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The Holy Year of Mercy

Lætare Sunday the 4th in Lent

6th March 2016

Divine Office: Psalter Week 4

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in morning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: 'Father I have sinned against heaven and against you.' Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

Communion Antiphon: You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.




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Mass Times: 5th March – 13th March 2016

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| Sat 5 | Lent feria |
| 10.00am | Michael Higgins |
| | Vigil for Laetare Sunday |
| 4.30pm | Cyril, Majorie, Sean & Mary Frayser |
| 7.30pm | <i>Universities Pilgrimage of Mercy</i> |
| Sun 6 | Laetare Sunday |
| 9.00am | Pat Cleruin RIP |
| 11.00am | Mary Conroy |
| | <i>Followed by Meet & Greet</i> |
| 12.30pm | <i>Baptism of Ayrton Ransom-Tytler</i> |
| 2.30pm | Messe en Français |
| Mon 7 | Lent feria |
| 12.15pm | Christina Agnes Chiang RIP |
| Tue 8 | Lent feria |
| 12.15pm | Special Intention (MASS IN CRYPT) |
| 1.00pm | CAFOD Romero Mass |
| Wed 9 | Lent feria |
| 12.15pm | Phylis Kilbride |
| Thu 10 | Lent feria |
| 12.15pm | Dr. James & Helen Bourke RIP |
| Fri 11 | Lent feria |
| 9.15am | Holy Souls (St. Chad's School) |
| 12.15pm | Anne Farrell RIP |
| Sat 12 | Lent feria |
| 10.00am | Kitty Sheridan RIP |
| 1.30pm | <i>Organ Recital</i> |
| | Vigil for the Fifth Sunday of Lent |
| 4.30pm | People of the Parish |
| Sun 13 | Fifth Sunday of Lent |
| 9.00am | Bridget Kennedy |
| 11.00am | Brian Walshe RIP |
| 12.30pm | <i>Baptism of Ava Prescott</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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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 7th March at 7.00pm**. Please come to the Cathedral House Reception entrance. Anyone interested please contact Canon Gerry.

Cathedral Site Statistics **21st February – 27th February 2016**

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| Hours we were open : | 111.5 |
| Liturgies & Meetings : | 147 |
| Number of Visitors : | 3522 |

Cathedral Collections Last Week:

| Main | Gift Aid | Restoration Fund |
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| £569.81 | £226.50 | £1187.35 |

Second Collection : This week is for **Cathedral Maintenance**.

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.

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

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.

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 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, 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 McMahan & Paul McMahan; 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: Dylan Booth. Those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Canons: Anthony Allport, Gerry Hanlon; Frs: Humphrey Crookenden(CO), Terry Luxon, Ernest Jarvis, Thomas Fullerton(CO), Francis Johnson, Joseph Purcell, Ralph Sheppey-Greene, Christopher Thornton & Connell Harkin. Also, Edwina Cownley, Winifred Rondo, Mary Conroy, Christina Chiang, Kitty O'Neil and John Thomas. **Eternal Rest grant unto them O, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.**

24 Hour Vigil: 24 Hours for the Lord: continues this Saturday evening (5th) until 9pm.

Our Universities – Year of Mercy from 7.30pm – 9.00pm on Saturday 5th 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.

School Visits:

Monday – St. Brigid; Northfield.

Wednesday – Four Dwellings Primary; Quinton.

Thursday – St. Thomas More; Sheldon.

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.

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 :the Catholic Womens' League, visiting bell ringers from Gloucestershire, our university students attending the Pilgrimage of Mercy, parishioners from Our Lady of the Rosary; Saltley, members of the Fabric Advisory Committee, those attending the CAFOD Romero Mass, the TOBY group, the Commission for Inter Religious Dialogue, those attending the AGM of the Birmingham Organ Association, members of the Worcester & Birmingham Organist's Association and the Knights of St. Columba.

A special word of welcome to Ayrton Ransom-Tytler who will be baptised this Sunday 6th March and Ava

Prescott who will be baptised next Sunday 13th March.

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.

Holy Week & Easter: An extra leaflet will be made 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.

Cathedral Flowers: The floral tribute for this week is being offered in memory of Brian Walshe RIP.

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 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 6th March 2016 in the Grimshaw Room.

Closing of Deanery Visitation will be held at St. Francis' Handsworth, Wednesday 16th March at 7.00pm Mass followed by a review of the visitations, and concluding in the club with an opportunity for people from the various parishes to meet.

St. Catherine's, Bristol Street, Penitential Service at 7.00pm on Wednesday 9th March.

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

'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.

Maryvale Institute – Year of Mercy Event – An Evening of Recollection on Friday 18th March 2016 from 6.00 – 9.30pm led by Fr. Paul Keane. Please see noticeboard for details.

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 will be holding open auditions on Thursday 17th March in the Grimshaw Room of the Cathedral. We are inviting children aged 6-13 to come and join the choir for a rehearsal of new music for the Summer term, from 5pm to 6.30pm. Auditionees will not be required to sing on their own and are not asked to prepare anything in advance of the session. The choir rehearses on Thursdays 5-6.30pm during term time and performs regularly at Cathedral services and festivals. We look forward to welcoming you - to reserve your place or if you have any questions, please contact David and Alexandra Wynne at choraloutreach@rc-birmingham.org or feel free to turn up on the day.

Birmingham Newman Circle Saturday, 12th March 2016, 2:00 – 3:30 pm, Newman House, 29 Harrisons Road, B15 3QR. "ACTA – taking responsibility for our own Faith" By: Jean Riordan, Chair of Birmingham ACTA. Everyone welcome.

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

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

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.

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.

Getting married? – Marriage Preparation Courses are available this year. For details visit 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 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.