



# Metropolitan Cathedral & Basilica of St Chad

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## The Lætare Sunday (Lent 4)

26<sup>th</sup> March 2017

“Mothering Sunday”

**Divine Office: Psalter Week 4. Sunday Readings: Year A. Weekday: Year One**

- Entrance Antiphon:** Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.
- Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
- Gospel Acclamation:** Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of light. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
- Communion Antiphon:** The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.



  
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## Mass Times: 25<sup>th</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017

### **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*

### **Mon 27 Lent Feria**

12.15pm Raga Fahmi RIP

### **Tue 28 Lent Feria**

12.15pm Dcsd Barlow & Hazelwood Families

### **Wed 29 Lent Feria**

9.15am Mrs Lacey RIP

### **Thu 30 Lent Feria**

12.15pm Mary Cotterill RIP

### **Fri 31 Lent Feria**

9.15am School Mass  
11.30am *Stations of the Cross*  
12.15pm Barbara Saint  
Anna O'Donnell Sp. Int.  
7.00pm *Concert of Spanish and Mexican Renaissance and Baroque music*

### **Sat 1 Lent Feria**

10.00am Gail Jones

### **Vigil for Fifth Sunday of Lent**

4.30pm People of the parish  
6.00pm *Sri Lankan Chaplaincy - Stations of the Cross followed by Holy Mass*

### **Sun 2 Fifth Sunday of Lent**

9.00am Margaret Garvey RIP  
11.00am Frank Corrigan RIP  
*Followed by Meet & Greet*  
2.30pm Messe en Français

**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.**

**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**.

**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.

**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
£534.50	£74.50	£125.93

Pause for Hope **£116.10**

### **Cathedral Site Statistics: March 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> March**

Hours we were open : **117.5**

Liturgies & Meetings : **128**

Number of Visitors : **3532**

### **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.**

### **CCTV IN OPERATION FOR YOUR SAFETY & SECURITY**

**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.

**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.

**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 also welcome those from the UCM group, Alan Burbridge and his visiting bell ringers and those attending the concert by Jack Brookes. In addition we welcome St Elizabeth's School, Coventry and St Margaret Mary School, Perry Common

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 Condron, Peter Blundell & Deacons: David McCarroll & Tony Janew. Pray also for: Peter Harte, 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 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, Matty McCabe, PC Keith Palmer, Leslie Rhodes, Aysha Frade, Kurt Cochran, Martin McGuinness & Colin Dexter.

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

**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.

**'Walk with Me for Lent'** is a great resource and companion for all, especially the housebound and those searching for a deeper awareness of God. Copies are available in the cathedral. You may want to take a copy for someone who is housebound or who may have drifted away from the practise of their faith. There is a small cost of £1.00 for these, if you can afford it. Please put any donations in the wall box marked books please.

**Holy Week & Easter:** An extra leaflet will be made available and please note that the 11.00am Mass for Palm Sunday starts outside of the Crypt with the Blessing of Palms for those who are able at 10.50am. **Also, on Good Friday the Stations of the Cross form our Walk of Witness which begins at 10.00am at Carr's Lane Church and finishes in the Cathedral at 12.00noon with the last 4 Stations.** Refreshments and Hot Cross buns will be served in the Grimshaw Room afterwards.

**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.

**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)

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

**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.**

**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)

**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)

**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)

**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

**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.**

**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

**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)

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**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)

**Volunteers needed - Caretaker, Cleaner and Presenter/Facilitators!** Marriage Care Birmingham need volunteers in a variety of roles. We need a caretaker to maintain our centre premises, a cleaner to ensure the centre is clean and presentable for couples coming for marriage prep and counselling, facilitators to run marriage preparation courses and 'Parish Advocates' to help promote Marriage Care within their parish. If you would like to be part of a friendly and dynamic team supporting marriage and relationships email us at: [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk) or visit: [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) to find out more!

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