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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER Divine Mercy Sunday 12th April 2015

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Second Sunday of Easter Cycle B

Divine Office: Second Sunday of Easter

- Entrance Antiphon:** Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.
- Responsorial Psalm:** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
or Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- Gospel Acclamation:** Jesus said: "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe".
- Communion Antiphon:** Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.



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Mass Times
11^h – 19th April 2015

Sat 11th 10.00am	Easter Saturday Birmingham Lay Carmelites 3 rd Order Diamond Jubilee Vigil for the Second Sunday of Easter James Fleming, RIP
	4.30pm
Sun 12th	Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday
9.00am	People of the Parish
11.00am	Winnie Potts, RIP
12.30pm	<i>Baptism of Noah James Clements</i>
Mon 13th 12.15pm	St Martin I, Pope - Martyr Mary Houston, Intentions
Tue 14th 12.15pm	Easter Feria Clare Capewell, Intentions
Wed 15th 12.15pm	Easter Feria Thomas, Mary & Liam Flaherty
Thu 16th 12.15pm	Easter Feria Winifred Rhondo, RIP
Fri 17th 9.15am 12.15pm	Easter Feria Mass in St Chad's School Catherine & John McCarthy Golden Wedding Anniversary
Sat 18th 10.00am	Easter Feria Theresa Acquaye
	Vigil for the Third Sunday of Easter Vincent O'Neil
	4.30pm
Sun 19th	Third Sunday of Easter
9.00am	People of the Parish
11.00am	Mai Kerins

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

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Cathedral Site Statistics:

Week: 29th March – 4th April 2015

Hours we were open : **114.5**
Liturgies & Meetings : **116**
Number of Visitors : **5279**

Cathedral Flowers: If you wish to have a floral tribute in remembrance of a loved one or for special intentions please pop your name details on the list at the back of the Cathedral. Please leave your donation with the Sacristy team.

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.

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.

A Word of Welcome to our Cathedral: especially if this is your first visit. We welcome the following groups and societies during this coming week: the Bristol Organist Association, Teachers from St. Brigid's, those attending the Union of Catholic Mothers' AGM, the TOBY group, Teamworks Home Education Group, those attending the Flower Festival Coffee morning, the Lourdes Medical Association Committee and the Newman Association.

A Word of Congratulations to the following who were welcomed into the family of the Church during our Easter celebrations: Adults who received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist: Jake Chandler, Gayan Goonatilake, Alexander Jilks & John (Mohammad) Reza Orang.

Chrisnia Mendes, Ojiaku Uraih, & Sean Ruston who received the Sacrament of Confirmation; and Farrell Papachristophorou who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist. The following children were baptised on Easter Sunday: Alaina Celeste Ianthe Stewart-Thompson, Scott-Cohen Armel Gambissi, Marie Rose Barume & Immaculee Barume.

The St Teresa of Avila Centenary 2015 Cathedral to Cathedral Exhibition - The Exhibition will remain at the Cathedral until Sunday 26th April.

Prayer Intentions: Mgr. Paul Watson; Canon Peter Gilsenan; 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'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, 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: Tom Matthews, Bridie Keavney, Martina Donaghey, Mary Keegan, Vincent Smith, Philip James, Paul Brown, Joey Carey, Shane Foody, Winnie Potts, and infant Deimante Druikate Those whose anniversaries' occur about this time: Bishop Anthony Emery, Canons William Swift and Bernard Hodgson. Frs: Michael Glynn, Kevin Preston, Kenneth Collins, Joseph Barr, Michael McManus, Wilfrid Sheeran, Walter Edwards, Anthony Browne, Peter Moore, Thomas Canning & William Smith. Also: Hector Alphonse, Mary Flaherty and Marie Flanagan. **May they rest in peace. Amen.**

Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father for the 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.

Cathedral Choir are on a well-earned holiday this weekend.

Messe en Français every first Sunday of the month with the West Midlands French Speaking Community. The next date for your diary is Sunday 3rd May at 2.30pm.

Meet & Greet every first Sunday of the month following the 11am Mass in the Grimshaw Room. The next Meet & Greet date will be Sunday 3rd May 2015.

Parish & Deanery Events:

The Year 2016 marks the 175th 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 16th May 2015 at 1.00pm. Please see noticeboard for details.

Second Friday Group: The Witnesses for Christ – Meets every 2nd Friday in the Grimshaw Room with Mass at 6.30pm and finish at 9.00pm. Next meeting this Friday 8th May 2015.

For information contact Ben Thatcher on 07885 505115 or ben.thatcher@ymail.com

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

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 Feast of St Catherine of Siena -Wednesday April 29th 7 pm. Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert Byrne with joint parishes' choir and contributions by St, Catherine's School. Followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

Carmel ... Come and See! Saturday 30th May at Redditch Town Hall – See notice board 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

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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham (Saturday 9th 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.

Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Birmingham Diocesan Education Department: is recruiting for two positions. Firstly a Senior Officer for Capital Projects and Place Planning which closes on 20 April 2015 and an Advisor to Primary Schools which closes on 27 April 2015. Please go to <http://www.bdes.org.uk/job-vacancies> for further detail and application form.

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 muCHADmired and you'll be amazed by what you discover. Go Explore – Get Involved. www.heritageopendays.org.uk/

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 Closing date for applications 17th. April 2015

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.

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

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

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. For further details contact 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 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. For further details contact andrew.oldnall@btinternet.com or call on 0121 440 8623 or 07733 226063. Please see noticeboard for more detail.