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**First Sunday of Lent  
22nd February 2015**

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**First Sunday of Lent**

**Divine Office: Psalter Week 1**

- Entrance Antiphon:** When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.
- Responsorial Psalm:** Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.
- Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
- Communion Antiphon:** One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.



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<b>Sat 21<sup>st</sup></b> 10.00am	<b>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</b> Dr Guynemer & Augusta Schelini RIP
	<b>Vigil for the First Sunday of Lent</b> People of the Parish
4.30pm	
<b>Sun 22<sup>nd</sup></b> 9.00am	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b> Brendan Healy RIP
11.00am	Margaret Welch RIP
12.30pm	<i>Baptism</i>
3.00pm	<i>The Rite of Election</i>
<b>Mon 23<sup>rd</sup></b> 12.15pm	<b>St Polycarp, Bishop, Martry</b> Bernadette Mzimba RIP
<b>Tue 24<sup>th</sup></b> 12.15pm	<b>Lent Feria</b> Ann Sheahan
<b>Wed 25<sup>th</sup></b> 12.15pm	<b>Lent Feria</b> John Connolly RIP
<b>Thu 26<sup>th</sup></b> 12.15pm	<b>Lent Feria</b> Mary Houston
<b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup></b> 9.15am	<b>Lent Feria (Family Fast Day)</b> St Chad's School (Holy Souls)
12.15pm	Catherine Mullen RIP
<b>Sat 28<sup>th</sup></b> 10.00am	<b>St Oswald, Bishop</b> Lennard Family
	<b>Vigil for the Second Sunday of Lent</b> Onnie Ferry
4.30pm	
<b>Sun 1<sup>st</sup></b> 9.00am	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b> Mary Shephard
11.00am	Fred Longley RIP <i>Followed by Meet &amp; Greet</i>
12.30pm	<i>Baptism</i>
2.30pm	Messe en Francais

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

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**Cathedral Site Statistics:**

**Week: 8<sup>th</sup> February – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

Hours we were open : 117.5

Liturgies & Meetings : 135

Number of Visitors : 3650

**Cathedral Collections:**

**Last Week:**

**Loose** £435.61

**Gift Aid** £126.00

**Restoration Fund** £ 95.85

**Second Collection next Sunday** will be for CAFOD

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

**Cathedral Flowers:** we do not decorate the church with flowers during the Season of Lent, with the exception of Laetare Sunday (4<sup>th</sup> Sun).

**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](mailto: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, 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:** Charmaine Peiris, Vivilhana Ferreira, Gill Goodfellow, Regina Halpin, Brendan Healy, Catherine Mullen, Roy Capewell, Patrick Kelly and Michael Gilmartin. Those whose anniversaries' occur about this time: Bishop Joe Cleary, Frs.: James Wharton, Michael McCabe, Martin Meagher, John Collins, James Cooney, Vincent Kennedy, George Brewster, George Tarrant, John Flynn; also Michael Walshe, Thomas Flaherty & Angelina Thuraisingham. **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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> St Patricks & St Edmund**  
**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> St Anne's, Chelmsley Wood**

**A Word of Welcome to our Cathedral:** to all of our visitors this week, especially if this is your first visit. We welcome the Lay Dominicans, those attending the Safeguarding Commission Meeting, the Catholic Secondary Head Teachers, the Catholic Records Society, and those attending the Catholic Network for Retreats & Spirituality Conference. We especially welcome those attending the Rite of Election who are preparing to be received into the Church in parishes across the archdiocese this Easter.

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.

**The Season of Lent:** is a wonderful time in which we renew our commitment to live out our baptismal promises. Sacred Scripture and the liturgy of the Church will support and encourage on this journey as we bear witness to our Faith by means of prayer, fasting and alms giving.

**'Walk with Me for Lent'** is a great resource and companion for all, especially the housebound and those searching for a deeper awareness of God. Copies are available in the cathedral. You may want to take a copy for someone who is housebound or who may have drifted away from the practise of their faith. There is a small cost of £1.00 for these, if you can afford it. Please put any donations in the wall box marked books please.

**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.

**St. Chad's Sanctuary –** Are in need of tinned food items, in particular tomatoes and fish. 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:**

**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.

**March For Life UK 2015** takes place on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 1.00pm. Please see noticeboard for details.

**40 days For Life** worldwide campaign begins on Ash Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February. Please see noticeboard for information on how you can get involved.

