



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

Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
20th January 2013

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Sunday: Cycle C; Weekday: Year 1; Divine Office: Psalter Week 2

Entrance Antiphon: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Responsorial Psalm: Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

**Mass Times 19th - 27th January 2013
'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity'**

Sat 19th **Feast of St. Wulstan**
10am James Quirke RIP

Vigil for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4.30pm People of the Parish

Sun 20th **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Peace Sunday

9am Bryan Holden RIP
11am Mr. & Mrs. Dixon

Mon 21st **Memorial of St. Agnes**
12.15pm Willie Flaherty RIP

Tue 22nd **Feria in Ordinary Time**
12.15pm Fred Hodson RIP

Wed 23rd **Feria in Ordinary Time**
12.15pm Thomas Flaherty RIP

Thu 24th **Memorial of St. Francis de Sales**
9.15am Mass in St. Chad's School
12.15pm Marian Riley RIP

Fri 25th **Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul**
12.15pm Andrew Lewis RIP

Sat 26th **Memorial of Ss Timothy & Titus**
10am Michael Cusack
12noon Mass with Lourdes Medical Association

Vigil for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4.30pm Elsie Head (nee Wallis) RIP

Sun 27th **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9am People of the Parish
11am Union of Catholic Mothers

Cathedral Collections

Last Sunday:

Loose £496.82 Gift Aid £160.00

Second Collection last week SPUC
£277.91

Second Collection next week for the
Catholic Education Service

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, Peter Jennings, Brian Gregory, Mike Stanley, Yvonne Barraclough, John O'Donaghue, Marie Southall, Sheila Barr, Lorraine Grant, Frances Crockett, Alwen Griffiths, Peter Taroni, Gwen Morris, Barbara Saint, Bridie Kearney & Bernard Alsopp.

For all who have died recently, especially Vera Loughran; and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time, especially: Canons: Bernard McKenna, Arthur Wall, Thomas Copsey; Mgr. Peter Dao-Duc Diem; Frs.: George Jackson, John Tolkien. Charlie Ross, John Garvey; Josephine O'Connor & Peggy Breen. 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. Weather permitting, this weekend we welcome in particular the families of the children to be enrolled for the Sacraments; also and the various schools on their Education Visits throughout the week. Next weekend we welcome Bishop Terence Drainey (Middlesbrough) and the members of the Lourdes Medical Association for Great Britain for their Annual General Meeting. Bishop Terence will celebrate Mass at 12noon next Saturday to which all are invited, especially any of our Doctors, Nurses or other Health Care Workers.

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 begins 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. Also, the Sacred Heart statue will be moved to be opposite the Lady Statue at the front of the Cathedral. This is to halt any further damage caused by the heat of the votive candles. The Statue is in need of restoration, and 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. 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: Mon. – St. Patrick's, Leamington Spa; Wed. – St. Mary's, Wolverhampton; Fri. – St. Elizabeth's, Tamworth.

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.

SNOW, ICE & THE CAR PARK

For reasons of health & safety, during the inclement weather we may have to close the pedestrian gates from the lower car park, and as a last resort the car park itself. Access to the Cathedral for drivers and passengers will be from the car park around Shadwell Street. Drivers may want to set their passengers down outside of the Reception. If Staff are available, we will try our best to assist. Should the bad weather continue, please be sensible about making the journey to Mass. It is important to guard 'both body and soul!'

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.

CCTV in Operation

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.