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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday 16th August 2015

Divine Office: From the Solemnity and the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Divine Office: Psalter Week 4 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Entrance Antiphon:** A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.
- Responsorial Psalm:** On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.
- Gospel Acclamation:** Mary has been taken up into heaven; all the choirs of angels are rejoicing.
- Communion Antiphon:** All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me.



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Mass Times: 15th – 23rd August 2015

Sat 15th

10.00am Arthur Wallis

Vigil for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4.30pm Charles & Roseanne Keely RIP

Sun 16th Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.00am People of the Parish

11.00am Trisha Harper RIP

Mon 17th Feria in Ordinary Time

12.15pm Alphonse Taistra

Tue 18th Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am Requiem Mass for Christine Pugh RIP

12.15pm Ethnic Groups of Burma

Wed 19th Feria in Ordinary Time

12.15pm Thomas, Mary and Liam Flaherty

Thu 20th St Bernard

12.15pm Thomas Lohan RIP

Fri 21st Pope St Pius X

12.15pm Colin Knight RIP

Sat 22nd Queenship of the BVM

10.00am Owen Maguire

Vigil for Twenty-first Sunday of the Year

4.30pm People of the Parish

Sun 23rd Twenty-first Sunday of the Year

9.00am Barbara Harwood RIP

11.00am Holy Souls

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 -

2nd August – 8th August 2015

Hours we were open : **116**
Liturgies & Meetings : **112**
Number of Visitors : **3101**

Cathedral Collections: - Last Week:

Main	Gift Aid	Restoration Fund
£525.87	£103.00	£1602.76

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 Trisha Harper. If you wish to have a floral tribute in remembrance of a loved one or for a special intention please call to Reception or speak to a member of staff. Thank you to all who have supported this initiative which enables us to afford flowers.

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.

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.

Meet & Greet every first Sunday of the month following the 11am Mass in the Grimshaw Room.

The next Meet & Greet will be on Sunday 6th September 2015.

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

Messe en Français every first Sunday with the West Midlands French Speaking Community. The next date for your diary is Sunday 6th September 2015 at 2.30pm. Archbishop Bernard is the main celebrant.

Prayer Intentions for the Sick: Mgrs. 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 Sr. Angela O'Donnell, Lucy Ryan, Alwen Griffiths, Jane Goodyear, Roddy Devlin, Mary Baines, Sally Testeo James, Clare Capewell, Alexis Brant, Andrew Oldnall, Sarah James, Nora Brandon, Annie Conneely, Charles Brooks, Margaret O'Donovan, Carol Bertie, Paul Whitson, Verta Gorton, Teresa Condon, Nonie Collins, Talitha Leigh, Edwina Cownley, Patrick Costelloe, Mary Phearson, Mr Haywood, Remo Forcellini, Thomas Ashe, Margaret Hardy & Barry Lynch.

For those who have died recently: John Mulry, Christine Pugh, Jim Diamond, Marie Connely, Molly Jones, Kara Jennings & Mary Rodgers.

Prayers for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: HE Bernard William Cardinal Griffin, Canon Bernard Cusworth, Frs: Leslie McCallum, Kevin Keaney, Terence Smith, Patrick Cooney and Deacon Douglas Taylor, Also, Martin Morley, Brian Holden, Maurice Matchett, Brian Sheppard, Trisha Harper, Patricia Gallen, Fred Gallen, Hughie Scanlan, Sean O Keefe, Martin Toal, Paddy Dineen, Theresa Boyle, James Foley and Bernadette Realf. **Eternal Rest grant unto them O, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.**

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for August.

Universal: Volunteers: That volunteers may give themselves generously to the service of the needy.

Evangelisation: Outreach to the marginalised

That setting aside our very selves we may learn to be neighbours to those who find themselves on the margins of human life and society.

A Word of Welcome: with many of our parishioners and students away on holiday or visiting home, the Cathedral remains as busy as ever. A special welcome to our visiting Choir for this choir from Halesowen. 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.

Message from Archbishop Bernard Longley: On Friday 11th September the House of Commons will debate and vote on a Bill to legalise assisted suicide. This will put the most vulnerable people in our society at risk. Please contact your MP, urging them to attend the debate and vote against the Bill. You can send an e-mail to your MP via the Catholic Bishops' Conference website (www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide) or send a letter by post, a draft of which can be found at the back of the church. For your encouragement and support, we have printed a list of your local M.P.'s if that helps.

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.

Our Appeal & Restoration Fund & Works In-Hand: Information and transparency is so important if we are take ownership and responsibility for our cathedral, and to account for your wonderful financial generosity in such difficult times. Our appeal last weekend brought in an additional £1,602.76. Also, a generous benefactor is to cover the refurbishment of the Big Six candlesticks from the High Altar which are being repaired in the Jewellery Quarter along with the free-standing altar candlesticks. The Sacred Heart statute, gifted to the cathedral by Bishop Ilesley, who became our first Archbishop, is at a specialist restorers in Liverpool. A much smaller statue occupies the plinth in the meantime.

These works of restoration are only possible because of your generosity and we are also grateful to our occasional visitors who contribute to our appeal fund. 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.

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 is due to begin shortly.

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 Friday Group: The Witnesses for Christ – This group meets every 2nd Friday in the Grimshaw Room with Mass at 6.30pm and finishes at 9.00pm. Next meeting will be Friday 11th September as there is no meeting scheduled in August. For further information contact Ben Thatcher: 07885 505115 or ben.thatcher@ymail.com

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.

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

The Stations of the Cross used to be framed. The 10th & 11th Stations have 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.

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

St Michael's Moor Street Summer Fair: Saturday 29 August from 9am-2.30pm in the church car park. There will be the usual stalls selling cakes, gift items, books, bric-a-bac, etc. All re welcome!

Annual Rosary Rally to Grace Dieu Manor Leicestershire on Sunday 23rd August 2015. St. Chads has been allocated 16 seats on the coach which will pick up passengers at the Cathedral at 1.00pm on the day, **Fare:** £7.00 Return. Anyone who is interested in joining the Rally is to put their details on the list provided. There are only a few places left.

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. The Sanctuary will reopen on 1st September after their summer break.

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/

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.

Opening Times – September 2015

- Thursday 10th : Tour from 10.00 – 12.00
- Friday 11th : Tour from 10.00 – 12.00
- Saturday 12th : Tour from 13.00 – 15.00
- Sunday 13th : Tour from 13.00 – 15.00

Booking Details: Pre-booking – Preferred.

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

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 closes 31st August 2015. 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.

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

Birmingham Historical Commission in collaboration with St Mary's College Oscott present a day conference on 'The English Catholic Church and the First World War' on Wednesday 14th October 2015. See Notice Board for booking detail.

Our Cathedral Choir: are on their summer break. In their absence we welcome various parish choirs to assist with our liturgy. The Choir have just completed a successful tour of Rome.

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