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## Seventeenth Sunday of the Year

### 'Day for Life'

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2015

Divine Office: Psalter Week 1

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Entrance Antiphon:** God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.
- Responsorial Psalm:** You open wide your hands, O Lord, and grant our desires.
- Gospel Acclamation:** Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.
- Communion Antiphon:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.



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## Times - 25<sup>th</sup> July – 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2015

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> St James**  
10.00am Lucy Ryan  
12.30pm *Baptism of Ranulph James Dolman-Askey*

### **'DAY FOR LIFE'**

#### **Vigil for the 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

4.30pm Danny Sheehan

#### **Sun 26<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9.00am People of the Parish  
11.00am Mary Cotterill  
12.30pm *Baptism of Grace Aurora Grant*

#### **Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Feria in Ordinary Time**

12.15pm Bert Hannon

#### **Tue 28<sup>th</sup> Feria in Ordinary Time**

12.15pm Eileen McGlacken

#### **Wed 29<sup>th</sup> St Martha**

12.15pm Florence Duffy RIP

#### **Thu 30<sup>th</sup> Feria in Ordinary Time**

12.15pm Margaret & Leo Hopley

#### **Fri 31<sup>st</sup> St Ignatius of Loyola**

12.15pm Stephen Naylor

### **THE MONTH OF AUGUST**

#### **Sat 1<sup>st</sup> St Alphonsus Mary de'Ligouri,**

10.00am Mary & Patrick McDermott

#### **Vigil for the 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

4.30pm People of the Parish

#### **Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9.00am Our Benefactors  
11.00am Peter Adcock, RIP  
2.30pm Messe en Français

**PLEASE DO NOT** leave any personal property unattended, even when going to receive Holy Communion. Also, please switch off your mobile phone unless you are on-call. Thank you.

### **CCTV IN OPERATION FOR YOUR SAFETY & SECURITY**

**Please Note: Access to the toilets in the Sacristy Area is restricted to Mass times only when the sanctuary is being prepared or cleared before and after Mass. This is to curb the current miss use and damage by non-bonafide visitors.**

### **Cathedral Site Statistics**

**12<sup>th</sup> July 2015 - 18<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

Hours we were open - **113**

Liturgies & Meetings - **126**

Number of Visitors - **3464**

### **Cathedral Collections: - Last Week:**

<b>Main</b>	<b>Gift Aid</b>	<b>Restoration Fund</b>
<b>£493.38</b>	<b>£88.50</b>	<b>£329.32</b>

**Our Second Collection** this weekend will be for 'Day for Life'.

**Recent Donations:** both great and small. Apologies for not having addresses to send our thanks to all of our benefactors. Thank you for all the financial support we receive in these difficult times. Please see additional note below.

**Cathedral Flowers for this week:** In memory of Mary Cotterill. Next week's will be in memoriam of Peter Adcock. 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.

**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.

**Enquiries for the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation and Marriage; and anyone interested in Adult Instruction please contact Canon Gerry Breen.**

**A Word of Welcome:** as we begin the school and college holiday with many of our parishioners and students away on holiday or visiting home, the Cathedral remains as busy as ever. In addition to our regular groups, we make a special word of welcome to the families of the babies who will be baptised into the Christian family this weekend. This Sunday for our 11.00am Mass we welcome the ladies choir from the Parish of St George, Worcester.

Also, welcome to our visiting campanologists ringers. On Thursday afternoon we welcome the Friends and Volunteers from St Chad's Sanctuary. The summer months bring many visitors to our cathedral for Mass or simply on an impromptu visit. So if you have wandered into our cathedral for the first time to simply look around or spend time in quiet prayer you are most welcome. If we can be of any assistance, please speak to one of our cathedral staff or call at Reception.

**Meet & Greet** every first Sunday of the month following the 11am Mass in the Grimshaw Room. The next Meet & Greet will be on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2015.

**A Word of Farewell:** Sadly we say goodbye to Fr Noel Bisibu N'tungu, Chaplain to the French speaking community in the West Midlands. He has been recalled home to the Democratic Republic of Congo by his bishops to take up responsibility for catechesis (Catholic Education). This is a huge task, so please keep Fr Noel and his work in your prayers.

**We also bid farewell** to James and Julia and their parents who return to Nebraska this week. They have been here for the last year because of their father's research work. Both have served faithfully at our 11.00am Mass as well as being part of our Junior Choir. We wish them well, and hope to see them again next year!

