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Eighteenth Sunday of the Year

Sunday 2nd August 2015

Divine Office: Psalter Week 2

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Entrance Antiphon:** O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.
- Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord gave them bread from heaven.
- Gospel Acclamation:** I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me.
- Communion Antiphon:** You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.



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Times - 1st – 9th August 2015

Sat 1st St Alphonsus Mary de'Ligouri,
10.00am Mary & Patrick McDermott

Vigil for the 18th Sunday

4.30pm People of the Parish

Sun 2nd 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Our Benefactors

11.00am Peter Adcock, RIP

Followed by Meet and Greet

2.00pm Messe en Français

Mon 3rd Feria in Ordinary Time

12.15pm Jerzy (George) Paszkowski

Tue 4th St John Mary Vianney, Priest

12.15pm Diocesan Clergy

Wed 5th Feria in Ordinary Time

12.15pm Catilin Griffin & Katie Byrne

Thu 6th Transfiguration of the Lord

12.15pm Ellen Roche

Fri 7th Feria in Ordinary Time

12.15pm Monica Davies RIP

Sat 8th St Dominic

10.00am Arthur Wallis, RIP

Vigil for the 19th Sunday

4.30pm Don Smith RIP

Sun 9th 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am People of the Parish

11.00am Pauraic Sweeney

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 –

19th July 2015 - 25th July 2015

Hours we were open : 111.5

Liturgies & Meetings 127

Number of Visitors 3315

Cathedral Collections: - Last Week:

Main	Gift Aid	Restoration Fund
£675.46	£112.50	£662.52

Day for Life Collection £354.79

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 Peter Adcock, RIP. Next week's will be in memoriam of Arthur Wallis, RIP. 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 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: 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 all those attending the Choral Outreach Summer School will be singing for us at Sunday's Mass. Also the Lay Carmelites. However, 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 2nd August 2015.

Prayer Intentions for the Sick: Mgrs. Paul Watson; John Moran, Canons: Mervyn Tower, Peter Gilsean & 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, Thomas Ashe, Margaret Hardy and Barry Lynch.

For those who have died recently: Fr. Eddie Whelan, Baby Cahir Magee, Pauraic Sweeney, Eddie Goggin, Brendan McKelvey, Esther Furlong, Marie Doddy and Bridie Heavey.

Prayers for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: His Holiness, Pope Paul VI, Frs: Richard Lynch, David Ford, Cuthbert Brown, James Gough, Francis Gwinnett and Deacon John Lynch. Also, Peter Adcock, Martin Larkin, Graham Detheridge, Bob Noctor and Maria Paszkowski. 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 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.

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 2nd August at 2.30pm.

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

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.

Second Friday Group: The Witnesses for Christ – The next meeting will be in September. Apologies for misinforming you last week. 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

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

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.

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. Our appeal last weekend brought in an additional £500 for the renovation of the Sacred Heart Statue, with a promise of £1,500 for the refurbishment of the Big Six Candlesticks. 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

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.

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.

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.

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

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: 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

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.

Annual Rosary Rally to Grace Dieu Manor Leicestershire takes place 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. Attached is a list for passengers to write their names. Please let me know when the list is full and I will collect it as before.

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

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/>

Rome, Siena and Assisi Pilgrimage

(Monday 26th – Sat 31st 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.

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Liz 07800983085 or apply below or you can fill out an application online at our website: www.avemariacare.co.uk

The Stations of the Cross used to be 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.