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Sixth Sunday of the Year **16th February 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: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Responsorial Psalm: They are happy who follow God's law!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Mass Times 15th – 23rd February 2014

Sat 15th	Feria
10.00am	Mrs. Estella Evans & Peter Stanton RIP
	Vigil of the Sixth Sunday
4.30pm	Patrick McKeon
Sun 16th	Sixth Sunday
9.00am	Margaret Garvey RIP
11.00am	John Gibbons RIP
12.30pm	<i>Baptism of Tobias Moses Junior Reid</i>
Mon 17th	Feria
12.15pm	James Mulvey
Tue 18th	Feria
12.15pm	Teresa Gillegan
Wed 19th	Feria
12.15pm	Flaherty Family RIP
Thu 20th	Feria
12.15pm	Jim Finn RIP
Fri 21st	Feria
12.15pm	Tim O'Sullivan
Sat 22nd	The Chair of St Peter
10.00am	Michael & Bridget Sweeney
2.00pm	<i>Baptism of Harlow Lucia Ansa</i>
	Vigil of the Seventh Sunday
4.30pm	Eric Cooper RIP
Sun 23rd	Seventh Sunday
9.00am	People of the Parish
11.00am	Thomas Flaherty RIP
12.30pm	<i>Baptism of Caelan Richie Moon</i>

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

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Please visit our website for additional information:

www.stchadscathedral.org.uk

Cathedral Collections

Last Sunday :

Loose : £622.84

Gift Aid : £ 93.00

Restoration Fund : £ 29.00

Second collection this week is for Catholic Education Service

Memorial Flowers please see note below.

Thank you for the financial support we receive in these difficult times.

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 Hanlon, Gerry Breen & Tony Allport. Frs. Tony Haycock, Pat Farrelly, Andrew McCann, Peter Rogers, George Bennett, Sandy Brown & Tony Sims; Deacons: Mike Skidmore & David McCarroll; also, Margaret Measey, Stephen McClean, Brian Gregory, Julia Brookes, Denis Menezes, 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, Bridget Casey, Jane Goodyear, Ernie Cannon, Roberta Turner, Chelsea Reeves, Nancy Kennedy, Sarah Presswood, Mark Correia, Gill Goodfellow and babies Nathan Charles Lindo, Adrienna Stepien & Fionn McGahey and all other children in the Children's Hospital including Pierce O'Connor.

Those who have died recently: Anniversaries: Canon William Roughan ; Frs. William Conefrey, Joseph Dennis McEvelly, Timothy Healy, Terence McDonnell, Francis Jordan, Alexander McGavin, Francis Coyle, Sean Farrell & James Wharton also Thomas Flaherty. 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 February

Universal: Elders - That the Church and society may respect the wisdom and experience of older people.

For Evangelization: Collaboration in Evangelization - That priests, religious and lay people may work together with generosity.

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. In addition to the regular groups who meet here, we welcome the members of the NCSI Committee, Lourdes Pilgrimage Committee, UCM, Parish organists attending the RSCM Organ Course, the Year of Faith Committee, History Commission, Midland Catholic History Society, the altar servers from St. Joseph's Parish, Monks Kirby and the Birmingham Lay Dominicans. If we can be of any assistance to you, please ask a member of staff.

Messe en Français every first Sunday of the month with the West Midlands French Speaking Community. The next Mass will be on Sunday 2nd March 2014 at 2.30pm.

St. Chad's Feast Day - falls on a Sunday this year the Sunday takes precedence over the feast so there will be no special Mass on that day. However there will be an opportunity after each Mass that weekend (4.30pm on Sat 1st & 9am and 11am Sunday) for people to venerate the relic of St Chad.

School Educational Visits this week : Schools are on their half-term break.

Meet & Greet every first Sunday of the month following the 11am Mass. Our next gathering will be on Sunday 2nd March 2014 in the Grimshaw Room, you are welcome to join us for refreshments.

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.

Cathedral Flowers In Memoriam or Thanksgiving: The donations box for flowers raises very little money. It has been suggested that families or individuals may like to make a donation to help towards the flowers for a particular weekend in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving? We would include a mention in our weekly newsletter. The minimum cost for flowers is £30 a week. Should this appeal to any of you, please see Canon Gerry or Sr Therese or call into Reception. There are 42 weekends in the liturgical year (not counting the Sundays of Advent & Lent). Thank you.

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. Thèrèse. Thank you

Birmingham ACTA Group warmly invites you to a talk by the theologian Prof John Sullivan on “**Speaking & listening in the Church**” followed by questions and discussion. It will be at Birmingham University Chaplaincy, Harrisons Road Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3QR, on February 23rd, starting with a hot drink at 2.00pm. You can find out more about ACTA at www.acalltoaction.org.uk

MISSIO – has sent us a note of thanks for the donation of £246.60 & £309.08 collected here for 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 & £114.83. Please see letters of thanks on noticeboard.

St. Chad’s Sanctuary (behind the Cathedral) are in need of hats, scarves & gloves for men during this cold weather. Also, they have requested tinned Tuna and Tomatoes. Any donations may be taken to the Sanctuary or left at the Cathedral Reception.

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.

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. 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 be offered regularly for all of our Benefactors.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2014 – Under the Leadership of Archbishop Bernard Longley, **Saturday 24th to Friday 30th May 2014**. By Air from Birmingham fares from £755 and Overland Coach Travel fares from £437. Brochures and Booking Forms are available at the back of the Cathedral.

We are still accepting applications for places in the Accueil Notre Dame for pilgrims with medical conditions or disability requiring assistance from our Medical and Helper Team. Please contact Trish in the Pilgrimage Office on 0121 236 4585 for further information.

Birmingham Catholic Youth Service – Pope John Paul II Award training dates Friday 28th February and Saturday 1st March. Annual Leaders Retreat Day on 8th March 2014. Also, BCYS presents PROUD 2 PROFESS on Saturday 12th April. Please see noticeboard for details.

March For Life UK – takes place on Saturday 22nd March 2014, 12.30pm – 3.30pm, assembling at St. Chad’s Cathedral. Please see noticeboard for details.

National Pilgrimage to Fatima 2014 – From 10th – 17th July 2014. Please see noticeboard for details

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

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 or persons.

Cathedral Flowers for this week are In Memoriam of the De Valliere & Benedict Families.

Cathedral Site Statistics for the week of 26th January – 1st February

Hours we were open: **121**

Liturgies & Meetings: **137**

Number of Visitors: **3045**

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 March 2014. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available from 6.30pm. Everyone, including the 'young at heart,' are welcome to join us.