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The Holy Year of Mercy

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th September 2016

Divine Office: Psalter Week 3

Week 23 in Ordinary Time

- Entrance Antiphon:** You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.
- Responsorial Psalm:** O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.
- Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord. Because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!
- Communion Antiphon:** Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.




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Mass Times
3rd September – 11th September 2016

Sat 3 10.00am	Feast of Saint Gregory the Great Michael Finn RIP
4.30pm	Vigil for the 23rd Sunday Jo, Ranulph & Xavier James
Sun 4 9.00am 11.00am 2.30pm	23rd. Sunday in Ordinary Time Seamus Madden RIP People of the Parish <i>Followed by Meet & Greet</i> Messe en Français
3.00pm	The Harvington Pilgrimage <i>At the Shrine of the English Martyrs.</i> <i>Mass with Archbishop Bernard</i>
Mon 5 12.15pm	Feria in Ordinary Time Patrick O'Connor RIP
Tue 6 12.15pm 7.00pm	Feria in Ordinary Time Eric Ryder RIP Thanksgiving Mass for the Canonisation of Mother Teresa – <i>Celebrant Archbishop Bernard</i>
Wed 7 12.15pm	Feria in Ordinary Time Bridget Ginty RIP
Thu 8 10.00am 12.15pm	Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>Heritage Open Day Tours</i> Sr. Terese
Fri 9 9.15am 10.00am 12.15pm	Feria in Ordinary Time Mass in St Chad's School <i>Heritage Open Day Tours</i> Fr. Tony Taylor RIP
Sat 10 10.00am 1.30pm	Feria in Ordinary Time O'Donnell Family <i>Heritage Open Day Tours</i>
4.30pm	Vigil for the 24th Sunday 'Education Sunday' People of the Parish
Sun 11 9.00am 11.00am 1.30pm	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Annie Byrne Poppy Anabella Clarke RIP <i>Heritage Open Day Tours</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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PLEASE SEE THE POSTERS ON THE NOTICE BOARDS FOR PILGRIMAGES. YOU WILL ALSO FIND A PROGRAMME OF EVENTS FOR THE NEWMAN ASSOCIATION.

Enquiries for the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation and Marriage; and anyone interested in Adult Instruction please contact Canon Gerry Breen.

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.

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 will be announced shortly.

Cathedral Site Statistics

21st August – 27th August 2016

Hours we were open :	111.5
Liturgies & Meetings :	103
Number of Visitors :	2417

Cathedral Collections Last Week:

Main	Gift Aid	Restoration Fund
£420.76	£177.00	£245.04

Second Collection – Next week for Catholic Education Service.

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 for details on Gift Aid and other finance matters.

A word of welcome: In addition to our regular visitors, we welcome the Union of Catholic Mothers from Ss Mary & Modwen parish Burton-on-Trent for their Year of Mercy Pilgrimage; the Knights of St. Columba, committee members of the Cathedral Association, staff of Our Lady of the Wayside primary school in Shirley. Those attending the Thanksgiving Mass for the Canonisation of Mother Teresa, all those attending the Heritage Open days, members of the Fabric Advisory Committee, the TOBY group, members of the Historic Churches Committee, Committee members of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, those attending the CSAS chairs Meeting, Lay Dominicans, members of the Holy Trinity Ladies Guild, members of the Safeguarding Commission, Catholic History Commission,, Lourdes school & youth group leaders, those attending the Mass & celebrations of the SVP Birmingham Central Council, Lourdes Hospitalite committee and those attending the Commissioning Mass for Lay School Chaplains.

A special word of welcome to all the school children taking part in the “Year of Mercy” pilgrimage in conjunction with the Diocesan Education Service

It’s not hard to tell that the summer break has ended! It’s lovely to welcome so many to our cathedral!

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; Canon Peter Gilsenan; Frs.: Paul Devaney, Andrew McCann, Geoff Hargreaves, Tony Haycock, Pat Farrelly, Paul Chavasse C.O., David Bazen, David Mellor, Ivor Morris, David Condron, Peter Blundell; Florence Gilmore, Cate Keenan, Grace O’Neill, Anslem Stark. Deacons: David McCarroll & Tony Janew. Pray also for: Rev. Nick Ball, Doreen Anne Lowe, 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, Jane Goodyear, Martin Garvey, Gerald Moran, 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, Margaret Hardy, 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, Peter Hayward, Jennifer Boffey, Jade Lambert, Caroline Bertie, Mary Ryan, Katie Yardley, Susan Priday, Eddie Doulton, Sr. Marie Inglis, Dean Evans, Marie Parish, George Keogh, Jacklin Prie, Kathleen Curtin and Diedre Fenton. Riely Davis, Sheila Dunclibb, Kathleen Capewell, Mary Leonard, Marie Parish, Noel Mulvey, Elizabeth Wang, Jeremy Hemmings, Alice Jordan, Larry Byrne, Annie Byrne, Mary Sexton and Molly. Also, the following children and babies Lucy & Chloe Spence, Fabian Wu & Rory Lynch.

