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## **The Holy Year of Mercy**

### **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**24<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

**Divine Office: Psalter Week 1**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

- Entrance Antiphon:** O sing a new song to the lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.
- Responsorial Psalm:** I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.
- Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Said, 'I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you.' Alleluia.
- Communion Antiphon:** I am the true wine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains with me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.



  
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## Mass Times: 23<sup>rd</sup> April – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016

<b>Sat 23</b>	<b>Solemnity of St. George</b>
10.00am	Terence Roche RIP
	<b>Vigil for Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>
4.30pm	Jimmy McLaron RIP
<b>Sun 24</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>
9.00am	People of the Parish
11.00am	Tom Cunningham RIP
12.30pm	<i>Baptism of Ashleigh-Ann Mahon</i>
<b>Mon 25</b>	<b>Feast of St. Mark</b>
12.15pm	Cisse O'Driscoll RIP
<b>Tue 26</b>	<b>Easter feria</b>
12.15pm	Mary Scott RIP
<b>Wed 27</b>	<b>Easter feria</b>
12.15pm	Lee Suan Gaik
<b>Thu 28</b>	<b>Easter feria</b>
12.15pm	Bernard Spratt RIP
<b>Fri 29</b>	<b>Feast of St. Catherine of Siena</b>
	<i>Day of Prayer for Europe</i>
9.15am	Holy Souls (St. Chad's School)
12.15pm	Robert Hunt
2.00pm	<i>Fund raising Concert for the Sanctuary</i> <i>Elaine &amp; Ulrich Heinen</i>
<b>Sat 30</b>	<b>Easter feria</b>
10.00am	James Madden RIP
	<b>Vigil for Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>
4.30pm	Private Intention
<b>Sun 1</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>
9.00am	People of the Parish
11.00am	Mary & Olga De Valliere RIP followed by Meet & Greet
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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**GIFT AID ENVELOPE BOXES FOR THE COMING YEAR ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE SACRISTY.**

**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. Anyone interested please contact Canon Gerry. **Next Meeting this Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm.**

### **Cathedral Site Statistics**

#### **10<sup>th</sup> April – 16<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

Hours we were open : **113**  
Liturgies & Meetings : **156**  
Number of Visitors : **3895**

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

<b>Main</b>	<b>Gift Aid</b>	<b>Restoration Fund</b>
<b>£516.48</b>	<b>£136.50</b>	<b>£140.16</b>

**Second Collection** – this week is for the Ukraine Appeal as requested by the Holy Father Pope Francis.

**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.

**Messe en Français** every first Sunday with the West Midlands French Speaking Community. The next Mass is Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016 at 2.30pm.

**Cathedral Restorations:** please take time to look at the newly restored paschal candle. Our Pugin processional cross is now away for repair and restoration. Again, we are so grateful to those parishioners whose generosity have made these works possible. We offer regularly Masses for the intention of our benefactors. We are most grateful.

**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.: Andrew McCann, Geoff Hargreaves, Tony Haycock, Pat Farrelly, Paul Chavasse C.O., David Bazen, David Mellor, Ivor Morris, David Condron, Peter Blundell and Anslem Stark. Deacons: David McCarroll, Tony Janew & David Pranauskas. Pray also for: Rev. Nick Ball, Doreen Davies, Julek Kovac, Frank Martha, Mary McNamara, Ann O'Reilly, Genevieve Kacperska, Ruzevia Kovacova, Rudolf Kotlar, Michal Cervenail, Billy Reid, 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, Irene Jones, 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, Earle Laska, Peter Hayward, Jennifer Boffey, Jade Lambert, Caroline Bertie and Marie Duff-Tytler. Also, the following children and babies: Samuel Stokes, Symon Wierzbiki, Fabian Wu, Freya Appleby, Rory Lynch, Cacia McGrotty, Thomas Worpole.

**For those who have died recently:** Bernard Spratt, Agatha (Aggie) Maher, Kevin Duffy and Jim McLoughlin. Those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Frs: Patrick Quilty, Benjamin Cox, Wilfrid Davenport, Desmond Donnelly, Peter Dennison, Joseph Bernard Hickson, Peter Cooney and Peter Heath. Also, Joyce Durcan, Peter Grimley, M. Donagh, William Shakespeare, Thomas Regan, Jerry Diggins, Elizabeth Harvey and Catherine Meacham. **Eternal Rest grant unto them O, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.**

**Canon Peter Jones R.I.P. -** Canon Peter's funeral is arranged for 12.15pm Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at St Chad's Cathedral.

