie Flanagan, Brian Gregory, Mike Stanley, Yvonne Barraclough, John O'Donoghue, Marie Southall, Sheila Barr, Lorraine Grant, Frances Crockett, Alwen Griffiths, Peter Taroni, Barbara Saint, Bridie Kearney & Bernard Alsopp.

For all who have died recently, especially Fr. Tommy Meagher, Tony Fabrizio & Vera Loughran; and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time, especially: Canon Matt Corrigan; Frs.: Ben O'Gorman, Cyril Bennett, Timothy Dinan, Cecil Keane, Bernard Robertson & Gregory Winterton, Cong. Orat.; & Deacon Brian Dockerty. 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 January:

General: That during this "Year of Faith" Christians may deepen their knowledge of the mystery of Christ and joyfully bear witness to the gift of faith in Him. **Missionary:** That the Christian communities of the Middle East, which frequently suffer discrimination, may receive the strength of fidelity and perseverance of the Holy Spirit.

A Word of Welcome to our Cathedral: especially if you are visiting for the first time. This weekend we welcome in particular Fr. Paul Margevičius from St. Paul's Seminary, Minnesota, USA along with 20 students studying for the priesthood. They will join us for Mass at 11am on Sunday.

A Word of Thanks to all who assisted with and attended the Visit of the Relics of Don Bosco, Patron Saint for education and youth. The Cathedral was transformed to provide a pilgrimage experience for all who came. Tuesday we welcomed 1,000 visitors and even more on Wednesday representing our Primary and Secondary Schools. There was permanent exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Edward's Chapel, with priests facilitating the Sacrament of Reconciliation throughout the two days. The Birmingham Catholic Youth Service ran workshops in the Cathedral Crypt; and members of the Salesian community animated the various groups who came. It was a remarkable occasion of grace for us all. St. Don Bosco, like Blessed John Henry Newman, was inspired by the life of St. Francis de Sales (1567-1622); hence the name Salesians; and Newman's motto: 'Cor ad Cor Loquitor' (Heart speaks to Heart) is taken from the writing of St. Francis de Sales.

Our thanks to those who have expressed an interest in joining the various Rotas on which we are so dependant for many areas of Cathedral life. When we settle into the New Year we will have a concerted drive to involve more volunteers.

Cathedral Renovations: Work will begin this month on the installation of Glass Doors at the West end of the Cathedral, and the installation of a lift in the Crypt for people with disabilities. We are grateful for the donations which has made this work possible. Please do consider supporting the Cathedral Renovations by way of legacy or donation. Many thanks. The French Chamber Organ will be serviced this week in St. Edward's Chapel.

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. The next Mass at 7pm will be on Friday 8th February 2013. 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.

The Year of 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. A Relic of Blessed Dominic is kept in the Tabernacle in the Chapel.

Year of Faith Booklets: the latest Booklet to help us during this Year of Faith is available at the back of the Cathedral.

St. Chad's Cathedral Calendar 2013: we have produced a wonderful Calendar for 2013 containing lots of beautiful images of our Cathedral for only £10.00 to help raise funds for our renovation. The Calendar will make the perfect Christmas gift. It is available at Reception, Cathedral House and in St. Paul's Bookshop.

School Educational Visits this week: Tues. - St. Cuthbert's, Stechford; Wed. – St. Anne's, Stafford; Thurs. – St. Hubert's, Oldbury.

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 Today: our very own newspaper the latest edition is now available in the Cathedral.

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 resumes soon on Thursdays 7.00-8.30pm in the Chapter 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 or gerrybreen@btinternet.com.

Children and the Sacraments: we have begun 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.

Diocesan Events & Ecumenical Events

St. Paul's School for Girls – Pauline Ball to be held at the Irish Centre, Digbeth on Friday 25th January at 7pm. Tickets (£35) available from the School Tel: No: 0121 454 0895, please see posters at the back of the Cathedral.

CHANGES TO PARKING OUTSIDE OF THE CATHEDRAL : THERE ARE NO LONGER ANY PAY & DISPLAY PARKING BAYS. THERE ARE SPACES FOR BLUE BADGE HOLDERS AT THE FAR END OF THE PARKING BAY. THIS IS BECAUSE THE ROAD IS NOW CLASSED AS A RED ROUTE FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES.

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