



Metropolitan Cathedral & Basilica of  
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# PALM SUNDAY

## of the Passion of Our Lord

### 29<sup>th</sup> March 2015

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**Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord B**

**Divine Office: Psalter Week 2**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Replaced by the Procession and Blessing of Palms

**Responsorial Psalm:** My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory. Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death; death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.

**Communion Antiphon:** Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.



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## Mass Times

**28<sup>th</sup> March 2015 – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

<b>Sat 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Lent Feria</b>
10.00am	Mary Kelly
12.30pm	<i>Baptism of Janiyah Aboh</i>
	<b>Vigil for Palm Sunday</b>
4.30pm	Kitty O'Neil RIP
<b>Sun 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
9.00am	Tommie Brennan RIP
10.55am	<i>Procession begins outside of Crypt</i>
11.00am	People of the Parish
<b>Mon 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Holy Week</b>
12.15pm	Mary Cotterill RIP
<b>Tue 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Holy Week</b>
12.15pm	Barbara Saint RIP
<b>Wed 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Holy Week</b>
11.30am	Mass of Chrism
	<b>THE EASTER TRIDUUM</b>
<b>Thu 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>
	<i>No Mass at 12.15pm</i>
7.30pm	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
	<i>Followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose ending with:</i>
11.45pm	Night Prayer
<b>Fri 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Good Friday</b>
10.00am	<i>The Walk of Witness begins at St Michael's, Moor Street and finishes with the last 4 Stations of the Cross at 11.30am at St Chad's Cathedral.</i>
3.00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
<b>Sat 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Holy Saturday</b>
	No Mass at 10.00am
7.50pm	Begins outside the Crypt
8.00pm	The Easter Vigil
<b>Sun 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>
9.00am	People of the Parish
11.00am	Regina Halpin RIP
12.30pm	<i>Baptisms of Teona Thompson, Julie Wallace and Tahana Gambissi</i>
2.30pm	Messe en Français

**PLEASE COLLECT THE ADDITIONAL SHEET FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER.**

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

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### **Cathedral Site Statistics:**

**Week: 15<sup>th</sup> March – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2015**

Hours we were open : **112.5**  
Liturgies & Meetings : **136**  
Number of Visitors : **3876**

## Cathedral Collections:

**Last Week:**

<b>Loose</b>	£572.92
<b>Gift Aid</b>	£107.50
<b>Appeal</b>	£679.44

There will be a collection on Good Friday for the upkeep of the Holy Places & Shrines in the Holy Land.

**Collection Next Sunday:** are our Easter Offerings for the Cathedral Clergy. Envelopes are available in the cathedral.

**Cathedral Flowers:** Easter Flowers are in memoriam of James Murphy.

**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.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPE BOXES FOR THE COMING YEAR ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE SACRISTY.**

**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.

**Holy Week & Easter Posters** from the Knights of St. Columba are available at the back of the Cathedral. Please take one and display it during the Holy Week and Easter Season "**Proclaiming Our Belief in the Death and Resurrection of Christ**".

**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!

**The Apostles' Creed:** will be used throughout Lent & Easter. Copies are available at the back of the cathedral.

**Prayer Intentions:** Mgr. Paul Watson; Canon Peter Gilsean; Frs.: Peter Jones, Tony Haycock, Pat Farrelly, Paul Chavasse C.O., Gerry McArdle, David Bazen, David Condron, & Tony Sims; Deacons: Daniel Hurd, David McCarroll, Tony Janew & David Pranauskas. Also: Marjorie Moses, Sarah Stafford, Philip Dickenson, Roddy Devlin, Terrence Mahoney, Margaret Measey, Keith Percival, Jim Matthews, Stephen McClean, Brian Gregory, Remo Forcellini, Eva McNair, Phyllis McCullion, John O'Donaghue, 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, John Farrel, Anne Symonds, Tom Collins and Pat McCourt; youngsters: Ronav Paul, Zach McEniff, Sevan Zegue, Talitha Leigh, Baby Cahir Magee and all other children in the Children's Hospital.

**All who have died recently:** Fr Tony Sims, Deacon Tom Ashcroft, Doreen Mooney, Martina Donaghey, Mary Keegan, Vincent Smith, Philip James, Catherine Devenney, Paul Brown and Joey Carey. Those whose anniversaries' occur about this time: St John Paul II, Archbishop Thomas Williams Bishop Anthony Emery; Mgr Canon Dan Leonard, Canon Brian Withers Frs: Thomas Cockburn, Matthew Sheridan, John Callaghan, Philip O'Reilly, Lawrence King, Michael Clive Glynn, Deacon Raymond Zacaroli & Barbara Saint. **May they rest in peace. Amen.**

**Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father for the Month of March: Universal: Scientists**

That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person.