**School Visit: Wed -** Holy Souls; Birmingham.

**Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for April –**  
**Universal: *Small Farmers:*** That small farmers may receive a just reward for their precious labour.  
**Evangelization: *African Christians:*** That Christians in Africa may give witness to love and faith in Jesus Christ amid political-religious conflicts.

**This week we welcome:** In addition to our regulars : the Lay Dominicans, the Diocesan Ecumenical Commission, those attending the fund raising concert by Elaine & Ulrich Heinen and all the Lourdes Pilgrimage helpers for their training day.

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.

**Cathedral Flowers:** We have been most grateful to parishioners for sponsoring our cathedral flowers over the past liturgical year. A new sign up list is available 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. Flowers are increasingly expensive, but we have a kind flower arranger who only charges us for the cost of the flowers which comes to about £50 per week.

**The Basilican magazine -** It is a special issue to mark the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the consecration of St

Chad's, with many interesting articles, at the special price of £5. Strongly recommended! Limited edition!

**“2 Cellos Concert – Elaine & Ulrich Heinen” at St Chad’s Cathedral at 2pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April in Aid of St Chad’s Sanctuary. There is no charge but donations are appreciated and will be collected at the door. All proceeds will go to the Sanctuary.** (Elaine & Uli Heinen are Birmingham based professional cellists who have worked together for nearly 30 years – married for 25 of them! Elaine plays with the CBSO, BCMG, Royal Shakespeare Co and is principal cellist with Longborough Opera Orchestra. In 1984 Ulrich became the principal cellist for Birmingham CBSO, he co-founded BCMG in 1987 and is a renowned teacher and international soloist and orchestral player. In the last year he has performed concertos in Hong Kong, Beijing, Mexico & at the BBC Proms.

**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 and Alexandra Wynne at [choraloutreach@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:choraloutreach@rc-birmingham.org) or feel free to turn up on the day.

**March for Life UK 2016** takes place on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016. The event commences at 11.00am with pre-march activities in Victoria Square in Birmingham City Centre. For further information visit [www.marchforlife.co.uk](http://www.marchforlife.co.uk)

**MARIAN PROCESSION** -A torchlight procession, on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May, around the grounds of Oscott College in honour of Our Lady. Procession begins in the Main Chapel at 8.00pm. Please see noticeboard for more details.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham (Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016) Led by Bishop Robert Byrne -**

A coach has been arranged costing £30.00 per person (includes a cooked evening meal and the diocesan levy). The coach will leave the following pick-up points at: The Oratory, Plough and Harrow Road at 07.15 am; St Catherine’s, Great Colmore Street (off Bristol Road) at 07.30 am and St Chad’s Cathedral at 07.45 am. Please contact Mrs Anne Roebuck on 0121 454 0130 to book a place on the coach. The coach tends to fill up quickly, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

**Virgin Money London Marathon** – Cathedral parishioner **Paul Coffey** is running the Virgin Money London Marathon on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016 for British Heart Foundation. Please support

Coffs Run raise money for this great cause by donating directly to their fundraising page

<https://www.justgiving.com/Coffs-Run>

JustGiving sends your donation straight to Worldwide Cancer Research and automatically reclaims Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer, so your donation is worth even more.

**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.

**Pilgrimage visit of the Miraculous Relic Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe** - will be at St. Chad’s

Cathedral from Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May, when there will be a Service of reception at 7.00pm followed by Mass at 7.30pm. Bishops David McGough (Auxiliary of Birmingham), Patrick McKinney (Nottingham) and Emmanuel Ade Badejo (Diocese of Oyo, Nigeria) will celebrate the 10.00am Mass on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May. The Image will remain with us until Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May when the Relic Image will return to the Shrine after the Mass at 12.15pm. During that week there will be ample opportunities for prayer and veneration which will be accompanied by special afternoon services of reflection led by the guardians of Our Lady.

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

**Annual Solemn Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour – 9<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016** at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Handsworth. Weekday Services at 9.15am, 12.00noon, 6.30pm & 8.00pm.

**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)



**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)