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The Holy Year of Mercy
Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
'World Communications Day'

8th May 2016

Divine Office: Psalter Week 2

From the Solemnity

- Entrance Antiphon:** Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.
- Responsorial Psalm:** God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
- Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Go, make disciples of all the nations; I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. Alleluia!
- Communion Antiphon:** Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.




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Sat 7	Easter feria
10.00am	Jim McLoughlin RIP
	Vigil for The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord <i>‘World Communications Day’</i>
4.30pm	Mass with the Catholic Directors of Music. Mick Green RIP
Sun 8	The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
9.00am	Arni Gamage
11.00am	John Maguire RIP
Mon 9	Easter feria
12.15pm	Elsie Head (nee Wallis)
Tue 10	Easter feria
12.15pm	Carole Beauchamp RIP
Wed 11	Easter feria
12.15pm	Agatha (Aggie) Maher RIP
7.30pm	<i>Organ Concert – Prof. David Saint</i>
Thu 12	Easter feria
12.15pm	Patrick Joseph Clancy
Fri 13	Easter feria
9.15am	Holy Souls (St. Chad’s School)
12.15pm	Fr. Anslem Stark
7.00pm	Service of Reception of the Relic Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe
7.30pm	Holy Mass
Sat 14	Feast of St. Matthias
10.00am	Neil Chapman Celebrated by Bishops; David McGough, Patrick McKinney and Emmanuel Ade Badejo
	Vigil for The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
4.30pm	Noel Mulvey
Sun 15	The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
9.00am	Kathleen Costello RIP
11.00am	People of the Parish
3.00pm	Birmingham Children’s Hospital Memorial Service

Canon Gerry’s Emails: we have had a few problems with our computers. If you have emailed Canon Gerry and the cathedral office and are still waiting for a response, please re-send your email. Thank you!

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 9th May at 7pm.**

Cathedral Site Statistics

24th April – 30th April 2016

Hours we were open :	120.5
Liturgies & Meetings :	133
Number of Visitors :	4464

Cathedral Collections Last Week:

Main	Gift Aid	Restoration Fund
£505.89	£298.50	£1606.59

Second Collection – this week is for Catholic Communications.

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.

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.

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

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 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, Mary Ryan 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: Patrick Joseph Clancy, Bernard Spratt, Agatha (Aggie) Maher, Kevin Duffy and Jim McLoughlin. Those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Canon Francis Woodward; Frs: Francis Carr, Walter Joseph Joret, Patrick Cocklin; Deacon James Duffy. Also, Mick Green, Jarleth Cummins, Peter Monaghan, Martin Gillespie and Gerard Barry. **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.

This week we welcome: In addition to our regulars : those attending the Conference of the Catholic Directors of Music, the students & teachers of Our Lady of the Wayside, The Lourdes Executive Pilgrimage Committees, members of the RCIA group, Bell Ringers, TOBY group, those attending the Organ Concert on Wednesday, members attending the AGM of the Catholic History Society, Open University students visiting the Cathedral, Metropolitan Museum of Arts group from New York along with those attending the Birmingham Children's Hospital Memorial Service.

A special word of welcome to the guardians of the Relic Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe along with the visiting pilgrims and those taking part in the March for Life.

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.

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 or feel free to turn up on the day.

School Visit:

Mon - St. Teresa; Handsworth Wood.

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

Cathedral Flowers:

The floral tribute for this week is dedicated to Arni Gamage & family.

Next week's floral tribute is dedicated to Elsie Head (RIP).

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.

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

MARIAN PROCESSION -A torchlight procession, on Saturday 7th 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 14th 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 07.15am; St Catherine's, Great Colmore Street (off Bristol Road) at 07.30am and St Chad's Cathedral at 07.45am. 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.

St Chad's Cathedral Flower Festival Friday 17th to Sunday 19th 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 18th 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.

Pilgrimage visit of the Miraculous Relic Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe -

will be at St. Chad's Cathedral from Friday 13th 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 14th May. The Image will remain with us until Thursday 19th 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.

The Basilican magazine - It is a special issue to mark the 175th Anniversary of the consecration of St Chad's, with many interesting articles, at the special price of £5. Strongly recommended! Limited edition!

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

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.

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.

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

Marriage Preparation Courses: are available this year. For details visit www.marriagecare.org.uk

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

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.