



**Metropolitan Cathedral & Basilica of
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Fourth Sunday

Education Sunday

1st February 2015

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary time

Divine Office: Psalter Week 4

Entrance Antiphon: Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

Responsorial Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.



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Mass Times
31st January 2015 – 8th February 2015

Sat 31st 10.00am <i>1.00pm</i>	St. John Bosco Evelyn Moloney <i>Baptism of Lily Aisling Woods</i>
	Vigil for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 4.30pm Mrs Bridie Molloy
Sun 1st 9.00am 11.00am <i>12.30pm</i> 2.30pm	Fourth Sunday People of the Parish David Williams <i>followed by Meet & Greet</i> <i>Baptism - Ysabelle Berdon</i> Messe en Francais
Mon 2nd 12.15pm	Feast: Presentation of the Lord Elsie Head
Tue 3rd 12.15pm	Feria St Blaise John & Irene Holden
Wed 4th 12.15pm	Feria Caitlin Griffin and Katie Byrne
Thu 5th 12.15pm	St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr Elaine Tebbutt
Fri 6th 9.15am 12.15pm	St Paul Miki & companions, Martyrs Mass in St Chad's School Hughie Malone Newly Qualified Teachers
Sat 7th 10.00am 12.00 noon	Feria – World day of prayer for the sick Hughie Keating Annual Mass for Religious Celebrant: Archbishop Bernard
	Vigil for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 4.30pm Mary Groark Birmingham Lourdes Hospitalité Celebrant: Bishop McGough
Sun 8th 9.00am 11.00a	Fifth Sunday Kathleen Feighery RIP People of the Parish

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

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Cathedral Site Statistics:

Week: 18th January – 24th January 2015

Hours we were open : 119.5

Liturgies & Meetings : 140

Number of Visitors : 3455

Cathedral Collections:

Last Week:

Loose £659.29

Gift Aid £189.00

Restoration Fund £ 94.70

Today there will be a second collection for the Catholic Education Service.

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

Cathedral Flowers: This weekend are in memoriam of Kate Murphy.

Next week is in memoriam of Angela Depitillo.

Gift Aid can be taken out at any time of the year. Thank you to everyone registered as it is a valuable source of additional income to the Cathedral at no extra cost to the parishioners. Anyone currently registered who changes their address please would you ensure that you amend your address with us so we can continue to claim Gift Aid on your behalf. Please contact Margaret Regan at Cathedral House 0121 230 6208 or margaret.regan@rc-birmingham.org 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.

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.

Prayer Intentions: Mgr. Paul Watson, Frs. Peter Jones, Tony Haycock, Pat Farrelly, Paul Chavasse C.O., & Tony Sims; Deacons: David McCarroll & David Pranauskas. Also: Marjorie Moses, Margaret Measey, Keith Percival, Jim Matthews, Stephen McClean, Brian Gregory, Remo Forcellini, Eva McNair, Phyllis McCullion, John O'Donoghue, Marie Southall, Godwin Anisiobi, Sheila Barr, Lorraine Grant, Alwen Griffiths, Gwen Morris, Bridie Kearney, Rita Bevan, Margaret Hynes, Bridie Dunne, Louise Davis, Bernadette O'Halleron, Bridie & Pat Connolly, Eileen O'Halloran, Elaine Harvey, Shirley Ward, Hayley Martin, Maureen Daly, Bridget Casey, Jane Goodyear, Ernie Cannon, Chelsea Reeves, Sarah Presswood, Mark Correia, Gill Goodfellow, Oliver Crocock, Stephen Birch, Maureen Birch, Ingrid Abrahams; youngsters: Ronav Paul, Zach McEniff, Sevan Zegue, and all the children in the Children's Hospital

All who have died recently: Frs.: Vincent Royles & Tony Timlin; also Dennis Griffin. Those whose anniversaries' occur about this time: Archbishop Frederick Keating, Frs Denis Clancy, Joseph Connelly and Thomas O'Carroll. **May they rest in peace. Amen.**

Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father for the Month of February: Universal: Prisoners – That prisoners, especially the young, may be able to rebuild lives of dignity.

For Evangelization: Separated Spouses – That married people who are separated may find welcome and support in the Christian community.

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 Stations of the Cross were originally framed. The 10th Station has a temporary surround to help us re-design a new set for the cathedral. We shall keep you informed on progress and how we hope to fund this project.

School & Educational Visits:

Tues 3rd	St Ambrose Barlow, Hall Green
Thurs 5th	St Anne's, Chelmsley Wood
Fri 6th	Newly Qualified Teachers Retreat

A Word of Welcome to our Cathedral: to all of our visitors this week, especially if this is your first visit. We welcome those newly qualified in the teaching profession who gather for Mass and meditation on Friday. We also welcome the Lay Carmelites and visitors from Italy, Gamberelli's Tailors from Rome. In this Year of Consecrated Life, we welcome on Saturday many of the Religious Communities who serve our diocese; and a warm welcome to members of the Birmingham Lourdes Hospitalité who join us next Saturday for Mass at 4.30pm with Bishop David McGough for the World Day of Prayer for the Sick.

