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**The Holy Year of Mercy**  
**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**31<sup>st</sup> January 2016**

**Divine Office: Psalter Week 4**

**Ordinary Time**

- Entrance Antiphon:** Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.
- Responsorial Psalm:** My lips will tell of your help.
- Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!
- Communion Antiphon:** Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.



  
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## Mass Times: 30<sup>th</sup> Jan – 7<sup>th</sup> February 2016

<b>Sat 30</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00am	Geoffrey Sterling RIP
	<b>Vigil for the Fourth Sunday</b>
4.30pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sun 31</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9.00am	Holy Souls
11.00am	Our Benefactors
<b>Mon 1</b>	<b>Feria</b>
12.15pm	Peter Flaherty
<b>Tue 2</b>	<b>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</b>
12.15pm	Mass with the Cathedral Chapter
<b>Wed 3</b>	<b>Feria</b>
12.15pm	Fred Longley RIP
<b>Thu 4</b>	<b>Feria</b>
12.15pm	Kathleen Golden RIP
<b>Fri 5</b>	<b>St. Agatha</b>
9.15am	Mass in St Chad's School
12.15pm	Joel Robert James Kimberley
<b>Sat 6</b>	<b>St. Paul Miki &amp; Companions</b>
10.00am	Eamonne Browne RIP
12.00noon	Mass with Religious <i>Celebrant Archbishop Bernard</i>
	<b>Vigil for the Fifth Sunday</b>
4.30pm	Lourdes Hospitalite Mass <i>Celebrant Bishop Robert Byrne</i> <i>Followed by Meet &amp; Greet</i>
<b>Sun 7</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Day of Prayer for the Unemployed</b>
9.00am	People of the Parish <i>Followed by Meet &amp; Greet</i>
11.00am	Ron Owen RIP <i>Followed by Meet &amp; Greet</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.**

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**Messe en Français** every first Sunday with the West Midlands French Speaking Community. The next Mass is Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 2.30pm.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> February at 7.00pm**. Please come to the Cathedral House Reception entrance. Anyone interested please contact Canon Gerry.

### **Cathedral Site Statistics**

**17<sup>th</sup> January – 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2016**

Hours we were open :	<b>115.5</b>
Liturgies & Meetings :	<b>143</b>
Number of Visitors :	<b>3247</b>

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

<b>Main</b>	<b>Gift Aid</b>	<b>Restoration Fund</b>
<b>£386.21</b>	<b>£153.00</b>	<b>£255.09</b>

**Racial Justice : £351.88**

**Second Collection : Next week** for Pro Life.

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

**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.

**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.

**Cathedral Deanery Visitations:** We will welcome our area bishop, Bishop Robert Byrne next weekend the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> February on his official visit to our parish. There will be opportunities for you to meet with him informally after all Masses.

**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:** 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 Rev Nick Ball, 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 and Jo Higgins; also, the following children: Kieran Scott, Freya Appleby, Rory Lynch & Finbarr Herron.

**For those who have died recently;** Mary Williams. Those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Frs: Denis Clancy, Joseph Connelly and Thomas O'Carroll. Also, Fred Longley, Jim Finn, Paddy Kavanagh, Vera Cronin, Roy Capewell and Brendan Healy. **Eternal Rest grant unto them O, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.**

**Lourdes Shrine Petitions:** if you would like any prayer petitions taken to Lourdes please leave them in an envelope at Reception for Canon Gerry or Trish Brookes should you not see them in person. Please DO NOT include any money. If you would like a candle lit for any intention please leave names and a donation as above.

**Installation to a Canonry in the Venerable Metropolitan Chapter of St Chad.** The Reverend Doctor, Father David Oakley, Rector of St Mary's College, Oscott, will be installed as a Canon of the Metropolitan Chapter prior to the Chapter Mass at 12.15pm this Tuesday. You are welcome to attend the Mass. Please keep Canon David in your prayers as he takes up this important work for the diocese.

#### **School Visits:**

**Wednesday** – St. Ambrose Barlow; Hall Green.  
**Thursday** – St. Mary's; Biscester.  
**Friday** – St. John's; Banbury.

**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 members of the Cathedral Chapter for their February Meeting and the installation of the Rev Dr David Oakley as Canon. Welcome also to the staff and pupils of the Nicholas Owen Multi-Academy, the Newly Qualified Teachers (NQT), those attending the Day for Religious, the Lay Carmelites, the RCIA group from St. Peter the Apostle, Leamington and those attending the Lourdes Hospitalite Mass & World Day of Prayer for the Sick.

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.

**A very special word of Welcome to our area bishop, Bishop Robert Byrne:** on his official episcopal visitation to the Cathedral parish. He will celebrate all of our Masses next weekend; and there will be an opportunity for you to meet with over refreshments following every Mass.

**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.

**Meet & Greet** every first Sunday of the month following the 11.00am Mass in the Grimshaw Room. The next Meet & Greet is on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2016 in the Grimshaw Room. We will have tea, coffee, cake & biscuits **after the 4.30pm Vigil Mass, 9.00am & 11.00am Masses** as part of the Deanery Visitation by Bishop Robert Byrne.

**Cathedral Restorations:** the sanctuary candlesticks have returned having been repaired and re-polished. 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.

**Guild of St. Stephen** (Archdiocese of Birmingham) **Mass for Altar Servers** celebrated by **Bishop Robert Byrne** on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 10.00am in St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham.** Servers are requested to wear Cassock and Cotta or Alb and their Guild of St Stephen Medal.

**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)

**Talk by Jan Waterson of Birmingham University and Leo Nation** followed by questions in Ss John and Martin's Hall, Balsall Heath on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 7.00pm on the Encyclical Laudato si (Praise be to you).** All are welcome.

**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.

**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.

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

**CAFOD** - A meeting for supporters in the Birmingham Cathedral Deanery. CAFOD's National Director, **Chris Bain**, will be speaking on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 7.00pm – 8.30pm. St. Anne's, Digbeth, Birmingham. All are welcome, just turn up.

**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](http://www.stchadscathedral.org)



**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.

**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.

**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.

**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)

**General Statistics for 2015:** (excluding Archbishop's House) the weekly statistics record the footfall for the whole cathedral site and includes attendances at liturgies, meetings and events for the cathedral, our meeting rooms and offices. In 2015 the Site was open for a total of 5,991.5 hours. There were 6,858 meetings, including liturgies; and some 201,210 visitors. I am most grateful to our dedicated team of staff and volunteers who are 'front of house' and behind the scenes looking after our hospitality and well-being. These figures reflect the active role the cathedral plays in the life of the diocese and the City.

**Vocations Weekend for young women (20s and 30s) Theme: Discerning God's Call in my life from 29th - 31st January 2016 - Location: Liverpool.**

The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There will be input from the FCJ sisters on different aspects of vowed life, and time for prayer, reflection and discussion with other young women who are also considering a vocation to religious life. It's an opportunity to live community life for a weekend and meet some sisters!

For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at [lynnefcj@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnefcj@hotmail.com) or visit our website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

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.

**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)

**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.