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**The Holy Year of Mercy**  
**Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood**  
**of Christ**  
**"Corpus Christi"**



**29<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

**Divine Office: Psalter Week 1** **Week 9** **Ordinary Time**

- Entrance Antiphon:** He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.
- Responsorial Psalm:** You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.
- Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia.
- Communion Antiphon:** Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.



  
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## Mass Times: 28<sup>th</sup> May – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2016

- Sat 28 Feria in Ordinary Time**  
10.00am Virgilio Abordo RIP
- Vigil for The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**  
4.30pm Maggie Walsh
- Sun 29 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**  
9.00am Mary Scott RIP  
11.00am People of the Parish
- Mon 30 Feria in Ordinary Time**  
12.15pm Canon Breen
- Tue 31 Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
12.15pm Margaret Kennedy RIP
- Wed 1 St. Justin**  
12.15pm Hollis & Desmond Family
- Thu 2 Feria in Ordinary Time**  
12.15pm Seamus & Lauren Conneely
- Fri 3 Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**  
12.15pm Nora O'Hara
- Sat 4 Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
10.00am Seamus Madden RIP  
12.30pm *Baptism – Baby Benjamin Michael Cotterill*
- Vigil for the Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
2.00pm *Nuptial Wedding of Darren Wilson and Agnieszka Kuczynska*  
4.30pm Andrew De Valliere & family
- Sun 5 Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
9.00am People of the Parish  
11.00am Leslie O'Driscoll RIP  
12.30pm *Baptism – Baby Joseph James Wheller*

**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. Anyone interested please contact Canon Gerry. **Next Meeting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm.**

### **Cathedral Site Statistics**

#### **15<sup>th</sup> May – 21<sup>st</sup> May 2016**

|                        |              |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Hours we were open :   | <b>111.5</b> |
| Liturgies & Meetings : | <b>165</b>   |
| Number of Visitors :   | <b>6042</b>  |

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

| <b>Main</b>    | <b>Gift Aid</b> | <b>Restoration Fund</b> |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| <b>£464.63</b> | <b>£49.40</b>   | <b>£292.26</b>          |

#### **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.

**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.

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

**A word of welcome:** In addition to our regulars, we welcome the members of the RSCM Millennium Youth Choir and Members of the Knights of St. Columba, the Lay Dominicans,

A special word of welcome to baby Benjamin Michael Cotterill and baby Joseph James Wheller who will be baptised next weekend.

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.

### **FUTURE NEWSLETTERS**

**We shall only be producing a full newsletter at the start of each Month. This will include a Diary of Events for the Month. For other weeks, it will be a single sheet with Mass times and statistics. The current Prayer List for those who are ill is out of date. Therefore, we shall start a new list. If you would like a name included on the new list, please let us have the details.**

### **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.

**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.: 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, Charlie Woods, 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 McMahan, Paul McMahan, Earle Laska, Peter Hayward, Jennifer Boffey, Jade Lambert, Caroline Bertie, Mary Ryan, Marie Duff-Tytler, Katie Yardley, Susan Priday and Eddie Doulton. Also, the following children and babies: Fabian Wu & Rory Lynch,

**For those who have died recently:** John Nichols, Margaret Bonham, Frank Fleming, Margaret Kennedy and Baby Nathan Grupa. Those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Mgr. Wilfrid Doran; Canon Harry Bouchier; Frs: Joseph Lacy, Cornelius Healy, Charles Stephen Dessain CO, William O'Brien, John Avery Lane, Benedict Tarbuck, John Crean and Deacon William Parker. Also, Pam Rigby, Tom Hussey, Kathleen Kinsella and Kathleen Nolan. **Eternal Rest grant unto them O, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.**

#### **Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for May –**

**Universal: *Respect for Women:*** That in every country of the world, women may be honoured and respected and that their essential contribution to society may be highly esteemed.

**Evangelization: *Holy Rosary:*** That families, communities and groups may pray the Holy Rosary for evangelisation and peace.

#### **Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for June –**

**Universal: *Human Solidarity:*** That the aged, marginalised, and those who have no one may find – even within the huge cities of the world – opportunities for encounter and solidarity.

**Evangelization: *Seminarians and Novices:*** That seminarians and men and women entering religious life may have mentors who live the joy of the Gospel and prepare them wisely for their mission.

#### **School Visit:**

**No Visits – Half-term holidays.**

**VISIT OF THE RELIC OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA ON SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE.....for One Day Only!** – Veneration of the Relic will be available before and after the Masses at 10.00am & 4.30pm till 8.00pm. Further details to follow.

**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.

**Meet & Greet** every first Sunday of the month following the 11.00am Mass in the Grimshaw Room. The next Meet & Greet is on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2016 in the Grimshaw Room.

**Messe en Français** every first Sunday with the West Midlands French Speaking Community. The next Mass is Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 2.30pm.

**St Chad's Cathedral Flower Festival Friday 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June** - Why not join the dozens of schools and parishes that have already agreed to take part by creating your own display. If you are not able to create a display do put the date in your diary and come and support us by visiting the Cathedral over this weekend and see the wonderful displays which make the Cathedral look even more beautiful. On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June the Junior Choir are singing at the 4.30pm Mass followed at 7.30pm by a concert being given by the choirs of St Chad's and St Philip's Cathedrals. On the Sunday, at 5.00 pm, there is a concert by the Birmingham Schools Wind Orchestra, with Prof David Saint, preceded by the Flower Festival prize giving. After the concert there will be a wine and canapé reception in the Grimshaw Room. **Raffle tickets** for the Summer Draw are available after Mass or at Cathedral House reception. Lots of wonderful prizes. Only £1 per ticket.

**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!

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

**Vacancy** - for History Teacher to cover a Maternity Leave at St Edmund Campion Catholic School from 1 September 2016 - 25 July 2017. Closing date 17 June 2016. Please see school website for more details and application pack: [www.stedcamp.bham.sch.uk](http://www.stedcamp.bham.sch.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 is coming to a close; but as with all building projects: we have uncovered more things that need attention. Our apologies for any inconvenience caused during these works.

**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 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 in place. 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)

**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 Pugin Society** annual study tour this year explores the Gothic Revival in Hampshire and Wiltshire: 18-21 August. Based in Salisbury and staying in Sarum College in the Close, the tour will visit, among other things, the remains of Beckford's Fonthill, the eighteenth century Catholic chapel at Wardour, the superb Italianate estate church of St Mary and St Nicholas in Wilton, Christchurch Priory where AWN Pugin's first wife is buried, Highcliffe Castle, Sway Tower, and St Michael and All Angels at Lyndhurst with work by Morris and Leighton, and what must be the only cinema entrance designed by A.W.N. Pugin. The tour is led by Dr James Jago of University of York. Cost: £425 single and £395 per person sharing. Includes admission charges, coaches, accommodation with breakfast, and two evening meals, wine reception in the Cloisters. For further information contact Professor Julia Twigg, 9 Nunnery Road, Canterbury, CT1 3LS, 01227 766879. [j.m.twigg@kent.ac.uk](mailto:j.m.twigg@kent.ac.uk)

**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)