



# Metropolitan Cathedral & Basilica of St Chad

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## The Third Sunday of Lent

19<sup>th</sup> March 2017

“Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments”

Divine Office: Psalter Week 3. Sunday Readings: Year A. Weekday: Year One

- Entrance Antiphon:** My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare.  
Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.
- Responsorial Psalm:** O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.
- Gospel Acclamation:** Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Lord, you are really the saviour of the world; Give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the word of God!
- Communion Antiphon:** For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up eternal life.



  
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## Mass Times: 18<sup>th</sup> March – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2017

**Sat 18 Lent Feria**  
10.00am Neil Coyne RIP  
12.00 Noon Marriage of Tom & Gemma MacLean

### **Vigil for Third Sunday of Lent**

4.30pm People of the Parish

**Sun 19 Third Sunday of Lent**  
9.00am Mary Ann Wallis  
11.00am Mary Scott RIP  
12.30pm *Baptisms of Sean & Breanna Sianga*  
**3.00pm Pause for Hope**

**Mon 20 Solemnity of St Joseph**  
12.15pm Michal Cervenák

**Tue 21 Lent Feria**  
12.15pm Caitlin Griffin & Katie Byrne

**Wed 22 Lent Feria**  
9.15am Purdue & Keveney Families

**Thu 23 Lent Feria**  
12.15pm Thomas, Liam & Mary Flaherty RIP

**Fri 24 Lent Feria**  
9.15am School Mass (Holy Souls)  
11.30am Stations of the Cross  
12.15pm Bridget Casey

**Sat 25 Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**  
10.00am Margaret Boyle RIP  
12.00 Noon Mass for Guild of St Stephen.

### **Vigil for Lætare Sunday (Lent 4)**

4.30pm Carole Smith RIP

**Sun 26 Lætare Sunday**  
9.00am Mary O'Shea RIP  
11.00am People of the Parish  
12.30pm *Baptism of Anashe-Rose Zvasiya*

**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.

### **Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 11.30am.**

**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.**

## **Cathedral Collections Last Week**

Main	Gift Aid	Restoration Fund
£565.53	£308.60	£112.59

**Cafod Lent Fast Day £606.24**

### **Cathedral Site Statistics: March 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> March**

Hours we were open :	<b>119.5</b>
Liturgies & Meetings :	<b>131</b>
Number of Visitors :	<b>4229</b>

### **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

*Instead of the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed, especially during Lent and Easter Time, the baptismal Symbol of the Roman Church, known as the Apostles' Creed, may be used.*

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
*At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.*

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.

**Amen.**

**'Pause for Hope' This Sunday 19 March at 3pm here at St Chad's** led by Archbishop Bernard and the Anglican Bishop of Aston, Anne Hollinghurst. In addition to those living with cancer, or struggling with the loss of a loved one. This is a one-hour ecumenical service for all whose lives have been changed by cancer. Amongst our other guests we welcome: the Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Deidre Kelly, Professor of Paediatric Hepatology, representing Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth along with the Lord Mayor's Deputy Councillor Mike Leddy. Many Health Care Professionals will be represented as well as our local Cancer Charities and Hospices. All are welcome!

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**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.

**A word of welcome:** to our visitors who represent the various groups and societies who meet here on a regular basis. We welcome those attending the children of St Chad's school who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Also those attending the Pause for Hope service, The Lourdes Medical team, Lourdes Hospitalite and those attending the Mass for St Stephen's Guild. In addition we welcome St. Margaret Mary School, Birmingham, Ss Peter & Paul School Coventry & St Wulstan's Stourport on Severn.

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.

### **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.*

### **Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for March - Evangelisation: Help the persecuted Christians.**

*That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole church.*

**Those who are 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 Condon, Peter Blundell & Deacons: David McCarroll & Tony Janew. Pray also for: Bridie D'Arcy, Robin Weeks, Billy Reid, Jane Goodyear, Martin Garvey, Barbara Donnellan, Alwen Griffiths, Elizabeth Wang, Manus Ferry, Eileen Boodhum, Helen Ahern, Michael Henry King, Pat Goggins and Teresa Gillern. Peter Minister, John Casey, Celia Lyons, Raymond Pearson, Roddy Devlin, Peter Hayward, Deidre Fenton, Mary Gillian, Michal Cervenak, Alice Reynolds and Barney McDonagh.

