



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

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time 3rd November 2013 The Month of Holy Souls

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Sunday: Ordinary Time: Cycle C; Year 1; Psalter Week 3

Entrance Antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

Responsorial Psalm: I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

Mass Times 2nd – 10th November 2013

Sat 2nd	Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (Holy Souls)
10.00am	Peg Donohue RIP
4.30pm	Vigil of the Thirty First Sunday De Valliere & Benedict Families
Sun 3rd	Thirty First Sunday
9.00am	Christian Jude Le Blanc
11.00am	People of the Parish
2.30pm	Messe en Français
Mon 4th	St. Charles Borromeo
12.15pm	Mary Ann Wallis RIP
Tue 5th	Feria
12noon	MID-DAY PRAYER
12.15pm	CHAPTER MASS
Wed 6th	Feria
9.15am	Mass in St Chadø School
12.15pm	Eileen Burke RIP
Thu 7th	Feria
9.30am	Mass in St Chadø School
12.15pm	Fr. G. Lennon
Fri 8th	Feria
12.15pm	Mary Flaherty RIP
Sat 9th	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
10.00am	Harper Family
3.00pm	Nuptial Wedding of David Wynne & Alexandra Bickerton
*5.00pm	Vigil of the Thirty Second-Sunday Don Smith RIP
Sun 10th	Thirty Second-Sunday
9.00am	Remembrance Sunday People of the Parish
11.00am	Bridget Curran

*** PLEASE NOTE THIS SATURDAY'S VIGIL**
MASS IS AT 5.00PM

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SAFETY & SECURITY**

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

Cathedral Collections

Last Sunday:

Loose : £391 Gift Aid : £84

Restoration Fund Donations: £1,494

Includes £230 in Memoriam of Peter Jennings

Gift Aid envelopes are available for those who pay tax.

Second collection this week is for **Johnson Fund** to support Sick & Retired Priests

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 Nøtungu conducts baptisms for the French Speaking 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 ó 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.

Recent Donations: both great and small. Apologies for not having addresses to send our thanks to all of our benefactors.

Prayer Intentions: We pray for all those who are ill especially: Mgrs. Graham Wilkinson, Paul Watson; Canons: Peter Taylor & Gerry Breen, Frs.: Rob Taylerson, Peter Rogers & Tony Sims; Deacon: David McCarroll; also, Jim McManus, Rob Drake, Eva Theresa McNair, Phylis McCullion, Brian Gregory, John O'Donoghue, Marie Southall, Sheila Barr, Lorraine Grant, Alwen Griffiths, Gwen Morris, Bridie Kearney, Louise Davis, Bernard Alsopp, Sean Hogan, Eileen O'Hallorhan, Shirley Ward, Hayley Martin, Ben Sambrook, Maureen Daly, Eric Cooper, John Stedeford, Bridget Casey, Jane Goodyear, infants: Jimmy Flynn, Rosa Docherty, Jason Maughan and all the other children in the Children's Hospital.

Those who have died: Albert Milton, Theresa Kenning, Thomas O'Sullivan, Ivy Betts, Mary Carroll, Francis Courtney, Jim Hanglow, Sean Donovan & Anne Mooney. **Anniversaries:** Archbishop Maurice Couve De Murville, Mgr. Bertram Gould, Canons: Denis Toplass, Patrick Smith, Eugene O'Sullivan; Frs.: James Curtin, James Broomfield, John Brisland, Francis Stanbridge, Francis Dawson, Derek Edwards & Baby Christian Jude Le Blanc. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Prayer Requests: we are happy to include the names of those who have recently died; or whose anniversaries may occur, as well as any additions to our Sick List. Please let us know if you wish your relatives or friends names included. Also, we would be grateful of notification of any amendments. Thank you.

Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father for the Month of November:

Suffering Priests : That priests who experience difficulties may find comfort in their suffering, support in their doubts, and confirmation in their fidelity.

Latin American Churches : That as fruit of the continental mission, Latin American Churches may send missionaries to other Churches.

A Word of Welcome to our Cathedral: to all of our visitors this week, especially if this is your first visit. You may have just wandered in for a few moments of quiet prayer or reflection, you are all most welcome. This week, in addition to our usual School and regular group visitors, we bid a warm welcome on Wednesday to the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Mennini, and the following: our Cathedral Chapter; those attending the 'Be My Witnesses', Life in The Spirit Seminar, FACT group, the Birmingham Lay Carmelite Community, Maryvale Graduates & dignitaries and CSAS . If we can be of any assistance to you, please contact a member of staff. We had an unusual visitor on Friday: Pudsey Bear as part of the Children in Need Cathedral Challenge, which entailed a tour of the U.K. with an organist playing in the major cathedrals!