**Prayer Intentions for the Sick:** Mgr. Paul Watson; Canons: Mervyn Tower, Peter Gilsenan & John Gunn; Frs.: Peter Jones, Tony Haycock, Pat Farrelly, Paul Chavasse C.O., David Bazen, & David Condron. Deacons: Daniel Hurd, David McCarroll, Tony Janew & David Pranauskas. Pray also for Lucy Ryan, Alwen Griffiths, Jane Goodyear, Roddy Devlin, Mary Baines, Sally Testeo James, Clare Capewell, Alexis Brant, Sarah James, Nora Brandon, Annie Conneely, Charles Brooks, Margaret O'Donovan, Molly Jones, Carol Bertie, Paul Whitson, Verta Gorton, Teresa Condon, Nonie Collins, Talitha Leigh, Edwina Cownley, Patrick Costelloe, Mary Phearson, Mr Haywood, Remo Forcellini, Baby Cahir Magee, and all other children in the Children's Hospital.

**For those who have died recently:** All victims of violence and terrorism. Also: Fr. Eddie Whelan, Florence Duffy, Eamon Baker, Dr John Chapman, Winnie Burke, Pat O'Donnell, Michael Masterson, Tom Killan, Tom Mathews, Tom Collins, Barry Sullivan, Nora O'Sullivan, Ian Knowels & Baby Aby.

**Prayers for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:** Canon Arthur Diamond, Frs: Denis O'Shea, Basil Wrighton, Thomas Duffy and Deacon Ernie Titchmarsh. Also Peter Adcock, Danny Sheehan, Robert Smith, Mary White, Michael Cassidy and Matthew O'Donnell. Eternal Rest grant unto them O, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

**Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father for the Month of July:**

**Universal:** Politics. That political responsibility may be lived at all levels as a high form of charity.

**Evangelisation:** The poor in Latin America. That, amid social inequalities, Latin American Christians may bear witness to love for the poor and contribute to a more fraternal society.

**Please Pray also for** Stephen Lee, ordained priest last Saturday for Liverpool and Philip Cunnah ordained for Middlesbrough this Saturday; both of whom were on pastoral placement at St Chad's last year.

**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 with the West Midlands French Speaking Community. The next date for your diary is Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 2.30pm.

**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 Friday August 14<sup>th</sup>. For information contact Ben Thatcher: 07885 505115 or [ben.thatcher@ymail.com](mailto:ben.thatcher@ymail.com)

**Our Cathedral Choir k:** are on their summer break. In their absence we welcome various parish choirs to assist with our liturgy.

**St Chad's Junior Choir** has grown out of our **Choral Outreach Programme**. They are on Summer holiday now and are having a well-earned break, but they will be back to rehearse every Thursday during the school term in the Grimshaw Room, 5.00-6.30pm. For more information please contact David & Alexandra Wynne at [choraloutreach@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:choraloutreach@rc-birmingham.org)

**2016 The Cathedral's 175<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary & The Holy Year of Mercy.** An exciting year ahead. Watch this space!

**Our Appeal & Restoration Fund & Works In-Hand:** Information and transparency is so important if we are to take ownership and responsibility for our cathedral, and to account for your wonderful financial generosity in such difficult times. We are immensely grateful for all donations and gifts to the cathedral – both great and small. Whenever possible we do make personal contact with our benefactors, although some wish to remain anonymous and we respect that too. Holy Mass is offered frequently for your intentions.

We shall publish a more comprehensive report in due course which will outline what your donations have enabled thus far, and also looking forward to other necessary works of repair and restoration. For now, the repair work to the external stonework and statuary, sponsored in part by the grant we received from the World War I Cathedral Repairs Fund will begin in the coming months.

Problems continue with the lighting system, which accounts for some fittings not working at the moment (Work on one fitting alone cost us £900 because of the hire of equipment to reach it!) The Big Six candles on the High Altar are away being refurbished. They will cost us £250 per candlestick. Funds continue to come in for the restoration of the Sacred Heart Statute. Thank you to those who enquired about the total cost, we are awaiting a quote for this work. The reframing of the Stations of the Cross remains a ‘work in hand’ and a second ‘mock up’ will appear soon. The total cost for reframing all 14 is unknown at this stage. We also need to replace both the P.A. (Microphones) and Loop System. The Great Organ is due to receive its first full service since its installation over 20 years ago as some of the larger pipes are splaying at their bases and a number of the organic diaphragms are drying out. (Excuse the jargon). This will cost a further £50,000. There are other works too, some necessary others cosmetic.