**For those who have died recently:** Jim Conroy and Matty McCabe.

**For those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Archbishop Francis Joseph Grimshaw & Thomas Leighton Williams. Bishop Humphrey Bright, Canons: John Joseph Welch & Brian Withers. Frs: John Joseph Donnelly, John McManus, Henry Francis Davis, Thomas Cockburn, Also: Mary Scott, Elizabeth McGrath, Stuart Imrie, Winnie Potts, Neil Chapman, William Joseph Smith, Carole Beauchamp, Agatha Maher, Barbara Saint, Thomas Bates, Hugh O'Connor, Matthew Sheridan, John Gallighan & Philip O'Reilly. Deacon: Raymond Zacaroli. **Eternal Rest grant unto them O, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.**

**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.

### **Birmingham Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

**2017:** Under the leadership of His Grace, the Archbishop and Bishop David McGough. Leaving by coach or plane on Saturday 27 May and returning on Friday 2 June. Following on from the great success of the Jubilee year of Mercy, our pastoral theme for the pilgrimage is taken from Mary's song of the Magnificat: 'The Lord has done great things for me!' Pilgrims requiring 24 hour support from our Medical Team and Helpers will travel by Air from Birmingham International Airport and stay in the Accueil Notre Dame. Travel By coach from £439.00 with various pick up points in the Diocese to Lourdes via a short sea crossing Dover/Calais. Travel by air from £745.00. **Leaflets are available at the back of the Cathedral.**

**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.

**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)

**Messe en Français** for the West Midlands French speaking community. Every first Sunday of the month at 2.30pm. The next French Mass will be **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017.**

**Meet & Greet** every first Sunday of the month following the 11.00am Mass. The next Meet & Greet is on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017** in the Grimshaw Room.

**Cathedral Flowers** - We are now taking floral tribute requests for this year 2017. Please see the list at the back of the Cathedral. Thank you.

**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](http://www.catholicwomensleague.org)

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

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

**National 2017 Centennial Celebratory 8 day Fatima Pilgrimage. 10<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017. £725**  
For further information and booking forms, please contact Mrs Brigid McKenna on 0121 429 4145

**The Midlands Academy of Early Music - Old Music in a New World: Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 – 7.00pm:** A concert of exciting Spanish and Mexican Renaissance and Baroque music, some unheard since the 17<sup>th</sup> Century; performed in St Chad's Cathedral. **Admission Free.**

**Sri Lankan Catholic Chaplaincy, UK** – Stations of the Cross followed by Mass in Sinhalese celebrated by the Chaplain Rev. Fr. Daya Perera here at St. Chad's Cathedral on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 at 6.00pm. All are welcome. For further information, please contact Andrew on 07787 905532 email: [andrew@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:andrew@rc-birmingham.org)

**Foyer de Charité Retreat:** A Foyer de Charité Retreat will be held at the new Retreat Centre in Walsingham, from Sunday 30 April (6pm) – Saturday 6 May (2pm). The theme is **God's Plan for the Fullness of Time**, and the preacher will be Mgr. Keith Barltrop, with help from Foyer members and past retreatants. Foyer retreats are held mainly in silence, with three talks a day, and offer a holistic way of deepening our faith in the Church's teaching and our life in Christ. The Foyers are communities of consecrated lay people living with a priest in order to help others grow closer to Christ and live the Catholic faith more fully. For further information or to book a place, contact Mgr. Barltrop: [keithbarltrop@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:keithbarltrop@rcdow.org.uk); 07879 953953; St. Mary of the Angels, Moorhouse Road, Bayswater, London W2 5DJ

**The Angelus Prayer Card:** is available, with the Regina Cæli on the reverse for use in Eastertide. The Angelus is recited when the bell tolls every 6 hours. This may be said in common before the 12.15pm Mass; or prayed quietly if there are conducted groups visiting the cathedral.

**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.

**Belmont Abbey Hereford – Torchlight Procession.** In honour of Our Lady. Celebrate the Centenary of the Apparitions at Fatima. **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 9.00pm.**

**Israel/Palestine Pilgrimage: March 2018.** An Ecumenical, reflective pilgrimage “The Land of the Holy One” Bringing together Lichfield Cathedral, St Chad's Cathedral and Friends of the Holy Land. For further details available from [Kate.durrant@lichfield-cathedral.org](mailto:Kate.durrant@lichfield-cathedral.org)  
Telephone: 01543306250

**Programme Co-ordinator** - St. Mary's Oscott College is seeking to make a full-time appointment to work in liaison with the Director of Studies on the co-ordination and development of significant changes in the seminary programme of studies. A successful candidate must have a degree or relevant equivalent professional experience of a degree programme or student administration within a Higher Education setting. Application Closing Date: 31st March 2017 Interview Date: 11th April 2017 For more information on the work of Oscott College please visit: <http://www.oscott.net> Please send CV including details of relevant experience to [jobs@oscott.org](mailto:jobs@oscott.org)

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