The Month of Holy Souls (November): is traditionally the month when we pray with added devotion for all the faithful departed. Praying for our dead is an act of charity, returning love for love, as we ask God to grant them eternal rest and for perpetual light to shine upon them. In humility, this is what they would ask of us, that by God's grace they may be purged of sin and imperfection and come to share in the fullness of Christ's Resurrection. In every Mass we are particularly close to our loved ones who have died as their dying is united to the death of Christ in one sacrifice to God the Father. Our Holy Souls Boxes will remain on the sanctuary throughout November containing the names of our beloved dead. Envelopes are provided if you would like to include the names of your own relatives and friends. Some people like to include a Mass offering as well; and Masses are offered throughout the year for the Holy Souls.

Meet & Greet every first Sunday of the month following the 11am Mass. Our next gathering will be this Sunday 3rd November in the Grimshaw Room, you are welcome to join us for refreshments.

Messe en Français every first Sunday of the month with the West Midlands French Speaking Community. The next Mass will be this Sunday 3rd November at 2.30pm.

School Educational Visits this week: Monday to St. Mary's, The Mount, Walsall & Thursday to St. John Fisher, West Heath.

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.

The Basilican: the latest edition of our Cathedral Magazine is now available. Lots of articles and colour photos! Please put payment in the wall box marked Newspapers & Books.

Journey in Faith: October we shall be starting our informal meetings on Thursday evenings non-Catholics who wish to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Perhaps you have a friend or partner who may be thinking of becoming a Catholic, or simply wishing to learn more? Why not support them and come along? If anyone is interested please contact Fr Gerry. More information later!

Children & the Sacraments: shortly we will begin instruction classes for Holy Communion & Confirmation for children who do not attend Catholic schools. Please give names and contact details to Canon Gerry or Sr. Thérèse. Thank you.

Cathedral Car Park: Please note: for reasons of security, all access to the Cathedral Site and Car Park will be secured once the Cathedral is closed and Meetings have finished. Any un-authorized vehicles will be locked in until the car park opens again.

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 11th October 2013. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available from 6.30pm. Everyone, including the ÷young at heart,øare welcome to join us. **“Be My Witnesses”, Life in The Spirit Seminars:** The **Second Friday Group** welcomes you to a 7 week exploration of the Holy Spirit. This will run every Friday from the 11th of October 2013 until 22nd November 2013 from 6.30pm. All are welcome. See noticeboard for details. (Please note: Friday 8thø’s gathering will be at Stourbridge not here.)

Parish & Deanery Events

St Chad’s Cathedral Association Annual Dinner is to be held on Friday 8th November at 7.00pm for 7.30pm, in the Canonsø Dining Room. Our principal guest will be our President, Archbishop Bernard Longley. Our after dinner speaker is Jane Dew, who is an expert on church vestments and embroidery (some of which will be on display). She will be assisted by Frances Crockett, our Sacristan. Price £32.50 includes a pre dinner drink, four course meal plus coffee and mints. Dress - lounge suits. Non members most welcome.

Mike Stanley two new CDø’s composed by Mike during his illness: Faith & Dewfall a great gift from Mike to us to be shared as gift with friends. Please see the flyers at the back of the Cathedral.

9th Birmingham Diocesan Justice & Peace Assembly – Saturday 2nd November 2013 10.30am ó 4.15pm at St. Peterø Catholic School, Whitefields Road, Solihull. B91 3NZ. Please see noticeboard for further details.

St. Mary’s College, Oscott Guided Tours – St. Maryø’s College is pleased to welcome visitors for special tours of the seminary on several dates during the 2013-2014 season. Please contact Margaret Wilson on Tel: 0121 321 5026 or Email: maggie.wilson@oscott.org

Cathedral Renovations: thank you to all who contribute to our on-going renovations. There is much more to be done. Our next project is to re-paint the interior of the Cathedral as and when we can afford to paint certain areas. Work will start in the left aisle shortly. The Glass Doors have arrived, and will be hung during the next two weeks. I repeat our thanks to those who have made donations both great and small to support particular projects and improvements to our Cathedral. We are most grateful.

PLEASE NOTE: the 4.30pm Mass next Saturday November 9th will be at 5pm. This is for one Saturday only. Sorry for any inconvenience, but plenty of forward notice may help.

Cathedral Site Statistics Week 29 (October 20-26)

Hours we were open: 111.5

Liturgies & Meetings: 167

Number of Visitors: 2,176