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## The Holy Year of Mercy

### Second Sunday of Lent

#### Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants

**21<sup>st</sup> February 2016**

**Divine Office: Psalter Week 2**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

- Entrance Antiphon:** Of you my heart has spoken, seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.
- Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is my light and my help.
- Gospel Acclamation:** Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
- Communion Antiphon:** This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.



  
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## Mass Times: 20<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2016

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| <b>Sat 20</b>                                  | <b>Lent feria</b>                      |
| 10.00am  | Ann & Gerry Sheahan                    |
| <i>Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants</i> |  |
| <b>Vigil for the Second Sunday of Lent</b>     |  |
| 4.30pm   | Charmaine Peiris RIP                   |
| <b>Sun 21</b>                                  | <b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>           |
| 9.00am   | People of the Parish                   |
| 11.00am  | Kathleen Sheran RIP                    |
| <b>Mon 22</b>                                  | <b>Feast of the Chair of St. Peter</b> |
| 12.15pm  | Jessop & Long Families                 |
| <b>Tue 23</b>                                  | <b>Lent feria</b>                      |
| 12.15pm  | Thomas Flaherty RIP                    |
| <b>Wed 24</b>                                  | <b>Lent feria</b>                      |
| 12.15pm  | Johnny Peelo                           |
| <b>Thu 25</b>                                  | <b>Lent feria</b>                      |
| 12.15pm  | Vera Fenelow                           |
| <b>Fri 26</b>                                  | <b>Lent feria</b>                      |
| 9.15am   | Holy Souls (St. Chad's School)         |
| 12.15pm  | Pat Short RIP                          |
| <b>Sat 27</b>                                  | <b>Lent feria</b>                      |
| 10.00am  | Angelina Thuraisingham RIP             |
| <b>Vigil for the Third Sunday of Lent</b>      |  |
| 4.30pm   | Charles & Rose-Anne Kelly RIP          |
| <b>Sun 28</b>                                  | <b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>            |
| 9.00am   | People of the Parish                   |
| 11.00am  | Vincent Dineen 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. Meeting in Cathedral House this **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 7.00pm.** Please come to the Cathedral House Reception entrance.

Anyone interested please contact Canon Gerry.

### **Cathedral Site Statistics** **7<sup>th</sup> February – 13<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

|                        |              |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Hours we were open :   | <b>112.5</b> |
| Liturgies & Meetings : | <b>145</b>   |
| Number of Visitors :   | <b>4435</b>  |

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

| <b>Main</b>    | <b>Gift Aid</b> | <b>Restoration Fund</b> |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| <b>£563.41</b> | <b>£118.00</b>  | <b>£791.50</b>          |

**Second Collection :** This week is for **CAFOD.**

**APF Little Red Mission Boxes.** These are ready for collection from the sacristy after Mass; or please contact Sr. Therese. Many thanks!

**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.

## **THE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY & OUR CATHEDRAL PILGRIMAGE OF MERCY AS ST. CHAD'S CELEBRATES 175 YEARS OF MERCY IN THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM**

His Grace, the Archbishop, formally opened our Door of Mercy and inaugurated our Cathedral Pilgrimage on December 13<sup>th</sup> 2015. This New Year of 2016 marks the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Solemn Opening of St. Chad's Cathedral. You will notice how the Pilgrimage is set up around the cathedral. This will remain in place throughout the Year. We have already welcomed numerous pilgrims, and distributed our first 1,000 Pilgrim Shells.

A beautiful guide book booklet has been produced for the pilgrimage which explains many of the sacred signs and symbols relating to our faith and liturgy. The booklets are available in St Paul's Bookshop and the St Edward's Chapel along with the Pilgrim Shells.

There is a suggested donation of at least £3 for the pilgrimage material, although many have given more. All donations can be put in the box provided in the Chapel. If you cannot afford to give anything, please do take a free copy with our blessing.

The Pilgrim Shells will be of help with the special Indulgence for the Year of Mercy. The booklet explains all. There is an additional booklet available for those who are housebound.

