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## **Solemnity of All Saints**

**1<sup>st</sup> November 2015**

**'The Month of the Holy Souls'**

**Divine Office: Psalter Week 3**

**31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- Entrance Antiphon:** Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.
- Responsorial Psalm:** Such are the men who seek your face. O Lord
- Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!
- Communion Antiphon:** Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



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## Mass Times: 31<sup>st</sup> Oct – 8<sup>th</sup> Nov 2015

### **Sat 31 Feria in Ordinary Time**

10.00am Matthew Dunne RIP

#### **Vigil for All Saints**

4.30pm Julia Maquire

### **THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER**

#### **Sun 1 Solemnity of All Saints**

9.00am People of the Parish

11.00am Tony Stokes, RIP

*Followed by Meet & Greet*

12.30pm *Baptism of Lena Babi*

14.30pm Mass en Francais

#### **Mon 2 Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed - All Souls**

12.15pm Holy Father's Intentions

#### **Tue 3 Feria in Ordinary Time**

12.15pm Nuala O'Donoghue

#### **Wed 4 St. Charles Borromeo**

12.15pm Mary Ann Wallis

#### **Thu 5 Feria in Ordinary Time**

12.15pm Terence Bonner RIP

2.00pm *Maryvale Graduation Ceremony*

#### **Fri 6 Feria in Ordinary Time**

9.15am Mass in St Chad's School (Holy Souls)

12.15pm Nora Brandon RIP

#### **Sat 7 Feria in Ordinary Time**

10.00am Kara Jennings RIP

12.00noon Mass for Deceased Catenians

2.00pm Nuptial Mass for Tony Mee & Victoria Pender

#### **Vigil for Thirty Second Sunday**

4.30pm People of the Parish

#### **Sun 8 Remembrance Sunday**

9.00am Bill Mulligan RIP

### **PLEASE NOTE EARLY START**

**10.55am** Christian-Jude Le Blanc RIP

**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.**

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**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. Please check newsletter for changes.

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

**Journey in Faith:** for non-Catholic adults, or adults wishing to be Confirmed. An opportunity to learn more about the Catholic Faith. These classes will begin shortly. Anyone interested please contact Canon Gerry.

### **Cathedral Site Statistics**

**18<sup>th</sup> October – 24<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

Hours we were open : **116**

Liturgies & Meetings : **132**

Number of Visitors : **3704**

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

<b>Main</b>	<b>Gift Aid</b>	<b>Restoration Fund</b>
<b>£473.30</b>	<b>£281.20</b>	<b>£279.80</b>

**Donations for the Sacred Heart Statue £135.00**

### **Cathedral 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections:**

**This Sunday** is for the **Johnson Association** which supports the retired and sick priests of our diocese.

**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.

**Our Sacred Heart Statue:** is currently being restored. A smaller statue is there for the interim. Should anyone wish to make a donation towards the restoration, please use the box provided.

**High Altar & Main Altar Candlesticks:** are away this week to complete their restoration. We are most grateful to all of our benefactors.

**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.

**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.

**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, Ivor Morris & David Condon. Deacons: David McCarroll, Tony Janew & David Pranauskas. Pray also for Jerzy Paszkowski, Margo Conlon, Linda Clarke, Lucy Ryan, Alwen Griffiths, Roddy Devlin, Mary Baines, Sally Testeo James, Clare Capewell, Alexis Brant, Andrew Oldnall, Francis Platt, Albert Nacey, 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, Margaret Katz, Gio Shep, Maria Nguyen, Kathleen Ahern, Shaun Cleary, Francis Burke, Michael Kennedy, Anthony McHugh, Nora Connor and Jo Higgins; also, Tilly McGranaghan, Baby Hannon, Cara McCourt & Adam Gorski.

**For those who have died recently:** Cerys Edwards, Kenneth Biggs, Pat Kerrigan, Patsy Phelan, Julia Maquire, Myra Savage, Geoff Hood, Tony Stokes, Francis Brennan, Percy Flaherty, Mary McConagle, Norah Conway & Simon Lowry.

**For those whose anniversaries occur around this time:** Archbishop Maurice Couve de Murville; Bishop John Barrett; Mgr. Canon Eugene O'Sullivan; Mgr. Bertram Gould; Canons: Denis Toplass, Patrick Smith, John Redford; Frs: Henry Taylor, Louis Moore, James Curtin, James Broomfield, John Brisland and Deacon Paul Grosvenor. Also, Mela Kauders, Anne Mooney, Harry Thorpe, Rosie Bartle, baby Christian Jude Le Blanc, Brendan Wall, P J Shanahan and John Scully. **Eternal Rest grant unto them O, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.**

### **Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for November –**

**Universal: Dialogue** That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose convictions differ from our own.

**Evangelization: Pastors** That pastors of the Church, with profound love for their flocks, may accompany them and enliven their hope.

