



# Metropolitan Cathedral & Basilica of St Chad

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## The Fifth Sunday of Lent

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017  
'Passiontide'

**Divine Office: Psalter Week 1. Sunday Readings: Year A. Weekday: Year One**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Give me justice O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

**Responsorial Psalm:** With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory and praise to you, O Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

**Communion Antiphon:** Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.



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## Mass Times: 1<sup>st</sup> April – 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017

### **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

### **Mon 3 Lent Feria**

12.15pm Zach McEniff

### **Tue 4 Lent Feria**

12.15pm Sam & Nuala Greiner RIP

*1.10pm Choral Outreach Concert*

*Sacred Heart School*

### **Wed 5 Lent Feria**

12.15pm Christine Mullins

4.00pm Caritas Mass for Louise Tehan RIP

### **Thu 6 Lent Feria**

12.15pm Christopher Brett RIP

*1.15pm Organ Recital*

### **Fri 7 Lent Feria**

9.15am School Mass

*11.30am Stations of the Cross*

12.15pm Pat Farrell RIP

*1.10pm Choral Outreach Concert*

*St Joseph's School*

### **Sat 8 Lent Feria**

10.00am Mary Flaherty RIP

### **HOLY WEEK**

### **Vigil for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

4.30pm Joan Banners. Int.

### **Sun 9 Palm Sunday**

9.00am People of the parish

10.50am Margaret Cushley. (ill)

**PLEASE NOTE for the 11am Mass next Sunday, you are invited to gather outside of the cathedral by the crypt entrance at 10.50am for the procession of palms. If it is raining, we will begin in the entrance to the cathedral.**

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER**  
Please see separate leaflet.

**Messe en Français** for the West Midlands French speaking community. Every first Sunday of the month at 2.30pm. **There is Mass in French today; Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017** and again on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

**Cathedral Flowers** - We are now taking floral tribute requests for this year. 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
£434.50	£247.00	£515.08

### **Cathedral Site Statistics: March 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> March**

Hours we were open : **118.5**

Liturgies & Meetings : **141**

Number of Visitors : **4712**

### **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.**

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**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.

**Meet & Greet** every first Sunday of the month following the 11.00am Mass. There will be Meet & Greet today **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017**.

**Collection Easter Sunday:** are our Easter Offerings for the Cathedral Clergy. Envelopes are available in the cathedral.

**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.

**Gift Aid Envelopes:** For those of you who use gift aid envelopes, please collect your new envelopes from the Cathedral Sacristy.

**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 Sacred Heart School and St Joseph's School who are participating in our Choral Outreach programme, and those joining us for the monthly organ recital by Paul Carr. We also welcome the members of the British Lourdes Medical Association.

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 Gilsean; 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 child, Barney McDonagh.

**For those who have died recently:** Mario Wong; Sheila Williams, whom many will remember along with her late husband Malcolm who served our parish for more than 40 years. Your prayers are also requested for Louise Tehan who was tragically killed in a car accident. Louise was the wife of Matthew, Head Teacher of our cathedral school, and mother to their 3 teenage children. Funeral details to follow.

**For those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Saint John Paul II, Bishop Anthony Emery. Mgr. Canon Daniel Leonard & Canon William Swift, Frs.: Lawrence King, Michael Glynn, Kevin Preston & Eamon Patrick Clarke. Also: Bridie Keavney, Terence Roche, John McAuliffe, Hector Alphonse, Bernard Walker, Gabriella & Patricia Kershaw & Mary Flaherty. **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.

**Holy Week & Easter:** Blessing of Palms at all Masses. 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.

**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)

**Marriage & Family Pilgrimage Week – Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham. 12<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup> August 2017.** Booking Essential. Free entry, donations welcome. For further information call 01328 820 658. Email: [family@walsingham.org.uk](mailto:family@walsingham.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)

**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.

**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) Telephone: 01543306250

**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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