You may have just wandered in for a few moments' quiet prayer or reflection. In addition to the regular groups who meet here, you are all most welcome. If we can be of any assistance to you, please ask a member of staff.

A special welcome to babies Lily Aísling Woods & Ysabelle Berdon who are being baptised this weekend.

World War 1 Centenary Cathedral Repairs Fund: as you are aware, we were awarded a grant of £227,000 to carry out some necessary structural work to our Cathedral. You will notice on all of our publications the logos for the Department for Culture Media & Sport; ChurchCare alongside the Imperial War Museum's logo for this special centenary. Our War Memorial, which was dedicated on Armistice Day 1921, recalls the 200 men and boys from the Cathedral Parish who fell in the Great War (1914-1918). In memory of their ultimate sacrifice, which has enabled our presence here today, the Memorial will remain decorated throughout this time of prayer and reflection.

St. Chad's Sanctuary - Are in need of men's shoes and men's clothing. These could be delivered directly to the Sanctuary which is open Monday to Friday from 10.30am to 3.30pm, closed on Saturday & Sunday.

Poor Box Offerings: These are used to fund the hungry and those in genuine need, for example: provisions for the Sanctuary; 100+ hot meals once a month for the city homeless; and families or individuals in need of emergency assistance. On behalf of all beneficiaries: Thank You!

Parish & Deanery Events:
CBC – Trade Exhibition – from Tuesday 10 February-Thursday 12 February in the Grimshaw Room at Cathedral House

Tuesday	9:30 am to 6.00 pm
Wednesday	9:30 am to 6.00 pm
Thursday	9:30 am to 5.00 pm

Young Catholic Adults & Confirmation: a number of our students have asked to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are a baptised Catholic who has not been confirmed, please contact Canon Gerry.

Meet & Greet every first Sunday of the month following the 11am Mass. Our next gathering will be Sunday 1st February 2015 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 1st February at 2.30pm in the Cathedral.

CAFOD Volunteer - Do you have good public speaking skills and want to help tackle poverty and injustice? To find out more call CAFOD on 01922 722944 or email birmingham@cafod.org.uk

APF Little Red Mission Boxes. These are due for collection and counting. Please bring them the sacristy after Mass; or contact us if this is difficult. Many thanks!

St Chad's Junior Choir has grown out of our **Choral Outreach Programme.** They rehearse every Thursday during the school term in the Grimshaw Room, 5.00-6.30 pm. A wonderful opportunity to stimulate young minds and develop a love for music and voice. Places are restricted. For more information please contact David & Alexandra Wynne at choraloutreach@rc-birmingham.org

Second Friday Group: The Witnesses for Christ – Meets every 2nd Friday in the Grimshaw Room with rosary at 7.30pm and finish at 9.00pm. Next meeting will be on Friday 13th February 2014. For information contact Ben Thatcher on 07885 505115 or ben.thatcher@ymail.com

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

Pilgrimage to Rome, Siena & Assisi – Departs 26th October 2015, returns 31st October 2015. £715 per person sharing & £845 single room. Deposit of £50 secures your place. Payments can be made in instalments by cheque or debit card on a month to month basis. Please see noticeboard for further details.

Weekend Pilgrimage to Walsingham – Led by Fr. Jeremy Howard on Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th September 2015. Cost £70.00 per person inclusive of transport, meals and accommodation. Pilgrims need to bring a packed lunch for day of arrival. Coach departs from the Oratory with pick-ups from St. Catherine's and St. Chad's Cathedral. Please see noticeboard for further details.

Assistance Safeguarding Co-ordinator Post – The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham seek to employ a person with a good knowledge of the Church, a social work background and competence with computers to join the Safeguarding Team. The post will be part-time (20 hours per week to be worked flexibly). Closing date 27th February 2015.

Please see noticeboard. Further details are available by emailing cpo@rc-birmingham.org

“Living out a Catholic Identity in a Multi-Faith Society” a talk by Prof. Gavin D’Costa of Bristol University, at Birmingham University Catholic Chaplaincy, Harrison's Road, Edgbaston, B15 3QR on February 22nd 2pm (doors open at 1pm – tea/coffee available) admission free, everyone warmly invited. Event organised by ACTA, grassroots Catholic movement for laity, religious and clergy, working for dialogue and openness in our Church. See acalltoaction.org.uk

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes – Celebrating our 75th Anniversary Pilgrimage -

Led by Archbishop Bernard Longley from Saturday 23rd to Friday 29th May 2015. Prices from £422 by Coach and £740 by air which includes all travel costs and full board accommodation at a choice of hotels in Lourdes. All enquiries to Trish Brookes on 0121 236 4585 or lourdesadmin@rc-birmingham.org Brochures and Booking forms are available at the back of the Cathedral.

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 unauthorised 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. Please visit our website for additional information: www.stchadscathedral.org.uk