



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

First Sunday of Lent

17th February 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: When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

Responsorial Psalm: Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Communion Antiphon: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Mass Times 16th – 24th February 2013

Sat 16th 10am	Saturday after Ash Wednesday John Gibbons RIP
4.30pm	Vigil for the First Sunday of Lent People of the Parish
Sun 17th 9am 11am	First Sunday of Lent Paul Thornton RIP Patricia Nolan & Family
3pm	Rite of Election (see notice)
Mon 18th 12.15pm	Lent Feria John Acquaye RIP
Tue 19th 12.15pm	Lent Feria Sophie & Robert Shipway
Wed 20th 12.15pm	Lent Feria Peggy Delahunty RIP
Thu 21st 12.15pm	Lent Feria Willie Flaherty RIP
Fri 22nd 12.15pm	Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle In Thanksgiving for the Pontificate of Pope Benedict XVI
Sat 23rd 10am	Lent Feria Thomas Flaherty RIP
4.30pm	Vigil for the Second Sunday of Lent Ellie Foley
Sun 24th 9am 11am	Second Sunday of Lent People of the Parish Ryan Perks RIP

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**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY PERSONAL PROPERTY IN
THE BENCHES WHEN GOING TO RECEIVE HOLY
COMMUNION.**

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Cathedral Collections

Last Sunday:

Loose £496.18 Gift Aid £142.00

Second Collection: for Pro-Life charities £205.98

Next Sunday Second Collection for CAFOD's Lent 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: Archbishop Patrick Kelly, Canon Peter Taylor, Frs.: Rob Taylerson, Peter Rogers, Tony Sims & Frank Rowe; Deacon: David McCarroll; Infants: Jamie Lavery, Ella Maria Moloney, Cara Rose McCourt & Victoria Czyzo, also Jim McManus, Eva Theresa McNair, Marie Flanagan, Peter Jennings, Brian Gregory, Mike Stanley, Yvonne Barraclough, John O'Donoghue, Marie Southall, Sheila Barr, Lorraine Grant, Alwen Griffiths, Gwen Morris, Barbara Saint, Bridie Kearney, Bernard Alsopp, Eileen O'Hallorhan, Adrian Girvin, William Donnelly and Shirley Ward.

For all who have died recently, especially Canon Kevin Good & Fr. John Berry; and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time, especially: Canon Bill Rohan, Frs.: Denis McEvilly, Tim Healy, Terry McDonnell, Frank Jordan, Alex McGavin, Frank Coyle, Sean Farrell, Michael McCabe, Martin Meagher & John Collins; also Mick Cusack. 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 February:

General: That migrant families, in particular mothers, may be sustained and accompanied in their difficulties. **Missionary:** That peoples experiencing war and conflicts may be the protagonists in the building of a future of peace.

A Word of Welcome to our Cathedral: especially if you are visiting for the first time. We begin another busy week in the life of our Cathedral, which serves to highlight the important role our Mother Church plays in the life of the diocese. This Sunday, for **the Rite of Election**, we welcome the many adults from across the diocese who have been preparing to be received into Full Communion with the Church this Easter. The Cathedral is always full to overflowing for this liturgy as candidates, sponsors and clergy gather with His Grace, Archbishop Bernard and our auxiliary bishops. In addition to our regular groups and associations, we also welcome this week the Diocesan Commission for Inter—Religious Dialogue and the Diocesan Safeguarding Commission. ‘Always heard but seldom seen’ a special word of welcome to our Bell Ringers who ring each week, but this Saturday they will be ringing a full peel of bells – which can last as long as three hours! This will be a blessing – as the ringing of church bells is a call to prayer!

Pope Benedict XVI: ‘Urbi et Orbi’: ‘to the city and the world’ it is true to say that all of us were surprised by the Holy Father’s announcement delivered last week with characteristic humility and courage that he is to relinquish the Papal Office at the end of this month! .As Pope Benedict prepares to continue his ministry of prayer for all God’s people, Archbishop Bernard will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for his pontificate this **Friday 22 February at 12.15pm**. It is fitting that this Mass will be celebrated on the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle, when we recall the Unity of the Church founded upon the Apostles, and Christ choosing Peter to sit in his place as Servant of the whole Church. Everyone is welcome to this Mass. For those of you who do not have access to the Internet, there are copies of Archbishop Bernard’s statement on this historical event at the back of the Cathedral. In the weeks to come we shall make available the prayers for the Election of a New Pope.

‘Walk with Me’ & the Season of Lent. The ever popular ‘Walk with Me’ Booklets and Calendars are available to accompany us on our journey through Lent – there are limited copies! This wonderful resource is of great benefit to the housebound and those who may have lapsed from the practise of their faith. It was a great to witness to the awareness of Christ in our lives to see so many people fill the Cathedral for our Masses on Ash Wednesday. Thank you to all who make an extra special effort to come to Mass and Confession during this special season.

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.

Cathedral Renovations: Work begins shortly 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. Also, the Sacred Heart statue has been moved opposite the Lady Statue at the front of the Cathedral. The statue, until recently at low level, has been badly affected by heat from the votive candles and damaged by people forcing candles and objects into the hands and feet. At its new (and original height) the statue has been cleaned but is still in need of restoration. We shall be appealing for help with this. Minor alterations are taking place in the Crypt to accommodate a Book Bindery. We are grateful for the donations which has made much of this work possible. Please do consider supporting the Cathedral Renovations by way of legacy or donation. Many thanks.

‘Forty Days for Life’ begins on February 13th in 261 locations! This is a peaceful prayer witness defending the dignity of human life, and praying for the most vulnerable in any society: the child in the womb. In addition to our private prayer, there is an opportunity to join with others here in Birmingham to be the voice of those who cannot be heard. If you have a relative or friend who is housebound or in hospital why not ask them to pray for this intention? Information leaflets will be available next week. Prayer is one of the great characteristics of Lent, along with Fasting and Almsgiving. Lent is not just about giving up things, but taking up the work of the Gospel too! Why not make the Forty Days for Life part of your Lenten prayer commitment? Prayer not only saves souls, but it saves bodies too! For more information please ring Isabel on 07773501721 or visit the website: 40daysforlife.com/Birmingham.

‘March for Life Birmingham’ Sunday March 10th beginning at St Chad’s Cathedral at 2.15pm. Simple – ‘just walk and pray!’ – everyone is welcome!

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.

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 continues on Thursday 21st February 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.

An invitation from **A Call To Action (ACTA)** – Meeting at St. Mary’s Parish Centre, Vivian Road, Harborne B17 0DN on Sunday 17th February from 1.30 for 2pm until 5pm. Speaker: David McLoughlin. Topic: “Laity in the church post Vatican II: Vision & Reality.” Followed by discussion, everyone welcome. See website: acalltoaction.org.uk For more information email mjriordan@hotmail.co.uk

St. Mary’s Convent Team will hold a reflective Day of Prayer entitled “Signs and Symbols in our Christian Faith” at St. Mary’s Convent, 98 Hunters Road, Handsworth, B19 1EB on Saturday 2nd March from 10am-3pm. Suggested donation with light lunch included £15. Please contact Tel: 0121 554 3271 or Email: sistersofmercy@btconnect.com