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The Holy Year of Mercy

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd October 2016

Divine Office: Psalter Week 3

Week 27 in Ordinary Time

- Entrance Antiphon:** Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.
- Responsorial Psalm:** O that today you would listen to His voice! Harden not your hearts.
- Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!
- Communion Antiphon:** The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.




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Mass Times
1st October – 9th October 2016

- Sat 1** **St. Therese of the Child, Jesus**
10.00am Jean-Francois Michelet RIP
- Vigil for the 27th Sunday**
- 4.30pm People of the parish
- Sun 2** **27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9.00am Richard Lanigan RIP
11.00am Michael Coyle
Followed by Meet & Greet in the Canons Dining Room
- Mon 3** **Feria in Ordinary Time**
12.15pm Gerald Hannon RIP
- Tue 4** **St Francis of Assisi**
12.00noon Midday Prayer
12.15pm Mass with the Cathedral Chapter
Mary Ann Wallis RIP
- Wed 5** **Feria in Ordinary Time**
12.15pm Elizabeth Byrne RIP
- Thu 6** **Feria in Ordinary Time**
12.15pm Deidre Fenton. Sick
1.15pm Monthly Organ Recital
- CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY**
- Fri 7** **Our Lady of the Rosary**
9.15am Mass in St Chad's School
12.15pm Neill Chapman RIP
6.00pm *Choral Evensong with the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham.*
- Sat 8** **Feria in Ordinary Time**
10.00am Phillip James Wallis RIP
- Vigil for the 28th Sunday**
'Day of prayer for prisoners and their dependants'
- 4.30pm Murphy, Colley & McClements Family
- Sun 9** **28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9.00am Sr Rosaleen Heslin
11.00am People of the parish

Messe en Français every first Sunday with the West Midlands French Speaking Community. **PLEASE NOTE:** The October Mass will be at St. Catherine's Church, Bristol Road at 2.30pm.

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 NOTE: GATES & CAR PARK WILL BE LOCKED AT 12.30 ON SUNDAY

PLEASE SEE THE NOTICE BOARDS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

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
18th September – 24th September 2016

Hours we were open : **111.5**
Liturgies & Meetings : **130**
Number of Visitors : **4053**

Cathedral Collections Last Week:

Main	Gift Aid	Restoration Fund
£540.91	£97.50	£233.50

Second Collection – Next week will be for CAFOD

Cathedral Flowers: thank you to those who have supported this initiative by sponsoring a floral tribute either in memoriam or for a special intention. If you would like to do the same, please contact Reception or a member of Staff.

The Floral Tributes this week are in memory of Phillip James Wallis.

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: St. Teresa's Primary School, St Joseph's Primary School - Uttoxeter, St Joseph's Primary School - Banbury, The Ordinariate of Walsingham, The Lichfield Discovered Group, Visiting Bell Ringers from Guilford Cathedral, Guardian Angels Primary School, St. Mary's & St Benedict Primary School, St Mary's – Brierley Hill along with Our Lady of Lourdes – Kingswinford for the Year of Mercy Pilgrimage, The staff of St. Joseph's Rugeley for their staff pilgrimage in this Year of Mercy, The Knights of St Columba, The RCM School Festival, The Royal College of Organists, The Lay Dominicans, St John Vianney School, St Mary's School, The UCM & CWL Group and the Pugin Society. A word of welcome to all the school children taking part in the "Year of Mercy" pilgrimage in conjunction with the Diocesan Education Service. And a final welcome to delegates attending the Conservative Party Conference in Birmingham this week.

It's a joy 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.

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: the original list was out of date. We apologise for any omissions. Please let us know if you would like someone included.

Those who ill: Mgr. Paul Watson; Canon Peter Gilsenan; Deacons: David McCarroll & Tony Janew. Also, Billy Reid, Jane Goodyear, Martin Garvey, Peter Minister, Barbara Donnellan, Alwen Griffiths and Elizabeth Wang.

Those who have died recently: Canon Peter Riley, John O'Brien, Elizabeth Byrne, Patsy Gaynor, Geraldine McHugh, Grace Medenilla, Jimmy Mullen, Pauline Callaghan, Winifred Phelan, Bridget Allen, Theresa Padian, Mark Eustace and Johane Monaghan.

