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Solemnity of Christ the King

22nd November 2015

Divine Office: Psalter Week 2

Solemnity of Christ the King

- Entrance Antiphon:** How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.
- Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.
- Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!
- Communion Antiphon:** The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.



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Mass Times: 21st November – 29th Nov 2015

Sat 21	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10.00am	Jim Kennelly
	Vigil of the Solemnity of Christ the King
4.30pm	Mass with Diocesan Religious
Sun 22	Solemnity of Christ the King
9.00am	Our Benefactors
11.00am	The Civic Mass
	People of the Parish
Mon 23	Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm	Mary Houston
Tue 24	St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions
12.15pm	Kathleen Swift
Wed 25	Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm	Liam Fitzgerald
Thu 26	Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm	Margaret Mary Gill RIP
Fri 27	Feria in Ordinary Time
9.15am	Mass in St Chad's School (Holy Souls)
12.15pm	Alf Russell
1.10pm	<i>Choral Outreach Concert – St. Anthony's School.</i>
Sat 28	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	John Cunningham
12.00noon	Mass for Deceased members of the Knights of St. Columba

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

	Vigil for the First Sunday of Advent
4.30pm	Don Smith
Sun 29	First Sunday of Advent
9.00am	People of the Parish
11.00am	Holy Souls
12.30pm	<i>Baptisms</i>

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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The Hail Holy Queen will be recited in place of the Hail Mary during the month of Holy Souls

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, O most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus; O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R. that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

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. Meeting in Cathedral House **Thursday 26th November at 7.00pm**. Please come to the Cathedral House Reception entrance. Anyone interested please contact Canon Gerry.

Cathedral Site Statistics

8th November – 14th November 2015

Hours we were open :	116
Liturgies & Meetings :	128
Number of Visitors :	3980

Cathedral Collections Last Week:

Main	Gift Aid	Restoration Fund
£497.06	£94.50	£194.66

Restoration of the Sacred Heart Statue £49.10

The 2nd Collections :This week: Catholic Youth Services. Next week – Poor Parishes of the 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.

Cathedral Deanery Visitations: Please pray for St Vincent's Parish, Ashted & Vauxhall during their time of visitation.

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 for details on Gift Aid and other finance matters.

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, Ivor Morris & David Condon. Deacons: David McCarroll, Tony Janew & David Pranauskas. Pray also for Robert Moore, Peter Minister, Barbara Donnellan, David Symonds, 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, Michael Breen, Nonie Collins, Talitha Leigh, Edwina Cownley, Patrick Costelloe, Mary Pearson, Mr Haywood, Remo Forcellini, Thomas Ashe, Margaret Hardy, Barry Lynch, Gio Shep, Maria Nguyen, Kathleen Ahern, Francis Burke, Michael Kennedy, Nora Connor and Jo Higgins; also, Tilly McGranaghan, Baby Hannon, Cara McCourt & Adam Gorski.

For those who have died recently: Shaun Cleary, Pat Galvin, Kayleigh Haywood and Alf Russell.

For those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Canons: Maurice Wolfe, Augustine Emery; Frs: David Higham, Michael Connolly and Edward Neary. Also, Ann McCarthy, Mary Dungate and Walter McDermott.

Eternal Rest grant unto them O, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

Our Sacred Heart Statue: has been sensitively restored and graces our cathedral once more. We are grateful to all who have donated to the restoration which has cost £1,400.00. There are 'before and after' photographs showing why the restoration was needed. Your generosity will be remembered in the Mass for Our Benefactors. God bless you!

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.

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.

This week we welcome: the Religious Orders taking part in the Vocations Roadshow, the Lourdes Hospitalite Committee, the Ecumenical Commission, Lourdes Doctors & Nurses, those attending the Mass for deceased members of the Knights of St. Columba, the Lay Dominicans and the children from St. Joseph's – Wolverhampton. A special word of welcome to all our guests who will be attending our Civic Mass. 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.

School Visits this week:

Monday 23rd - St. Philip's, Sandwell.

Wednesday 25th - St. Bernadette's, Yardley.

Thursday 26th - St. Bernadette's, Yardley.

Cathedral Flowers: The floral tribute for this week is being offered in memoriam Derek Stanley 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.

Aid to the Church in Need – Mr. Tony Stevens will be here to talk to parishioners at the weekend Masses on 28th & 29th November 2015 on behalf of this remarkable Catholic Charity. You are encouraged to visit their website www.acnuk.org to keep up to date with news of the oppression of Christians worldwide.

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

Meet & Greet every first Sunday of the month following the 11.00am Mass in the Grimshaw Room. The next Meet & Greet is on Sunday 6th December 2015 in the Canons' Dining Room.

The Month of Holy Souls (November): the month when we pray more earnestly for all the faithful departed. Our Holy Souls Boxes will remain on the sanctuary throughout November containing the names of our beloved dead. Please feel free to place the names of your loved ones in the boxes. If you want to make an offering for our Holy Souls Masses please do so using the envelopes provided. Masses are offered throughout the year for the Holy Souls.

Walk With Me For Advent: Books and Calendars are now available. These are great companions for Advent, especially for the housebound. We have limited copies. Please place your donations in the wall box marked Books.

Youth Vigil of Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament with the opportunity for Confession: Saturday 21st November at St. Gerard's Castle Vale, from 9pm until 4am. Parents are welcome. Please ensure your own personal arrangements for allowing your youngsters to attend.

Congratulations to: Bishop David McGough and Canon Gerry Breen who were installed as Ecumenical Canons of Lichfield Cathedral last Sunday.

ACTA invite you to a talk by Professor John Sullivan, theologian Hope University. Sunday 22 November at 1.30pm Birmingham University Catholic Chaplaincy. See notice board for further information.

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 We welcome the students from St. Anthony's who are taking part in a concert at the Cathedral on Friday at 1.10pm.

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

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

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.

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

Looking for hope in today's world? Keen to support young people in their faith journey?

On Wednesday 2nd December 7.30 pm at The Elgar Hall, Birmingham University, Edgbaston, B15 2TT the international performing arts group **GEN VERDE** presents **START NOW**, a 2-hour performance of song, dance, drama and percussion. It is a great event for confirmation and youth groups, however Gen Verde appeals to all ages. Further information and tickets (£10 & £7.50) online: <https://gen-verde-start-now-birmingham.eventbrite.co.uk/> or from can be reserved and collected at the door: contact patriciawhitney@gmail.com Tel: 07790 716887

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