**For Evangelization: Contribution of Women** – That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognised always.

**Month of April: Universal: Creation**

That people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God.

**For Evangelization: Persecuted Christians**

That persecuted Christians may feel the consoling presence of the Risen Lord and the solidarity of all the Church.

**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.

**A Word of Welcome to our Cathedral:** our number of visitors seems to grow week by week Deo Gratias! In addition to our regulars we welcome the Cathedral Chapter and clergy of the Diocese attending the Chrism Mass on Wednesday, along with the Papal Knights who will be visiting at this weekend. A special word of welcome to visitors to the Cathedral during Holy Week. If you have just wandered in for a few moments' quiet prayer or reflection - you are all most welcome. If we can be of any assistance to you, please ask a member of staff.

**A word of thanks ...** to the pupils, staff and production team whose performance of 'Born For This' was a resounding success to prepare us for Holy Week. Also to our Cathedral Choral Outreach to Schools who held two concerts in the Cathedral with the pupils of the Sacred Heart and St Joseph's Primary schools.

**Messe en Français** every first Sunday of the month with the West Midlands French Speaking Community. The next Mass will be Easter Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm.

**Holy Week & Easter:** please collect the extra leaflet and note that the 11.00am Mass for Palm Sunday starts outside of the Crypt with the Blessing of Palms for those who are able. Also, on Good Friday the Stations of the Cross form our Walk of Witness which begins at 10.00am at St Michael's, Moor Street and finishes in the Cathedral at 11.30am with the last 4 Stations. Refreshments and Hot Cross buns will be served in the Grimshaw Room afterwards.

**Meet & Greet** every first Sunday of the month following the 11am Mass in the Grimshaw Room. *The Meet & Greet will not take place in April as the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in April is Easter Sunday.*

**Parish & Deanery Events:**

**The Year 2016** marks the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of our Cathedral. We have planned a great series of liturgical and outreach projects including concerts and exhibitions. More on this later!



**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.

**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 began on Ash Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February. Please see noticeboard for information on how you can get involved.

**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 this Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2015. For information contact Ben Thatcher on 07885 505115 or [ben.thatcher@ymail.com](mailto:ben.thatcher@ymail.com)

**Events at St Mary's Convent in March:**  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Lenten Retreat Day  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Social Evening at St Francis Centre  
Please see noticeboard for more detail.

**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. For more information please contact David & Alexandra Wynne at [choraloutreach@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:choraloutreach@rc-birmingham.org)

**Carmel ... Come and See!** Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May at Redditch Town Hall – See notice board for further details.

**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.

**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)

### **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.

### **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham (Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2015). Led by Bishop Kenney C.P.**

Coach - £30.00 per person (includes a Pilgrimage Booklet, a cooked evening meal and the Diocesan Levy). The coach will leave: The Oratory, Plough and Harrow Road at 7.15 am; St Catherine's, Great Colmore Street at 7.30 am and St Chad's Cathedral at 7.45 am. Please contact Mrs Anne Roebuck to book a seat on the coach. Her contact details are: Tel: 0121 454 0130.

Email: [anne.roebuck@btinternet.com](mailto:anne.roebuck@btinternet.com). Please book early to avoid disappointment.

**Vacancy: MA Administrator -** Maryvale Institute, Kingstanding, Birmingham wishes to appoint a graduate as full time academic administrator for its MA program in Catholic theology. Proficiency with IT for administration is essential, salary negotiable. For further information and application details contact Fr Eddie Clare, Institute director, on 0121 360 8118 or [director@maryvale.ac.uk](mailto:director@maryvale.ac.uk) Closing date for applications 17<sup>th</sup>. April 2015

**Visit Your Cathedral:** 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 mind-blowing and you'll be amazed by what you discover. Go Explore – Get Involved. [www.heritageopendays.org.uk/](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/)

**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](http://www.stchadscathedral.org)

**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. 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**'As seen on television' Congratulations** to David Pearce, aged 15, one of our dedicated Altar Servers who won the national Royal Mint competition to design the new £1 coin beating more than 6,000 entries. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, George Osborne, rang David with the news and met with him at 11 Downing Street to personally congratulate him!

**Thinking of a career in teaching?** There are a series of open days and open evenings at Bishop Challoner Teaching School Alliance in March, April and May and a 'Train to Train' event in Coventry late March in Coventry. Please see noticeboard for more detail.