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The Holy Year of Mercy

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

30th October 2016

Divine Office: Psalter Week 3

Week 31 in Ordinary Time

- Entrance Antiphon:** Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!
- Responsorial Psalm:** I will bless your name forever, O God my King.
- Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!
- Communion Antiphon:** You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.




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Mass Times: 29th October – 6th November 2016

Sat 29 Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am John Acquaye RIP

Vigil for 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

4.30pm People of the Parish

Sun 30 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Liam Mulraney RIP

11.00am Zakariya & Rafael Dooner
(*Blessing for Zakariya & Rafael*)

Mon 31 Feria in Ordinary Time

12.15pm Susan Gnosill RIP

Tue 1 Solemnity of All Saints

9.15am Mass in St Chad's School

12.15pm Josie Kelly Sick

6.00pm Mass for Our Benefactors

Wed 2 Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed.

12.15pm Patsy Gaynor RIP

6.00pm Holy Souls

Thu 3 Feria in Ordinary Time

12.00pm Mid-Day Prayer

12.15pm Chapter Mass

Michael O'Driscoll RIP

1.15pm *Organ Recital*

Fri 4 St Charles Borromeo

12.15pm Mary Ann Wallis

Sat 5 Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am Kath Rambach

12.00noon Mass for Deceased Catenians

Celebrant: Bishop William Kenney

Vigil for 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4.00pm *Canoldir Choir*

4.30pm Eugene Lynch

Sun 6 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Christian Jude LeBlanc RIP

11.00am Moses Family
(*Followed by Meet & Greet*)

3.30pm Prison Chaplains Mass

Celebrant: Bishop William Kenney

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PLEASE NOTE: Tuesday is a Holy Day of Obligation the Solemnity of All Saints.

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

Canoldir Choir - On Saturday 5th November 2016 we will be joined by the Canoldir Choir who will sing before the 4.30pm Mass.

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

16th October – 22nd October 2016

Hours we were open : **111.5**

Liturgies & Meetings : **139**

Number of Visitors : **4453**

Cathedral Collections Last Week:

Main	Gift Aid	Restoration Fund
£302.61	£142.00	£336.52

World Mission Day £300.26

Second Collection This Week is for the **Society of African Missions (SMA)**.

Next week will be for **The Johnson Association** for Sick & Retired Clergy. Gift-Aid Envelopes are available at the back of the cathedral for use by tax payers.

Floral Tribute. This week the flowers are in memory of **Ronald Hull**. Next week flowers will be dedicated to Mary Ann 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: to our visitors who represent the various groups and societies who meet here on a regular basis. In addition, we welcome the Canons of the Metropolitan Chapter, our Prison Chaplains; and members of the Catenian Association for their annual Mass for deceased brothers. We also welcome staff and pupils from the following schools: St John Vianney, Coventry & St Mary & St Thomas More, Cannock. We are delighted to welcome once more the Canoldir Choir who will be singing before the 4.30pm Mass next Saturday. Our recently re-instated organ recitals have been a great success, and we are fortunate that Paul Carr will be playing at 1.15pm this Thursday.

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 Cathedral Association Annual Dinner - Cathedral House. Friday 18th November 2016 at 7.00pm. Principal Guest, The Most Rev. Bernard Longley. Limited places available. Tickets £32.50 Booking Forms & Cheque to be sent to Anne Symonds, 103 Salisbury Road, Moseley, B13 8LA. See poster on noticeboard for further 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

Overtime, the Prayer List has become out of date. If you would like someone included, please let us know; and please keep us informed if their circumstances change. Thank you.

For the Sick: Mgr. Paul Watson; Canon Peter Gilsenan; Frs.: Bernard Gallagher SJ, Paul Devaney, Andrew McCann, Geoff Hargreaves, Tony Haycock, Pat Farrelly, Paul Chavasse C.O., David Mellor, Ivor Morris, David Condron, Peter Blundell & Deacons: David McCarroll & Tony Janew. Pray also for: Billy Reid, Jane Goodyear, Martin Garvey, Peter Minister, Barbara Donnellan, Alwen Griffiths & Elizabeth Wang.

