



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



**The Year of Faith**  
(October 2012-November 2013)

# Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 8<sup>th</sup> September 2013 Racial Justice Sunday

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

**Entrance Antiphon:** You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;  
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

**Responsorial Psalm:** O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

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## Mass Times 7<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2013

**Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Feria in Ordinary Time**  
10am Joseph Mendy

**Vigil of the Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4.30pm Brendan Ralph RIP  
**PEACE VIGIL**  
7pm until 12 Midnight

**Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Racial Justice Sunday**  
9am People of the Parish  
11am Mary Cotterill RIP  
*Baptisms of Liz Helen Mercik, Logan Secret & Allegra Simbi Namahoro.*

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Feria in Ordinary Time**  
12.15pm Michael Burke RIP

**Tue 10<sup>th</sup> Feria in Ordinary Time**  
12.15pm Pauline Brady RIP

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Feria in Ordinary Time**  
9.15am Mass in St Chad's School  
12.15pm Maria O'Callaghan RIP

**Thu 12<sup>th</sup> Feria in Ordinary Time**  
12.15pm David Davies RIP

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Memorial of St. John Chrysostom**  
12.15pm For Vocations  
7pm Second Friday Mass

**Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
10am Mary Flaherty RIP

**Vigil of the Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4.30pm People of the Parish

**Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
9am Margaret Garvey RIP  
11am Peter Gore RIP

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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** £579.27 **Gift Aid** £120.50

**Donations to Appeal Account:** £140.00

**Gift Aid** envelopes are available for those who pay tax.

**Second collection next week** is for CASE.Catholic Agency to Support Evangelisation.

**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.

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

Thank you to: J.N., CS & P & P P!

### **Prayer Intentions:**

We pray for all those who are ill especially: Mgr. Graham Wilkinson, Canons: Peter Taylor & Gerry Breen, Frs.: Rob Taylerson, Peter Rogers & Tony Sims; Deacon: David McCarroll; also, Jim McManus, Rob Drake, Eva Theresa McNair, Peter Jennings, 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, infant Jimmy Flynn, Alina Muthuparakunnel and all the other children in the Children's Hospital.

For all who have died recently, especially: Fr. Frank Rowe, Yvonne Barraclough, & Ann Pope. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially: Mgr. Tom Fallon; Frs.: Arthur McCrystal, Tony Taylor, David Hutt, Guy Colman & Catherine McDonald. 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 September: *General:*** That the men and women of our time, often immersed in noise, may rediscover the value of silence and learn to listen to the voice of God and their brothers and sisters. ***Missionary:*** That Christians who suffer persecution in numerous regions of the world may be prophets of the love of Christ by their testimony.

**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' quiet prayer or reflection, you are all most welcome. If we can be of any assistance to you, please contact a member of staff.

**A Word of Welcome to St. Chad's Primary School** to Mr Matthew Tehan our new Head teacher. Please remember him in your prayers and all staff, students and pupils who have begun a new academic year in our schools and universities.

**Silent Prayer Vigil for Peace in Syria "Let us raise a cry for peace all over the world!":** this Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September from 7pm until Midnight. Access via Cathedral House Reception. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, invites the Church and the world to unite with him in prayer and fasting for our brothers and sisters in Syria. There will be a Vigil held in St Peter's Square in Rome. We shall hold a similar Vigil in the Cathedral at the same time. People are invited to come throughout the evening and are welcome to stay for as long as time permits. If you cannot come to the Cathedral, please be with us in prayer from your homes.

**Meet & Greet** every first Sunday of the month following the 11am Mass. Our next gathering will be on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October in the Grimshaw Room, you are welcome to join us for refreshments.

**Messe en Français** every first Sunday of the month. The next Mass will be on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm.

**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.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> September 2013. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available from 6.30pm. Everyone, including the 'young at heart,' are welcome to join us.

**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-authorised vehicles will be locked in until the car park opens again.**

## **Parish & Deanery Events**

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje** - 21st - 28th September 2013 all inclusive from B'ham Airport.

For full details contact Kath Gambin 0116 234 0103

**Birmingham Newman Circle** – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September from 1-3pm in the Masterson Room, Cathedral House. “Vatican II” discussion led by Mgr. Pat Kilgarriff. Please bring your own lunch.

**Birmingham Newman Circle** – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September from 7-9pm in the Masterson Room, Cathedral House. “Am I My Brothers Keeper? Catholic Social Action and Teaching” led by Bishop William Kenney.

**Birmingham Interfaith Service for Peace:** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 12noon – 12.30pm in the St. Thomas’ Peace Garden, Bath Row, Birmingham B15

**Heritage Tours** – St. Chad’s Cathedral will again host tours during the City’s Heritage Days on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September from 10am-12noon and Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September from 1.30pm-3.30pm.

**“Ever Ancient, Ever New”** – A discernment experience with the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham on 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> September 2013 and 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> January 2014. For more information please contact Sr. Theresa or Sr. Camilla on Tel: 01328 821621 or Email: [info@walsinghamcommunity.org](mailto:info@walsinghamcommunity.org)

**Lay Dominicans in Birmingham** - Public Lectures by Peter Robinson “Foundations of Philosophy exploring the Greek influences on St. Thomas Aquinas” at 2pm on Saturdays 21<sup>st</sup> September and 26<sup>th</sup> October in the Ullathorne Room, Cathedral House.

**The Public Lecture scheduled for Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September has cancelled due to unavoidable reasons and the speaker Peter Robinson is unable to attend the meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> October.**

**Change of Mass Times - Sacred Heart, Aston and St. Joseph’s, Nechells** – Beginning Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September Mass will be at 10.00am at the Sacred Heart and at 12noon at St. Joseph’s.

**Music at St. Chad’s** – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm an Organ Concert performed by Adrian Partington, Gloucester Cathedral. Admission (on the Door) is £5 (£3).

**Barnardo’s Mammoth Messiah** at Symphony Hall on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm. Be part of the choir singing this famous choral work involving a mammoth choir. Rehearsals on the day 1.00-2.30pm and 3.00pm-6.00pm. Audience and Singer Tickets £15 available from the box office Tel: 0121 345 0603 or online [www.thsh.co.uk](http://www.thsh.co.uk)

**Cathedral Renovations:** thank you to all who have contributed to our renovations. The Lift for disabled access and the handrails are almost completed in the Crypt. There has been a delay with the installation of the Glass Doors at the West End of the Cathedral – we are assured that these should be finished during August (??) **Cathedral Finances:** the Cathedral has a substantial debt in excess of £900,000. It costs approximately £2,000 a week to run the Cathedral. With an average weekly collection of £600 you don’t need to be a mathematician to work out how this will not reduce the overdraft by normal means. We work hard to keep the Cathedral open with minimal paid staff and some volunteers. As with all of our homes and churches, on-going maintenance is a constant necessity. I will publish a more comprehensive narrative for parishioners in the autumn. In the meantime, I repeat our thanks to those who have funded and supported particular projects and improvements to our Cathedral. We are most grateful. Thank you for your responses to this note.

**St. Mary’s College, Oscott Guided Tours** – St. Mary’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](mailto:maggie.wilson@oscott.org)