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Second Sunday of the Year

19th January 2014

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LARGE PRINT LITURGY OF THE WORD AVAILABLE FROM THE SACRISTY Sunday: Cycle A; Year 2; 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: Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

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

Mass Times 18th – 26th January 2014

Sat 18th	Feria
10.00am	Tommy Haran RIP
	Vigil of the Second Sunday
4.30pm	Ellen Boylan
Sun 19th	Second Sunday
	<i>Peace Sunday</i>
9.00am	Dr. Frank Collins RIP
11.00am	Imelda Dowling RIP
Mon 13th	Feria
12.15pm	Margaret William
Tue 14th	St. Agnes
12.15pm	Agnes O'Driscoll RIP
Wed 15th	Feria
12.15pm	Kath Welsh RIP
Thu 16th	Feria
9.30am	Mass in St Chad's School
12.15pm	Patrick Daly RIP
Fri 17th	St. Francis de Sales
12.15pm	James Mulvey
Sat 18th	Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul
10.00am	Kathleen June Rutledge
	Vigil of the Third Sunday
4.30pm	Theresa Wilson
Sun 19th	Third Sunday
9.00am	For Vocations
11.00am	Elsie Head (nee Wallis) RIP

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 : £430.30

Gift Aid : £132.00

Restoration Fund : £ 10.00

Second collection this week is for Pax Christi.

Thank you for your Christmas Offerings for the Cathedral Clergy.

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 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 – 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: Mgr. Paul Watson; Canons: Peter Taylor, Gerry Breen, Tony Allport & Gerry Hanlon, Frs. Pat Farrelly, Andrew McCann, Peter Rogers, George Bennett, Sandy Brown & Tony Sims; Deacons: Mike Skidmore & David McCarroll; also, Margaret Measey, Stephen McClean, Julia Brookes, Denis Menezes, Shaun Hogan, Remo Forcellini, Frances Crockett, Jim McManus, Rob Drake, Eva Theresa McNair, Phyllis McCullion, Brian Gregory, John O'Donoghue, Marie Southall, Sheila Barr, Lorraine Grant, Alwen Griffiths, Gwen Morris, Bridie Kearney, Louise Davis, Bernard Alsopp, Eileen O'Hallorhan, Shirley Ward, Hayley Martin, Ben Sambrook, Maureen Daly, John Stedeford, Bridget Casey, Jane Goodyear, Ernie Cannon, Roberta Turner, Chelsea Reeves, and all the children in the Children's Hospital.

Those who have died recently: especially Frs.: Joseph Williams & Joe Brannighan, young Mikael Kular, Eric Cooper, Kath Welsh, Bose & Hyacinth Martin. **Anniversaries:** Mgr. Peter Dao-Duc-Diem, ; Canons. Bernard McKenna, Arthur Wall, Thomas Copey; Frs. Edward Leicester, Edward Kirner, Clement Burrett, Michael Walshe, George Jackson, John Tolkien, Michael Forde, Charlie Ross and John Garvey. 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 for notification of any amendments. Thank you.

Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father for the Month of January

Universal: That all may promote authentic economic development that respects the dignity of all peoples.

For Evangelization: That Christians of diverse denominations may walk toward the unity desired by Christ.

MISSIO – has sent us a note of thanks for the donation of £246.60 collected here as the World Mission Sunday Annual Collection. Please see letter of thanks on noticeboard.

CAFOD – has sent us a note of thanks for the donation of £655.75 Harvest Fast Day Collection 2013 and £1395.08 CAFOD box collections. Please see letters of thanks on noticeboard.

Association for the Propagation of the Faith (APF) Little Red Boxes to support the missions. These are due to be emptied. Please bring them to the Cathedral Sacristy or Reception for Sr. Thérèse. Thank you

St. Chad's Sanctuary (behind the Cathedral) are in need of hats, scarves & gloves for men during this cold weather. Any such donations may be taken to the Sanctuary or left at Cathedral Reception.

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. This week, in addition to our usual School and regular group visitors, we bid a warm welcome to the FACT group, Lourdes Hospitalite Committee and the children from St. Chad's Primary School who will be enrolled for their 1st Holy Communion at the 9.00am Mass next Sunday 26th January. This weekend we welcome in particular Fr. Tom Margevičius from St. Paul's Seminary, Minnesota, USA along with 19 Theology II seminarians. They will join us for Mass at 11am on Sunday 19th January and join us for lunch afterwards. Please keep all of our students in formation for the priesthood in your prayers. If we can be of any assistance to you, please ask a member of staff.

Cardinal –Elect Archbishop Vincent of Nichols: we share in the joy of the Church in England & Wales at the announcement that Archbishop Vincent is to be created a Cardinal by Pope Francis. At some time in the future, Archbishop Bernard will invite our new Cardinal to a celebration of thanksgiving here in our archdiocese which he served so faithfully as our eighth Archbishop.

School Educational Visits this week : Tuesday: St. Margaret Mary - Erdington, and Thursday: St. Augustine's – Kenilworth.

Additional Volunteers Needed: Please would you consider joining our team of volunteer Cathedral Cleaners and/or Counters for our weekly collections? The more volunteers we have the better. Even one hour to suit you will be of great benefit to the Cathedral – a marvellous opportunity to pray while you work! We will even give you a cup of tea!! Please do think about it, and please contact Canon Gerry or the Cathedral Reception. Many thanks.

Meet & Greet every first Sunday of the month following the 11am Mass. Our next gathering will be on Sunday 2nd February 2014 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 on Sunday 2nd February 2014 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.

Journey in Faith: For 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; or you may be a Catholic adult who has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation? If anyone is interested please contact Fr Gerry.

Children & the Sacraments: we run 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.

Second Friday Group: Mass for Students & Young Adults: at 7.00pm in 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 14th February 2014. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available from 6.30pm. Everyone, including the 'young at heart,' are welcome to join us.

Marriage Care Birmingham – are looking for an experienced Manager and leader in Birmingham. Please see noticeboard for details.

Parish & Deanery Events

Cathedral Renovations: thank you for the overwhelming positive response to the recent improvements to our Cathedral. We still have a number of projects to complete, including the Glass Doors at the West End. We have had an increase in visitors drawn by the splendour of the Sanctuary, now visible from the outside. Work continues with urgent and necessary safety improvements to the electrical system. Replacement of Distribution Boards and testing of circuits began on Monday 6th January. We apologise for any inconvenience (Lead kindly light!) We are indebted to the generosity of parishioners who regularly contribute to our Appeal Fund which helps towards this work. Your donations, no matter how small, are most welcome. In thanksgiving, Holy Mass will offered regularly for all of our Benefactors.

Second Saturday Catholic Conventions – Held every 2nd Saturday of the month from 8am – 4pm at Bethel Convention Centre. Please see noticeboard for details or visit www.sehion.net

St. Peter's Catholic School, Solihull – is currently seeking to recruit a new Headteacher. Please see noticeboard for details.

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

St. Paul's Nursing Home – Selly Park, Birmingham - Full time Deputy Service Manager required to care for elderly Sisters. Please see noticeboard for details.

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. Cars are parked at owner's risk. The Cathedral accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to any vehicle.

Cathedral Site Statistics Week : (5th January – 11th January)
Hours we were open: **107** Liturgies & Meetings: **131** Number of Visitors: **2232**