Those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Canon Tony Piercy, Frs.: John Nightingale, John Danaher, Percy Styche, John Bullen, Phil Casey & John Fitzpatrick. Also, Janina Olacres, Tony Stokes, Rowan Fitzgerald, Dora Hancox, Sr Anglea O'Donnell, James Quirke, Kathleen Murphy, K. Karunawathie, Senon O'Halleron, William Hone, Alex Houston, Matthew Dunne, Barry Holmes, Patrick O'Neill, Bessie Young, Danny McGuinness, Julia Maguire, Willie Flaherty, Pat Kerrigan, Albert Milton, Eileen Swift, John O'Neill, Sarah White, Ivy Betts, Margot Martinz, Mela Kauders, Anne Mooney, Harry Thorpe, Rosie Bartle and Kenneth Biggs. **Eternal Rest grant unto them O, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.**

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for October –

Universal: Journalists: That journalists, in carrying out their work, may always be motivated by respect for the truth and a strong sense of ethics.

Evangelization: World Mission Day: That world Mission Day may renew within all Christian communities the joy of the Gospel and the responsibility to announce it.

Meet & Greet every first Sunday of the month following the 11.00am Mass. The next Meet & Greet is on Sunday 2nd October 2016 in the Canons' Dining Room.

CAFOD – Harvest Fast Day. Friday 7th October 2016. You can find donation envelopes at the back of the Cathedral. Visit Cafod.org.uk/harvest for more information.

Day of prayer for prisoners and their dependants. Sunday 9th October 2016. Please remember all those affected by imprisonment in your prayers. Please also consider enabling a prisoner to deepen their faith by gifting them a bible. For more information, please see the leaflets at back of the Cathedral.

The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham - Year of Mercy Pilgrimage & Festival Friday 7th October 6pm Choral Evensong in St Chad's Cathedral, followed by Reception in the Grimshaw Room and talk by Dr Ian Ker: "Newman on Vatican II". To book contact editors@portalmag.co.uk

Saturday 8th October 10.15am Confessions followed by Solemn Mass at The Oratory with Veneration of the relics of Blessed John Henry Newman. Lunch in Upper Cloister Hall (bring your own packed lunch) 2.30pm - Address on Newman by Rev. Dr Stephen Morgan. 4.45pm – Benediction and depart.

Second Saturday Catholic Conventions: Held every 2nd Saturday of the month from 8am – 4pm at Bethel Convention Centre.

For details visit www.sehion.net

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.

World War 1 Centenary Cathedral Repair Fund: Hopefully we should be bidding farewell to the scaffolding this week! 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: we are most grateful for all who contribute to our Restoration Fund. This has enabled us to undertake several small but important projects of restoration and repair. The work continues, as does your generosity. Holy Mass is offered regularly for all of our benefactors. Many thanks.

The Newman Association: Meets Wednesday 5th October 7.30 -8.30pm at the Catholic Chaplaincy, Edgbaston, B15

Taize Prayer Meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th October at 7.30pm at St. Mary's Vivian Road, Harborne, B17 0DN. Refreshments will be served after the prayer service. Everyone welcome.

Year of Mercy Public Talks at St Mary's College, Oscott, Chester Road, Sutton Coldfield, B73 5AA

17th October: Divine Mercy and Healing of Memories. Speaker; Dr Dawn Eden Goldstein.

7th November: The Year of Mercy – the way ahead. Speaker; Canon David Oakley.

Pope Benedict XVI Lecture at St Mary's College, Oscott, Monday 3rd October 2016 at 8pm. Speaker: Dr Graham McAleer – Professor of philosophy at Loyola University. No booking necessary. Free Admission.

Our Lady's Catechists – Autumn Study Day

Saturday 15th October 2016 at St. Anne's Church, Alcester Street, Digbeth, Birmingham, B12 0PB 'A Saint is a Medicine – The Sanity and Sanctity of G K Chesterton'. Speaker: Canon John Urdis. Suggested Donations of £3.00. Please bring a packed lunch.

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

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!

John Henry Newman Exhibitions:

Monday 14th November at Newman University, B32 3NT. 6.00pm. Fr Guy Nicholls presents "Newman on Beauty" and Giuseppe Pezzini "Newman: Introducing the Exhibition".

Saturday 26th November at Maryvale Institute, B44 9AG, at 2pm David McLoughlin "Newman's Inspiration" and Helen Bardy "Newman on Youth Work". Learn more about the Saint for the Midlands, Cardinal John Henry Newman through hosted speaker events and an insightful 22-panel exhibition. Admission is free to both events.

School Foundation Governor Vacancies - St Edmund Campion Catholic School and Sixth Form Centre. A Foundation Governor must be a practising Catholic and will need a reference from their Parish Priest. If you feel that you can make a difference to the lives of young people and have the time to spare to participate in the work of the Governing Body please contact Mrs Steele, Headteacher, on 0121 464 7040 for more information.

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.

The Newman Association Meetings. Meet at the Catholic Chaplaincy, Edgbaston, B15. 7.30 – 8.30pm

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

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

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.