We are expecting quite an increase in visitors for the Year of Mercy, and we hope to have enough volunteers to enable us to stay open for longer periods to accommodate the groups who wish to visit in 2016. Anyone who may have some spare time, and would like to help around the cathedral, please contact Canon Gerry.

As we are celebrating our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary, there are many special events planned for this year.

**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.

**Prayer Intentions for the Sick:** Mgr. Paul Watson; Canons: Peter Gilsenan & John Gunn; Frs.: Peter Jones, Andrew McCann, Geoff Hargreaves, Tony Haycock, Pat Farrelly, Paul Chavasse C.O., David Bazen, Ivor Morris & David Condron. Deacons: David McCarroll, Tony Janew & David Pranauskas. Pray also for: Rev. Nick Ball, Doreen Davies, Julek Kovac, Ruzevia Kovacova, Rudolf Kotlar, Michal Cervenail, Stephen Calland, Sarah James, Derek Testel, Jane Goodyear, Janice Hogg, Martin Garvey, Gerald Moran, Derek Tester, Bobby Moore, Peter Minister, Barbara Donnellan, Jerzy Paszkowski, Margo Conlon, Linda Clarke, Lucy Ryan, Alwen

Griffiths, Roddy Devlin, Mary Baines, Sally Testeo James, Clare Capewell, Alexis Brant, Francis Platt, Albert Nacey, Sarah James, Nora Brandon, Annie Conneely, Charles Brooks, Margaret O'Donovan, Carol Bertie, Paul Whitson, Verta Gorton, Seamus Hickey, Nonie Collins, Edwina Cownley, Patrick Costelloe, Mary Pearson, Mr Haywood, Thomas Ashe, Margaret Hardy, Barry Lynch, Gio Shep, Maria Nguyen, Kathleen Ahern, Francis Burke, Michael Kennedy, Nora Connor, Jo Higgins, Patrick Bond, Laura & Anne Humphreys, John Dolan, Noreen McMahon & Paul McMahon; also, the following children and babies: Kieran Scott, Symon Wierzbiki, Fabian Wu, Freya Appleby, Rory Lynch, Finbarr Herron, Cacia McGrotty and Anastasia Pagourtzi.

**For those who have died recently;** Mgr Michael Williams, Mary Williams, Chris O'Connor, Maurice Hynes, Pat Short, Joseph Joyce, Patrick Roche & Sheila Chitnis. Those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Bishop Joseph Clearly & Frs: Sean Farrell, James Wharton, Michael McCabe, Martin Meagher, John Collins & James Cooney. Also, Thomas Boyce, Charmaine Peiris, Thomas Flaherty, Angelina Thuraingham and Martina Donaghey. **Eternal Rest grant unto them O, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.**

**24 Hour Vigil: 24 Hours for the Lord** - Pope Francis has called the whole church to celebrate 24 hours for the Lord on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2016 to recognise and promote the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** as the Sacrament of the New Evangelisation involving Eucharistic adoration and opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament. We shall have two periods prayer to enable more people to attend rather than open throughout the hours of darkness. These will be from 7.00am to 7.00pm on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March, with Mass at 12.15pm. Following Mass, exposition will continue until 7.00pm. Confessions will be available as normal. Adoration will continue from 10.00am to 10.00pm on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March with breaks for Masses at 10.00am & 4.30pm. Confessions will be available as normal with an additional number of priests assisting from 8.00pm on Saturday evening.

**Our Universities – Year of Mercy** from 7.30pm – 9.00pm on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Gather in the Grimshaw Room of St. Chad's Cathedral for a talk by Fr. John Reid at 7.30pm. Then move to the Cathedral via the Door of Mercy. 8.00pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All are welcome.

**40 Days for Life** will hold their 10<sup>th</sup> peaceful prayer vigil outside Marie Stopes abortion clinic in Edgbaston from 10<sup>th</sup> February – 20<sup>th</sup> March, from 8.00am – 8.00pm every day. Please contact Isabel on 07773 501721 for details.

**Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for February – Universal: Care for Creation:** That we may take good care of creation – a gift freely given – cultivating and protecting it for future generations.  
**Evangelization: Asia:** That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.

