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The Holy Year of Mercy
PALM SUNDAY
of the Passion of Our Lord
20th March 2016



Divine Office: Psalter Week 2

Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord

Entrance Antiphon: Replaced by the Procession and Blessing of Palms.

Responsorial Psalm: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory! Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

Communion Antiphon: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.




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Mass Times: 19th March – 27th March 2016

Sat 19	Solemnity of St. Joseph
10.00am	PMG
	Vigil for the Palm Sunday
4.30pm	Mary Ann Wallis
Sun 20	Palm Sunday
9.00am	Tom McCook RIP
10.55am	<i>Please gather outside the Crypt for the Procession</i>
11.00am	John Dukes RIP
7.00pm	"Born for This" - Passion based on the Stations of the Cross
Mon 21	Holy Week
12.15pm	Melchor Pumatong Alturas RIP
Tue 22	Holy Week
12.15pm	Purdue & Keveney Families
Wed 23	Holy Week
11.30am	Mass of Holy Chrism
	THE TRIDUUM
Thu 24	Maundy Thursday
	<i>No Mass at 12.15pm</i>
7.30pm	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
	<i>Followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose and ending with:</i>
11.45pm	Night Prayer
Fri 25	Good Friday
10.00am	<i>The Walk of Witness begins at St Michael's, Moor Street and finishes with the last 4 Stations of the Cross at St Chad's Cathedral.</i>
3.00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Sat 26	Holy Saturday
	No Mass at 10.00am
7.50pm	Beginning outside the Crypt:
8.00pm	The Easter Vigil
	PLEASE NOTE
	THE CLOCKS GO FORWARD BY ONE HOUR AT 2AM SO THE FOLLOWING MASSES IN EFFECT BEGIN AN HOUR EARLIER
Sun 27	Easter Sunday
9.00am	People of the Parish
11.00am	Kate Fitzpatrick-Ellis
12.30pm	<i>Baptism of Eva Hazel Griffin</i>

School Visits: Easter Break – No visits.

PLEASE COLLECT THE ADDITIONAL SHEET FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER

The Season of Lent finishes as the Triduum begins. Following the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday, Mass is not celebrated again until the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening. The Blessed Sacrament is not reserved in the tabernacle, and the holy water stoops are empty until after the Easter Vigil.

The three days of the Triduum are the most sacred for all Christians. Please make every effort to attend all, or as many of the liturgies as you can.

We highly recommend the Born for This dramatization of Christ's Passion at 7pm in the Cathedral this Sunday.

PLEASE remember to say a prayer for our organists and choir who will lead us through these special days.

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 21st March at 7.00pm**. Please come to the Cathedral House Reception entrance. Anyone interested please contact Canon Gerry.

Getting married? – Marriage Preparation Courses are available this year. For details visit www.marriagecare.org.uk

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.

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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Cathedral Site Statistics

6th March – 12th March 2016

Hours we were open : 110.5
Liturgies & Meetings : 156
Number of Visitors : 4559

Cathedral Collections Last Week:

Main	Gift Aid	Restoration Fund
£523.04	£148.60	£3,113.79

There will be a collection on **Good Friday** for the upkeep of the Holy Places & Shrines in the Holy Land.

Collection Easter Sunday: are our Easter Offerings for the Cathedral Clergy. Envelopes are available in the cathedral.

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 for details on Gift Aid and other finance matters.

Prayer Intentions for the Sick: Mgr. Paul Watson; Canons: Peter Gilsean & 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, 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, 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: Mavis Finglas & Sylvia Anderson. Those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Archbishops: Bernard Ullathorne, Francis Joseph Grimshaw; Bishop Humphrey Bright; Fr. John Joseph Donnelly. Also, Elizabeth McGrath, Stuart Imrie and Winnie Potts. **Eternal Rest grant unto them O, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.**

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

Our Cathedral Pilgrimage has greatly increased the number of visitors with numerous requests from whole school groups and others.

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.

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 more than happy to make a gift of any of this material if people cannot afford to make a donation.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for March –

Universal: Families in Difficulty: That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.

Evangelization: Persecuted Christians: That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.

This week we welcome: In addition to our regulars : we welcome the Cathedral Chapter and clergy of the Diocese attending the Chrism Mass on Wednesday, along with the Papal Knights who will be visiting at the weekend, the cast and production team for the 'Born For This' performance this Sunday evening; those participating in the 7 Churches Walk, the Catholic Travellers Group and those attending the Lourdes meeting,

A special word of welcome to Eva Hazel Griffin who will be baptised on Easter Sunday and visitors to the Cathedral during Holy Week.

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 word of thanks ... to our Cathedral Choral Outreach to Schools who held three concerts in the Cathedral with the pupils of the Sacred Heart, St. Anthony's and St Joseph's Primary schools.

Holy Week & Easter: An extra leaflet is available and please note that the 11.00am Mass for Palm Sunday starts outside of the Crypt with the Blessing of Palms for those who are able at 10.50am. **Also, on Good Friday the Stations of the Cross form our Walk of Witness which begins at 10.00am at St Michael's, Moor Street and finishes in the Cathedral at 12.00noon with the last 4 Stations.** Refreshments and Hot Cross buns will be served in the Grimshaw Room afterwards.

Born for This – Jo Boyce and the talented collective of musicians, singers, dancers and actors reconvene to celebrate the 20th anniversary of this powerful retelling of the **Passion based on the Stations of the Cross on Palm Sunday 20th March - 7.00pm at St. Chad's Cathedral.** Tickets £8.00 / Concessions £6.00 from www.cjmmusic.com/tickets or 01675 466254

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 4th Sunday – Lætare Sunday 6th March.

Meet & Greet every first Sunday of the month following the 11.00am Mass in the Grimshaw Room. The next Meet & Greet is on Sunday 3rd April 2016 in the Grimshaw Room.

Messe en Français every first Sunday with the West Midlands French Speaking Community. The next Mass is Sunday 3rd April 2016 at 2.30pm.

'Walk with Me for Lent' is a great resource and companion for all, especially the housebound and those searching for a deeper awareness of God. Copies are available in the cathedral. You may want to take a copy for someone who is housebound or who may have drifted away from the practise of their faith. There is a small cost of £1.00 for these, if you can afford it. Please put any donations in the wall box marked books please.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes – Led by Archbishop Bernard Longley from Saturday 28th May to Friday 3rd June 2016. Prices from £407 by Coach and £695 by air which includes all travel costs and full board accommodation at a choice of hotels in Lourdes. All enquiries to Trish Brookes on 0121 236 4585 or lourdesadmin@rc-birmingham.org Brochures and Booking forms are available at the back of the Cathedral.

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 **Door of Grace** for young adults led by the Sehion Team. Saturday 20th March 12pm-5pm St Gerrard's, Castle Vale. B35 6JT www.sehion.net

Cathedral Restorations: The small paschal candle stand is back from being restored. Please do look closely at it. Our thanks to the kind parishioner who has offered to pay for this. 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.

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

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

St. Edmund Campion Catholic School and Sixth Form Centre has vacancies for Foundation Governors. A Foundation Governor must be a practising Catholic and will need a reference from their Parish Priest. If you feel that you can make a difference to the lives of young people and have the time to spare to participate in the work of the Governing Body please contact Mrs Steele, Headteacher, on 0121 464 7040 for more 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.

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.

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.

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.

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

Pilgrimage to Rome (Jubilee Year of Mercy): Mon 24th – Sat 29th 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. Home: 0121 440 8623. Mobile: 07733 226063.