For those who have died recently: Fr Donatus Uwa, John Joyce, Alice Treacy, Patrick Duffy, John Craven, Claire Gill, Paul Boylan, Frank Harty, Nan Aitken & Jim Mellington.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Archbishop Maurice Couve de Murville, Bishop: John Barrett Mgr. Bertram Gould, Canons: Denis Toplass, Patrick Smith, Eugene O'Sullivan and John Redford, Frs.: John O'Dwyer, Henry Taylor, James Faulkner-Morgan, Louis Moore, James Broomfield, John Brisland and Deacon Paul Grosvenor. Also: Anne Mooney, Harry Thorpe, Rosie Bartle, Morgan Hehir, Christian Jude Le Blanc & Brendan Wall, **Eternal Rest grant unto them O, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.**

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for November – Universal: Countries Receiving Refugees: That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.
Evangelization: Collaboration of Priests and Laity: That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement.

Messe en Français every first Sunday with the West Midlands French Speaking Community.

NB: On Sunday 6th November Messe en Français will be held at St Catherine's Church, Bristol Street, at 2.30pm.

Meet & Greet every first Sunday of the month following the 11.00am Mass. The next Meet & Greet is on Sunday 6th November 2016 in the Grimshaw Room.

Second Saturday Catholic Conventions: Held every 2nd Saturday of the month from 8am – 4pm at Bethel Convention Centre. For details visit www.sehion.net

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

Blessed 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”.

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.

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

7th November: The Year of Mercy – the way ahead. Speaker; Canon David Oakley. No booking necessary. Free Admission.

Catholic Women’s League of England and Wales:

Full and up to date information about the Catholic Women’s League, can be found at www.catholicwomensleague.org

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.

Permanent Diaconate: The Archdiocese wishes to give greater publicity to the Permanent Diaconate in the life of the Church and has produced a leaflet summarising the main features of the Permanent Diaconate and giving information regarding the procedure for prospective candidates, who believe they may have a calling, to apply for formation in the Archdiocese. Copies are available at the back of the Cathedral and your prayers are requested to more vocations to the Ministry.

Cathedral Renovations Projects: The Angelus Bell is being repaired so that it will once again call people to prayer. This will cost about £800. We are grateful for the anonymous donor who has offered to pay for this! We continue with the refurbishment of our candlesticks. It is only through your generosity that we can effect these repairs. **Our heartfelt thanks!** (We are aware that some of the lightbulbs have gone. These will be replaced shortly...it doesn’t help that they are 75 feet above the ground! More scaffolding I’m afraid, and more expense!!)

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.

Alpha in a Catholic Context Leaders Training Days 2016-2017: Saturday 12th November - Holy Trinity, London Road, Newcastle-Under-Lyme, Staffordshire, ST5 1LQ

Saturday 18th February – Grimshaw Room, (Cathedral), St Chad’s Queensway, Birmingham, B4 6EU. Each Course runs 10.30am -3.30pm. To reserve a place call: 01213608118 (ext.166) or email: fieldevang@maryvale.ac.uk

Using Social Media for Parish Catechesis & Evangelisation:

9th November at Bicester, St JPll Centre, Causeway, OX26 6AW. 7pm – 9pm

22nd November at Tamworth, Sacred Heart, Silver Link Rd, B77 2EA. 7pm-9pm

National 2017 Centennial Celebratory 8 day Fatima Pilgrimage. 10th – 17th July 2017. £725

For further information and booking forms, please contact Mrs Brigid McKenna on 0121 4294145

Lithuanian Community Mass at St. Anne’s Alcester Street at 3.00pm on 20th Nov. & 18th Dec.

Slovak Community Mass Sat 29th Oct 7.00pm at English Martyrs’ Church, Sun 30th Oct 9.00am at St. Anne’s Alcester Street, Sat 19th Nov 7.00pm at English Martyrs’ Church & Sun 20th Nov 9.00am at St. Anne’s Alcester Street.

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. Contact: Andrew Oldnall. Email: andrewsoldnall@gmail.com.

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!

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. We hope to commission the new frames very soon. We shall keep you informed.

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.