



Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

5th January 2014

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LARGE PRINT LITURGY OF THE WORD AVAILABLE FROM THE SACRISTY
Sunday: Christmas Season Cycle A; Year 2; Psalter Week 2

Entrance Antiphon: Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

Responsorial Psalm: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

4.30pm	Vigil of the Epiphany Bridie Ryan RIP
Sun 5th	Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
9.00am	Christine O'Loughlin
11.00am	Albert Milton
	<i>Followed by Meet & Greet</i>
2.30pm	Messe en Français
Mon 6th	Christmas Feria
12.15pm	Private Intention
Tue 7th	Christmas Feria
12.15pm	Bernard Clemson RIP
Wed 8th	Christmas Feria
9.30am	Mass in St Chad's School
12.15pm	Oliver McCann RIP
Thu 9th	Christmas Feria
12.15pm	Vera Loughran RIP
Fri 10th	Christmas Feria
12.15pm	Maureen De Sausmarez RIP
7.00pm	Second Friday
Sat 11th	Christmas Feria
10.00am	Owen Maguare RIP
	Vigil of the Baptism of the Lord
4.30pm	Private Intention
Sun 12th	Baptism of the Lord
9.00am	People of the Parish
11.00am	Mary Cotterill 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 : £280.93

Gift Aid : £ 64.00

Restoration Fund : £350.00

Second collection next week is for Pro Life Charities.

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 Ntungu 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.



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who are ill especially: Mgr. Paul Watson; Canons: Peter Taylor, Frs. Pat Farrelly, Andrew McCann, Peter Rogers, George Frs. Mike Skidmore & David McCarroll; also, Denis Menezes, Michael Pickett, Jim McManus, Rob Drake, Eva Theresa McNair, Phyllis Hume, Marie Southall, Sheila Barr, Lorraine Grant, Alwen Griffiths, Owen Morris, Bridie Keane, Louise Davis, Bernard Alsopp, Eileen O'Hallorhan, Shirley Ward, Hayley Martin, Ben Sambrook, Maureen Daly, Eric Cooper, 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, Bridie Ryan, Imelda Dowling, Teresa Bose & Hyacinth Martin. **Anniversaries:** Canon Martin Power, Frs., Martin Cassidy, Philip Garrett, Francis Dwyer, Philip Smith, John Davis, Brian Harding, John Bentley, Charles Becker, Philip Wyles, James Bromley & Deacon William Murphy. 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.

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 or 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 Birmingham Lay Carmelite Community, the Second Friday Young Adults Group, Open University Students and the Salvation Army. If we can be of any assistance to you, please ask a member of staff.

School Educational Visits this week : Wednesday: The Abbey, Erdington, and Friday: English Martyrs, Sparkhill.

A Word of Thanks: as we begin this New Year, and as the Christmas Season reaches its close with the Baptism of the Lord next week end, it is important, on behalf of all our parishioners to express our thanks to all who have contributed to the life of the Cathedral throughout a very busy 2013, concluding with a wonderful Advent & Christmas Season. So our thanks to: our Readers, Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, Sacristy Assistants, Cathedral Volunteers & Guides, Wardens, Flower Girls, the Cathedral Association & the Knights of St Columba. We are indebted to Professor David Saint, Director of Music; Nigel Morris, our Organist, and St. Chad's Cathedral Choir. The annual Service of Carols & Readings saw a full Cathedral which raised our minds and hearts to focus on the nearness of the Nativity. Our Mass for Midnight was broadcast live on BBC Radio 4, with Archbishop Bernard as main celebrant and preacher. Once again, the choir were magnificent! As ever, our thanks to the dedicated team in Cathedral House although few in number - their work and commitment is legion and makes all of the above possible.

Finally, on behalf of Canon Gerry, Fr Gerry, Fr Chris and Sr. Thérèse, we wish all of you every prayer and blessing for this New Year. **A.M.D.G.**

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 and 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.

Archbishop Bernard's Pastoral Letter on the Holy Family, which was read last Sunday, is available at the back of the Cathedral if you would like a copy to take home or give to anyone who may be housebound.

Meet & Greet every first Sunday of the month following the 11am Mass. Our next gathering will be this Sunday 5th January 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 this Sunday 5th January 2014 at 2.30pm.



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with (APF) Little Red Boxes to support the missions. These are
Cathedral Sacristy or Reception for Sr. Thérèse. Thank you

) are in need of hats, scarves & gloves for men during this cold
to the Sanctuary or left at Cathedral Reception.

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 10th January 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 begins this Monday 6th January for 2 weeks. This will mean reduced lighting during this period. We beg your patience and co-operation. (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 to 4pm at Bethel Convention Centre. Please see noticeboard for details or visit www.sehion.net

TSA – Leadership Programme 2013/2014, Leading a Catholic Primary School to be held at Bishop Challoner Catholic College, Kings Heath. 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 : 38 (December 22nd – December 28th)

Hours we were open: **100.5** Liturgies & Meetings: **58** Number of Visitors: **2741**