Nonetheless, we remain joyful and optimistic! A more detailed report will follow to coincide with a new parish census in preparation for a renewal of mission as we look forward to the Holy Year of Mercy. We repeat our thanks for the generosity and love you have for our wonderful cathedral. For further information and enquiries please contact Canon Gerry or Margaret Regan who keeps a tight rein on our finances.

**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)

**Temporary Accommodation Needed:** a professional Italian couple with a young son are in urgent need of accommodation from now until mid-September. It is difficult to arrange such a short term letting with an estate agent. The father is here because of his work. If you can help, or would like further information please contact Canon Gerry.

**SPECIAL ONE OFF OFFER!** St Paul’s Bookshop at St Chad’s are making a very special offer to parishioners to buy Pope Francis’ Encyclical Letter ‘Laudato Si’ (Praise be to you My Lord!) The normal retail price is £4.95, but we can buy it for only £3. The encyclical has received great coverage in the media and is a reflection on how we should be caring for creation and each other. It is written in Pope Francis’ characteristic simple way but remains a rich source of prayer and nourishment. Copies will be available at the end of all Masses this weekend. Be sure to buy your copy while stocks last.

**Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall:** Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2015. The Principal Celebrant for Mass at 3.00pm is The Rt. Rev. Bishop Robert Byrne. Please see noticeboard for further details.

**Weekend Pilgrimage to Walsingham:** (Sat 26th – Sun 27th September 2015). Led by Fr Jeremy Howard. Costing £70.00 per person. To book your place, please contact Mrs Anne Roebuck on Tel 0121 454 0130 Email: [anne.roebuck@btinternet.com](mailto:anne.roebuck@btinternet.com).

**St Chad’s Sanctuary Appeal:** Thank you for recent donations of food and clothing for our brothers and sisters who are destitute and genuine asylum seekers. We are desperate for small to medium size men’s t-shirts, socks and underwear; also men’s shoes, particularly sizes 6-8, are desperately needed. Deliver to the Sanctuary or Cathedral Reception.

**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)

## **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 Birmingham Heritage Forum** host some fabulous events all year round at some of the city's most impressive and interesting places. To find out what's going on take a look at the website by visiting <http://www.birminghamheritage.org.uk/>

## **News about the Heritage Open Days:**

Go Explore – Get Involved

[www.heritageopendays.org.uk/](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/)

An exciting and very interesting opportunity to see parts of and hear about the Cathedral's fascinating history, not normally open to visitors, is coming in September during the national Heritage Open Days weekend and the Birmingham Heritage Week.

The Cathedral is offering four dates from Thursday 10 September to Sunday 13 September for you to visit.

## **Opening Times – September 2015**

- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> – Tour from 10.00 – 12.00
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> - Tour from 10.00 – 12.00
- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> : Tour from 13.00 – 15.00
- Sunday: Tour from 13.00 – 15.00

## **Booking Details:**

Booking Details: Pre-booking – Preferred.

Contact: Reception Call: 0121 230 6201 or e-mail:

[reception@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:reception@rc-birmingham.org)

Go to: <http://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/> or write

to: Cathedral Visits, St Chad's Cathedral,  
Queensway, Birmingham, B4 6EU

Booking opens: 1 July 2015 09:00 and closes: 31 August 2015 17:00. Names will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

## **Access Information**

Access Information: There are 8 disabled parking bays in front of the Cathedral. There is wheelchair access to the Cathedral and access to a disabled toilet. There is partial access to the Crypt by lift but there are several steps up or down in to some of the chapels.

## **Additional information**

Additional Information: Max 20 people per tour/session. Two tours available daily at the time stated above.

## **Rome, Siena and Assisi Pilgrimage**

(Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Sat 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015). Flying from Birmingham Airport. £715.00 per person (sharing) or £845.00 in a single room. Instalment Plan available. £50.00 deposit per person required when booking. For further information, contact: Andrew Oldnall. Tel: 0121 440 8623. Email: Andrew.Oldnall@btinternet.com. Book early to avoid disappointment.

**Vacancies For Carers** - Carers required to join our team of caring carers who really want to make a difference to the lives of people who require support or companionship in their own homes call:

Liz 07800983085 or apply below or you can fill out an application online at our website: [www.avemariacare.co.uk](http://www.avemariacare.co.uk)

**The Stations of the Cross** used to be 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.