**Meet & Greet** every first Sunday of the month following the 11am Mass. Our next gathering will be Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2015 in the Canons' Dining 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 1<sup>st</sup> March at 2.30pm in the Cathedral with the Retreat Day commencing from 10.30am.

**Second Friday Group: The Witnesses for Christ** – Meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in the Grimshaw Room with Mass at 6.30pm and finish at 9.00pm. Next meeting will be on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015. For information contact Ben Thatcher on 07885 505115 or [ben.thatcher@ymail.com](mailto:ben.thatcher@ymail.com)

**Meeting : Protecting children from CHIPS (Challenging Homophobia in Primary Schools) - Society For the Protection of Unborn Children** are calling Religious Leaders of all denominations, parents, school governors, headteachers and teachers to make every effort to attend the above meeting to look at the content of the CHIPS programme and the dangers it presents. We will explain the involvement of Birmingham City Council and suggest ways to resist this programme coming into schools and thus protect children. **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015 from 7.00pm – 9.00pm at the Parish Room, Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 139 Albert Road, Stetchford, Birmingham. B33 8UB.**

**Marriage and the Family - St Chad's parish consultation -Pope Francis is asking Catholics to think and pray about the Church's approach to divorce and remarriage, sexuality, cohabitation, contraception and homosexuality.** Pope and Bishops meet in October, after worldwide consultations. Please respond to Pope Francis' call by attending one or more of **3 parish work-shops, all on Mondays in March - 2nd, 16th and 23rd.** All are free, start 7.15, finish by 9.00pm. Everyone over 16 welcome – young, old, married, single, straight, gay, deeply convinced Catholic or hanging on by a thread. Questionnaires available. Opinions will be **confidential, anonymously noted**, reported to Fr Eddie Clare. He reports to Archbishop Nichols and Bishop Peter Doyle before they attend the **Synod.** Workshop organiser, Jean Riordan, will make a summary available to participants, other parishioners and our Archbishop and Cathedral clergy.

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

Led by Archbishop Bernard Longley from Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:lourdesadmin@rc-birmingham.org)  
Brochures and Booking forms are available at the back of the Cathedral.

**St. Anne's Parish, Digbeth presents a Fundraising Dance** with Little Jimmy & Friends on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February from 8.00pm – Midnight. St. Anne's Parish Centre. Admission £5.00. Please see noticeboard for details.

**Society For the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) – As the General Election Approaches** it is essential that we elect people to Parliament who will vote to protect unborn children and their mothers from the horror of abortion; who will uphold the right to conscientious objection to abortion in the health professions; who will vote to spare the elderly and the vulnerable from the threat of being killed by assisted suicide and who will vote to maintain parents' rights to withdraw their children from damaging sex education lessons in school. Please ask for a copy of SPUC's General Election Handbook. Call Paul Tully or Katherine Hampton on 020 7091 7091 or contact [political@spuc.org.uk](mailto:political@spuc.org.uk)

**Virgin London Marathon** – Cathedral parishioner **Paul Coffey** is running the Virgin London Marathon on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2015 for Worldwide Cancer Research. Please support Coffey's Run raise money for this great cause by donating directly to their fundraising page <http://www.justgiving.com/Coffey-Runlondonmarathon2015>

JustGiving sends your donation straight to Worldwide Cancer Research and automatically reclaims Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer, so your donation is worth even more.

**Catholic Medical Association (Midlands Branch)** – Dr. Adrian Treloar “The Catholic Contribution to Health Care” at 2.00pm on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2015 at Newman House. Please see noticeboard for further 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 or persons.**

**Please visit our website for additional information: [www.stchadscathedral.org](http://www.stchadscathedral.org)**

**Pilgrimage to Rome, Siena & Assisi** – Departs 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015, returns 31<sup>st</sup> 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. For further details contact [andrew.oldnall@btinternet.com](mailto:andrew.oldnall@btinternet.com) or call on 0121 440 8623 or 07733 226063. Please see noticeboard for more detail.

**Weekend Pilgrimage to Walsingham** – Led by Fr. Jeremy Howard on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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](http://www.sehion.net)

**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](mailto:choraloutreach@rc-birmingham.org)

**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 27<sup>th</sup> February 2015. Please see noticeboard. Further details are available by emailing [cpo@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:cpo@rc-birmingham.org)

**Visit:** Watch out for news about the Heritage Open Days coming this Autumn. You will have a unique opportunity to take a guided look around the Cathedral and the Crypt – what you will see will be muCHADmired and you'll be amazed by what you discover. Go Explore – Get Involved. [www.heritageopendays.org.uk/](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/)



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