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**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**19<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

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**Third Sunday of Easter Cycle B**

**Divine Office: Third Sunday of Easter**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

**Communion Antiphon:** The Christ had to suffer on the third day rise from the dead; in his name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.



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18<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2015

<b>Sat 18<sup>th</sup></b> 10.00am	<b>Easter Feria</b> Theresa Acquaye
4.30pm	<b>Vigil for the Third Sunday of Easter</b> Vincent O'Neil
<b>Sun 19<sup>th</sup></b> 9.00am 11.00am	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> People of the Parish Mai Kerins
<b>Mon 20<sup>th</sup></b> 12.15pm	<b>Easter Feria</b> Eileen Cunningham, RIP
<b>Tue 21<sup>st</sup></b> 12.15pm	<b>St Anslem</b> Bride and Joe Madden
<b>Wed 22<sup>nd</sup></b> 12.15pm	<b>Easter Feria</b> Fr Pham-Tri-Van
<b>Thu 23<sup>rd</sup></b> 12.15pm	<b>Feast of St George</b> Elizabeth Fox, RIP
<b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup></b>  9.15am 12.15pm	<b>St Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr</b> <b>St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr</b> Mass in St Chad's School Rhonda Avery
<b>Sat 25<sup>h</sup></b> 10.00am  4.30pm	<b>St Mark, Evangelist</b> Mary Patricia O'Rourke, RIP  <b>Vigil for the Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> Freda Durnian, RIP
<b>Sun 26<sup>th</sup></b> 9.00am 11.00am 12.30pm	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> People of the Parish Bridie Keavney, RIP <i>Baptism of Stefan Kristof Maksel</i>

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

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**Cathedral Site Statistics:**

**Week: 5<sup>th</sup> April – 11<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

Hours we were open : **103.5**  
Liturgies & Meetings : **112**  
Number of Visitors : **3065**

**Cathedral Collections:**

**Last Week:**

<b>Loose</b>	£453.41
<b>Gift Aid</b>	£142.40
<b>Cathedral Maintenance</b>	£175.48

**Second Collection next Sunday** is for the Clergy Training Fund.

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

**Cathedral Flowers:** This weekend are in memoriam of The Scott Family.

If you wish to have a floral tribute in remembrance of a loved one or for special intentions please call to Reception or speak to a member of staff.

**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.

**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 National Conference of Deacons, CAFOD representatives, Lourdes Helpers, who will be here in preparation for the 75<sup>th</sup> Pilgrimage and the Lay Dominicans. Preparation for the forthcoming Flower Festival continues.

**A Word of Welcome** to Bernadette O'Neil who joins the staff of St. Paul's Bookshop.

**School Visits:**

Tues 21.04.15	St Benedict's, Atherstone
Weds 22.04.15	Holy Souls, Acocks Green
Thurs 23.04.15	St Modwen, Burton-on-Trent
Fri 24.04.15	St Peter & St Paul, Coventry

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

**Prayer Intentions:** Mgr. Paul Watson; Canons: Peter Gilsean & John Gunn; 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: Neville McDonald, 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, 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, Pat McCourt and Sally Testeo James, Srs Marie-Clare and Raphael, Shirley Archer, Keanu McLean, Kevin Murphy and Rhonda Avery; 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, John O'Sullivan, Winnie Potts, Des Teague, Alice Sheehan, Maria Patricia O'Rourke, Maureen Daly, Thomas Bates, John Tynan and May Phillips. Those whose anniversaries' occur about this time: Frs: Reginald Slade, Patrick Downey, Hugh Griffith, Oswald Joyce, Liam Bouchier, Patrick Quilty, Benjamin Cox, Wilfrid Davenport, Desmond Donnelly, Peter Dennison and Deacon Peter Seeney. Also: Freda Durnian, 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.

**Messe en Français** every first Sunday of the month with the West Midlands French Speaking Community. The next date for your diary is Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2015.

**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.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> May 2015. For information contact Ben Thatcher on 07885 505115 or [ben.thatcher@ymail.com](mailto: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](mailto:choraloutreach@rc-birmingham.org)

**Accommodation Needed** from May 2 until June 7 for a young actress who is a practising Catholic (NS). Her family have asked if we can help. She only needs a room. If you can help please contact Canon Gerry or the Cathedral Office. Many thanks.

## **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 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.

**The Feast of St Catherine of Siena -Wednesday April 29<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.sehion.net)

**St Mary's College, Oscott – Invite you to:** A day conference exploring the political, religious and musical life of the Stuart court in exile, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015. The programme for the day begins at 10.30. Please see notice board for further details.

**Belmont Abbey, Hereford – Invite you to:** A Torchlight Procession on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 9.00pm. Please see notice board for further details.

## **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes – Celebrating our 75<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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/](http://www.heritageopendays.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 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.

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**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. 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. 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.