**Cathedral Deanery Visitations:** Please pray for the parishes of our deanery during this time of visitation.

**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.** A special welcome goes to the family and friends of Lena Babi who is being baptised on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November. We welcome the Birmingham Lay Dominicans, the Caritas Christi Headteachers' group, those attending the Maryvale Graduation Ceremony, those attending the Cathedral Association Annual Dinner, the Lay Carmelites along with those attending the Catenian Mass for deceased Brothers. A special word of welcome to Tony and Victoria whose wedding takes place here on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November along with all their guests. We welcome the many students from around the world who have come to Birmingham to study at our universities and colleges. If you are new to the parish, please introduce yourself to one of the priests. 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.

**Cathedral Flowers:** The floral tribute for this week is being offered in memory of Mary Ann Wallis.

Next week the flowers are being offered in memory of Margaret Dineen & Philomena Dolan RIP. Remember, 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.

**Please Note:** Our annual Requiem Mass for the War Dead on Remembrance Sunday next week, begins at 10.55am to enable us to pause for the Silence at 11am. As usual, the cathedral will be represented at the Royal British Legion service in the City Centre with the placing of a wreath on our behalf.

**The Month of Holy Souls (November):** is traditionally the month when we pray with added devotion for all the faithful departed. Praying for our dead is an act of charity, returning love for love, as we ask God to ‘grant them eternal rest and for perpetual light to shine upon them’. In humility, this is what they would ask of us, that by God’s grace they may be purged of sin and imperfection and come to share in the fullness of Christ’s Resurrection. In every Mass we are particularly close to our loved ones who have died as their dying is united to the death of Christ in one sacrifice to God the Father. Our Holy Souls Boxes will remain on the sanctuary throughout November containing the names of our beloved dead.

Envelopes are provided if you would like to include the names of your own relatives and friends. Some people like to include a Mass offering as well; and Masses are offered throughout the year for the Holy Souls.

**School Visits this week:**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Guardian Angels

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> – St. Francis, Nuneaton.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> – St. George, Worcester.

**Meet & Greet** every first Sunday of the month following the 11.00am Mass in the Grimshaw Room. The next Meet & Greet is this Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2015.

**Messe en Français** every first Sunday with the West Midlands French Speaking Community. The next date for your diary is this Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2015 at 2.30pm.

**Christmas Music from St Chad’s Cathedral:** a recently released limited C.D. of traditional Christmas music featuring our own choir recorded at St Chad’s in collaboration with Aid to the Church in Need, with ALL profits going to support their missionary work. The C.D. costs £11.50 (you may give more if you wish?) and is available from the Cathedral Reception and Sacristy, as well as from St Paul’s Bookshop. It would make an ideal Christmas gift.

**St Chad’s Junior Choir** has grown out of our **Choral Outreach Programme** Normal rehearsals have resumed with practice on Thursday evenings during term time from 5.00pm-6.30pm. For more information please contact David & Alexandra Wynne at [choraloutreach@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:choraloutreach@rc-birmingham.org)

**St Chad’s Sanctuary: providing dignity and welcome to asylum seekers and refugees:** (behind the Cathedral) is in desperate need of comfortable shoes, preferably trainers, in sizes 6 to 9 for our refugees. This week we had to turn people away as we have very few items that are small enough! Any help would be most welcome, particularly jeans from 28–32in, warm winter clothing; jackets and jumpers, but please consider smaller sizes – these will be invaluable. If you can help, please donate direct to the Sanctuary, or items may be left at the Cathedral. For more information: 0121 233 3127 and [www.stchadssanctuary.com](http://www.stchadssanctuary.com) Thank you for all the help and support we receive.

**St Chad’s Cathedral Association Annual Dinner** November 6<sup>th</sup>. Principal Guest, Bishop Robert Byrne C.O., and the after dinner talk is ‘Go Tell Everyone’ delivered by former BBC correspondent Bernadette Kehoe, our Diocesan Communications Officer. Tickets, to include a 4 course meal and complimentary drink: £32.50.

**Cathedral Flower Festival Notelets:** are available after Masses costing £5 for 10.

**Parish Census & our 175<sup>th</sup> 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.

**The Stations of the Cross** used to be framed. The 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Stations have temporary surrounds to help us re-design a new set for the cathedral. We are grateful for the support we have received for this project, as well as the many suggestions for design. A third frame is being designed to your specifications. We shall keep you informed on progress and how we hope to fund this project.

**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)**

**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)

**INTER-CULTURAL FAMILY** at Sacred Heart, Prestbury Road, Aston. B6 6EG, in aid of the Roof Appeal on Saturday 14th November. It will start with a special Sunday vigil Mass at 12.30 pm with the Gambian choir singing. Afterwards in Sacred Heart Club next door with cultural food, music, song and entertainments until 6 pm. Tickets Adults £3, children £2, or Family Ticket £10 for up to 4 children 16 or under. Tickets available at Sacred Heart Church, at Sacred Heart School and at Sacred Heart Club, or at the door. All welcome. If you have a national costume, please come wearing it. For further information contact Fr. Stephen Pimlott on 0121 327 0235.

**World War 1 Centenary Cathedral Repair 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.