**This week we welcome:** the Lay Dominicans, the visiting Bell Ringers from the Channel Islands, the Union of Catholic Mothers, members of the Tewkesbury Walking Club, Midland Catholic History Society and those attending the conference of the Diaconate Directors and Deacon representatives,

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:**

**Tuesday** - St. Anne's; Digbeth.

**Thursday** – St. Wulstan's; Stourport.

**Friday** – St. Nicholas'; Boldmere.

**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. Obviously, we do not have flowers during Lent with the exception of the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Lætare Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March which coincides with our 24 Hours of Prayer.

**Meet & Greet** every first Sunday of the month following the 11.00am Mass in the Grimshaw Room. The next Meet & Greet is on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016 in the Grimshaw Room.

**Messe en Français** every first Sunday with the West Midlands French Speaking Community. The next Mass is Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 2.30pm.

**Cathedral Restorations:** The small paschal candle stand is now away for restoration, and we should have it back in time for the Easter Vigil. The cost will be just under £900. Once more, we ask for any donations towards this work. The Pugin Processional Cross will be the next item to be restored. We offer regularly Masses for the intention of our benefactors. We are most grateful.

**Taize Prayer Evening** on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February at St. Mary's Church, Harborne at 7.30pm. Please contact Josie on 07754 195246 for details.

**“MERCY – In the Bible of Jesus and the practice of Jesus”** a talk by David Mcloughlin for laity, religious and clergy on at Newman House, Harrison's Rd, Edgbaston B15 3QS, on Sunday afternoon 28<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm. An ACTA event. Everyone welcome.

**Born for This** – Jo Boyce and the talented collective of musicians, singers, dancers and actors reconvene to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this powerful retelling of the Passion based on the Stations of the Cross on Palm Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March - 7.00pm at St. Chad's Cathedral.

Tickets £8.00 / Concessions £6.00 from [www.cjmmusic.com/tickets](http://www.cjmmusic.com/tickets) or 01675 466254

**Double Room to Rent:** available from beginning of March. City Centre – 1 minute from New Street Station. £400 a month. Private bathroom. Living with female Italian post-grad student.

All enquiries: [galasso\\_giulia@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:galasso_giulia@yahoo.co.uk)

**World War 1 Centenary Cathedral Repair Fund:** as you are aware, we were awarded a grant of £227,000 to carry out some repairs to our stonework. This work has begun with the erection of scaffolding. The metal cladding may not look attractive, but it provides important security. Apologies for any inconvenience caused during these works.

**St. Paul's Convent, Vernon Road, Edgbaston -** Cleaner required for 6 hours per week. For further information contact 0121 454 1797.

**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)

**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)



**Getting married?** – Marriage Preparation Courses are available this year. For details visit [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk)

**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.

**Lost Property: Present left in cathedral:** If your name is Mary and if the names: Logan, Liz, Allegra etc means anything to you, then we may have your present, or you may have intended it for 'Mary'? Please see Canon Gerry. **An earring** was also found.

**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.

**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)

**The Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes and of Malta** – Midland Members of the British Association invite you to the **Birmingham Lourdes Reunion** at the Oratory, Hagley Road. B16 8UE on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2016 for Solemn Mass at 11.00am. Please contact Adrian de Redman on 07799 188628 or 0121 608 5496 for details.

**Pilgrimage to Rome** (Jubilee Year of Mercy): Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – Sat 29<sup>th</sup> October 2016. Flying from Birmingham Airport. £725.00 per person (sharing). Single room supplement £155.00. Instalment plans available. Contact: Andrew Oldnall. Email: [andrewsoldnall@gmail.com](mailto:andrewsoldnall@gmail.com). Home: 0121 440 8623. Mobile: 07733 226063.

**St. Paul's School for Girls PTFA - Quiz Night on Friday, 26 February 2016.** Doors open at 7pm for a 7:30pm start. Maximum of 6 per Team. Adults - £3, Children - £2. Refreshments will be available for purchase on the night. Please contact school on 0121 454 0895 for further details or to book your team in.