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Twenty-Second Sunday of the Year

30th August 2015

Divine Office: Psalter Week 2

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Entrance Antiphon:** Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.
- Responsorial Psalm:** The just will live in the presence of the Lord.
- Gospel Acclamation:** Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.
- Communion Antiphon:** How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.



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Mass Times: 29 August – 6 September 2015

Sat 29	Beheading of St John the Baptist
10.00am	John Hanlon
	Vigil for 22nd Sunday of the Year
4.30pm	Simon Richards
Sun 30	Twenty-second Sunday of the Year
9.00am	Our Benefactors
11.00am	People of the Parish
Mon 31	Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm	Thomas Farrell

THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Tue 1	Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm	Christopher Dunne
Wed 2	Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm	Caitlin Griffin and Katie Byrne
Thu 3	St Gregory the Great,
12.15pm	William & Patrick Kelly
Fri 4	Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm	Fr Tony Taylor, RIP
Sat 5	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Phyllis Kilbride
2.00pm	Nuptial Mass for Shane Dowd & Claire Huxley
	Vigil for 23rd Sunday of the Year
4.30pm	Sr. Claudia
Sun 6	Twenty-third Sunday of the Year
9.00am	Kathleen Golden
11.00am	People of the Parish
12.30pm	<i>Baptism of baby Munachi Opara</i>
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 - 16th August – 22nd August 2015

Hours we were open :102.5
Liturgies & Meetings :117
Number of Visitors :2882

Cathedral Collections: - Last Week:

Main	Gift Aid	Restoration Fund
£543.24	£196.60	£243.97

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: 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 for the cathedral.

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.

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

Our Cathedral Choir: are on their summer break. Next week we welcome the Liverpool Cathedral Girls' Choir to our 11am Mass.

Prayer Intentions for the Sick: Mgrs. Paul Watson; 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 Sr. Angela O'Donnell, Lucy Ryan, Alwen Griffiths, Jane Goodyear, Roddy Devlin, Mary Baines, Sally Testeo James, Clare Capewell, Alexis Brant, Andrew Oldnall, Francis Platt, Albert Nacey, Donal Breen, 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. Also, Tilly McGranaghan, Cara McCourt, Adam Gorski, Noah & Elijah Hurd and all the other children in our local hospital.

For those who have died recently: Bridget McGroarty, Gioseph Nguyen, Natasha, Jim Diamond, Simon Richards & Mary Galvin.

Prayers for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mgr Canon Leonard Emery, Mgr James Dunlop Crichton, Canon Joseph Nightingale Frs: Brendan O'Malley, Basil Sherington, Bernard Salt, Thomas O'Doherty, James J Holland and Tony Taylor. Also, infant Stanley Jessop, Eve McCarthy, Hughie Keating, Dona Kirton and Edward Gillespie. **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.

September: Universal: Opportunities for the young: That opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people.

Evangelisation: Catechists: That Catechists may give witness by living in a way consistent with the faith they proclaim.

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.

A Word of Welcome. Many of our parishioners are returning from holidays in preparation for the new academic year. Over the summer we have welcomed several new parishioners. If you are new to the parish, please introduce yourself to one of the priests. The Cathedral remains as busy as ever. 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.

Parish Census & our 175th Celebrations for 2016:

Bishop Robert Byrne begins his visitation of the parishes and schools of Cathedral Deanery shortly. Our parish will be visited in February 2016. This will provide an opportunity to review our Mission and Pastoral Care. A new Census Document will be circulated in time for Advent. More on this later.

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 MP's if that helps.

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. 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.

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.

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.

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!)

St. Paul's Bookshop at St. Chad's will be open after the Sunday morning Masses for a trial period. This is a great opportunity to browse at your leisure and buy high quality religious books, cards and gifts.

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

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.

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

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/>

Congratulations encore!: last week we prayed for all of our young people who received examination results – no matter how successful. We made a special mention of Daniel Rodriguez who achieved 10 A Stars. Another of our altar servers, David Pearce, achieved 11 A stars!! You will remember that David appeared in the national media earlier this year for his successful design of the new pound coin. Well done to all!!

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.

ONLY ONE WEEK LEFT TO BOOK

Cathedral 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 #0 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.

St. Mary's Convent – Heritage Open Days are 11th & 12th September 2015 beginning at 2.00pm. Please contact the convent for details on 0121 554 3271.

Chad's Sanctuary reopens on 1st September after their summer break.

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.

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-authorised 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

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

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.

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 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.

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