Those who have died recently: Linda Prestidge, Pauline Callaghan, Johane Monaghan, Denise Postings, Grace Medenilla, Jimmy Mullen, Jean-Francois Michelete, Greta O'Dowd, Kate Shorthouse, Carlton Adams, Dave Cresswell and Tom Coyne.

Those whose anniversaries occur about this time: HH Pope John Paul I; Archbishop George Patrick Dwyer; Mgr Canon Leonard Emery; Mgrs: James Dunlop Crichton, Thomas (Tom) Fallon, Michael McTernan, Henry Farrelly; Canons: Robert Nicholson, Peter McKenna, Leo Twiney, Albert JJ Adams; Frs: J Basil Sherington, Bernard Salt, Thomas O'Doherty, James J Holland, Anthony (Tony) Taylor, Arthur McCrystal, David Walter Hutt, Guy Colman, Richard Dinnis, Patrick Meagher, William Alfred Oddie, John Lopes, Alan Leslie Holtham, Peter Lees, John Hanrahan, John Roddy, Bernard McAllister, John Love, Peter Lloyd, John Bale, Gordon Banks, Paul Orchard, Edward Cotter, Laurence Daly, Denis Mary Egan; Deacons: Michael McCormack, Tony Colby. Also, Dona Kirkton and Edward Gillespie. **Eternal Rest grant unto them O, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.**

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for September – Universal: *Centrality of the Human Person:* That each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a safe society that places the human person at the center.
Evangelization: *Mission to Evangelize:* That by participating in the Sacraments and meditating on Scripture, Christians may become more aware of their mission to evangelise.

With the Cathedral Choir on their summer break, this weekend we welcome the visiting choir from St. Wulstan's, Wolstanton, Staffordshire.

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.

Meet & Greet every first Sunday of the month following the 11.00am Mass in the Grimshaw Room. The next Meet & Greet is on Sunday 4th September 2016 in the Grimshaw Room.

Messe en Français every first Sunday with the West Midlands French Speaking Community. The next Mass is Sunday 4th September 2016 at 2.30pm.

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!

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

ACTA open meeting: Sunday, September 25th. Archbishop Kevin McDonald speaks on "Spirituality, Migrants and other Religions". Q&A, discussion, 1.30 for 2 till 4.30pm. Newman House, Harrison's Rd, Edgbaston B15 3QS. Everyone is most welcome – laity, religious and clergy, for both members and visitors. No charge. Enquiries – Jean at mjriordan@hotmail.co.uk

A Mass of Thanksgiving for the canonisation of Mother Teresa is to be celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley at St Chad's Cathedral on Tuesday September 6th at 7pm. The four Sisters of Mother Teresa's Order, the Missionaries of Charity, who are based in Birmingham, will attend the Mass at St Chad's and bring with them a relic of Mother Teresa for veneration. The canonisation is taking place two days earlier in Rome; hundreds of thousands of pilgrims are expected to travel there for the occasion — including representatives from the Blessed Mother Teresa Catholic primary school in Stafford.

The annual diocesan pilgrimage to Harvington Hall in Worcestershire is taking place this Sunday, September 4th. Archbishop Bernard Longley will be the main celebrant of Mass at 3pm. This year the staff and students from Oscott College will be in attendance. Tours are available before and after Mass, if booked on arrival at Harvington. Traditionally, visitors arrive from 1pm; guests are welcome to bring a picnic and are asked to take along a folding chair. Refreshments will be served in the grounds after Mass.

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

World War 1 Centenary Cathedral Repair Fund: as Thankfully, the work is almost complete on this particular project. As with all repair work, we discovered additional problems which needed immediate attention. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this work.

Cathedral Restorations: please take time to look at the newly restored paschal candle. Our Pugin processional cross is now back following extensive restoration work. 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 10th, 11th.& 12th 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.
For details visit www.sehion.net

Pilgrimages 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. **Weekend Pilgrimage to Rome** - (Weekend Pilgrimage – Closing of the Holy Door - St Peter's by Pope Francis): Friday 18th – 21st November 2016. Flying from Birmingham Airport. £399.00 per person (sharing). Single room supplement £66.00. Instalment plans available. Contact: Andrew Oldnall. Email: andrewsoldnall@gmail.com. Home: 0121 440 8623. Mobile: 07733 226063.

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 Newman Association: Meets Wednesday 7th September 7.30 -8.30pm at the Catholic Chaplaincy, Edgbaston, B15 followed by:

Wednesday 2nd November “Music & Poetry”
Share your favourite CD or Poem with members.

Wednesday 7th December Seminar/discussion led by Mgr. Pat Kilgarsof

Wednesday 1st March “Catholic Roots of the European Ideal. Is it a reality?” Jim Coghlan

Wednesday 5th April “The Crucifixion as portrayed in poetry and art” Bolo Wiltshire.

Saturday 7th May Ramble in the Lickey Hills. Followed by afternoon tea at Winnies.

Saturday 10th June 75th Anniversary AGM (National AGM) in Birmingham to be held at Birmingham Oratory.

Monday 3rd July: Local Circle Mass and AGM Catholic Chaplaincy.