



# Metropolitan Cathedral & Basilica of St Chad

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# Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

## 'Corpus Christi'

### 'DAY FOR LIFE'

### (Fathers Day)

## 18<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Divine Office: Psalter Week 3 Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ  
Eleventh Week of Ordinary Time. Psalter Week 3

Sunday Cycle of readings: Year A. Weekday Cycle of Readings: Year 1

**Entrance Antiphon:** He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

**Responsorial Psalm:** O Praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.



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## Mass Times: 17<sup>th</sup> June – 25<sup>th</sup> June 2017

**Sat 17**      **Feria in Ordinary Time**  
10.00am      Mass of First Holy Communion  
12.30pm      The Marriage of Emily Presswood &  
                    Robert George  
3.00pm      The Marriage of Raymond Collier &  
                    Philomena (Woodhead)

### **Vigil for the Solemnity of**

#### **The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ**

4.30pm      People of the Parish  
7.00pm      *Day for Life Prayer Vigil*

**Sun 18**      **CORPUS CHRISTI**  
9.00am      Margaret & Pat Shortall  
11.00am      Alex Schroeder Int.  
12.30pm      Baptisms of Brooke & Kai Tierney

**Mon 19**      **Feria in Ordinary Time**  
12.15pm      Thomas, Mary & Liam Flaherty RIP

**Tue 20**      **Feria in Ordinary Time**  
12.15pm      Patricia Mamboyo Int.

**Wed 21**      **St Aloysius Gonzaga**  
12.15pm      Mary Ann Wallis

**Thu 22**      **St John Fisher & Thomas More**  
12.15pm      Grace Currow RIP

**Fri 23**      **Solemnity of the Most Sacred**  
                    **Heart of Jesus**  
9.15am      School Mass (Private Int.)  
12.15pm      Thomas Daly

**Sat 24**      **Solemnity of the Nativity of**  
                    **St John the Baptist**  
10.00am      Bridget Grater RIP

### **Vigil for the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4.30pm      Maureen Mender Int.

**Sun 25**      **Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
9.00am      Catherine Dillon (Nee Wallis)  
11.00am      People of the parish  
12.30pm      Baptism

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

**Messe en Français** for the West Midlands French speaking community. Every first Sunday of the month at **1.30pm**. **The next Mass will be on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017**.

### **Cathedral Flowers**

This week the floral tribute is dedicated to **Mary Ann Wallis**.

If you wish to have a floral tribute in remembrance of a loved one or for a special intention, please complete the booking form at the back of the Cathedral. Thank you to all who have supported this initiative, which enables us to afford flowers for the Cathedral.

### **Cathedral Collections Last Week**

<b>Main</b>	<b>Gift Aid</b>	<b>Restoration Fund</b>
£514.77	£192.30	£140.13

### **Cathedral Site Statistics: 4<sup>th</sup> June – 10<sup>th</sup> June**

Hours we were open :      **117**  
Liturgies & Meetings :      **140**  
Number of Visitors :      **4024**

**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.

**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](mailto:margaret.regan@rc-birmingham.org) for details on Gift Aid and other finance matters.

**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)

**A Word of Welcome:** as we move into the summer months with many of our students coming to the end of their exams and heading for home, we remain as busy as ever. So we welcome our visitors who represent the various groups and societies who meet here on a regular basis.

We welcome the children and families from St Chad's School for their First Holy Communion celebration. We also welcome the friends and families who are attending the weddings of Robert George & Emily Presswood, and those attending Ray & Phil Collier's wedding. A warm welcome to St Elizabeth's, Tamworth; St Mary's, Studley and St Mary's School, Harborne. Welcome also to members of the Lourdes Executive Committee; the Knights of St Columba, St Chad's Sanctuary and members of the UCM.

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 June:**

##### **Universal: Eliminate Arms Trade**

That national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimises so many innocent people.

**Those who are sick:** Mgr. Paul Watson; Canon Peter Gilsenan; Frs.: Bernard Gallagher SJ, Paul Devaney, Andrew McCann, Tony Haycock, Pat Farrelly, Paul Chavasse C.O., David Mellor, Ivor Morris, David Condon, 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, Lar Moran, Hyacinth De Valliere Enas, Mark Wright, Julie Chapman, David Stokes, Charlie Bancroft, Billy Aldridge and child, Barney McDonagh.

**For those who have died recently:** John Michael Donnelly, Dennis Collier and Anne Lowe. Those of you who attend the 9am Mass on Sunday will know Anne and Joe very well. Anne died peacefully last weekend after celebrating her 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday, and 60 years of marriage to Joe. Anne's coffin will be received into the cathedral at 4.30pm on Monday 26 June, and her requiem Mass will at 1.30pm on Tuesday 27.

**For those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Mgr: Peter William Stonier and Hugh Montgomery. Frs: Laurence Jones, Hubert Mooney, Michael Doona, George Smith, Eric Morgan, Arthur Proudman, Geoffrey Tucker, Thomas M Browne, John Boyer and James Walsh. Also: Nigel O'Neill, Jean Lowe, Rita Mullally, Violet Cleeve, Jackie Hogan, Jerry Sheehy and Julianna Aguilar.

**Eternal Rest grant unto them O, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.**

### **Prayer Vigil for the Day of Life**

This October will mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Abortion Act. Each year *Day for Life* provides an opportunity to reflect on the dignity of every human person, both young and old, and to pray for and support all life from conception to natural death.

The Bishop's Conference has asked for all parishes and communities to gather together, where possible, on the 17 June, the eve of *Day for Life*, for a Prayer Vigil for just one hour. The 27 October 2017 marks the day when the Abortion Act received Royal Assent.

This Saturday at 7pm Bishop William Kenney will preside at our Prayer Vigil in the cathedral. Please do your best to support this.

In his Angelus address on the Italian *Day for Life* in February Pope Francis said to thousands in St Peter's Square: 'May no one be left alone and may love defend the sense of life.' Quoting Mother Teresa of Calcutta, he continued: 'Life is beauty, admire it. Life is life, fight for it. Each life is sacred.'

Prayer leaflets are available to enable as many of us as possible to be together in prayer, either at home or in the cathedral.

**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.

**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)

### **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)

**The Basilican magazine** – The Spring Issue 27 of the Basilican is now available with many interesting articles, at the price of £5

**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!

**Maryvale Institute – Annual Novena and Pilgrimage to the shrine of the Sacred Heart of Jesus** Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017. Mass, Sermon and Novena each evening at 8.00pm.

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 3.00pm Pilgrimage Afternoon – open air Mass and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament in honour of the Sacred Heart. Maryvale House, Old Oscott Hill, Kingstanding, B44 9AG

### **Celebrate Birmingham Conference 1-2 July 2017 St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham.**

A lively catholic faith filled weekend for the whole family. The event will include inspiring talks, children streams, Masses, Reconciliation and workshops. The theme for the conference is “Seek First His Kingdom” (Mat 6:33). For more information and bookings go to [www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org) Contact details; Angela Vince 07958726783 Email: [Birmingham@celebrateconference.org](mailto:Birmingham@celebrateconference.org)

### **URBAN FARM PROJECT - GARDENERS**

**NEEDED:** A small group has been formed to try and get this project started on a piece of land adjacent to St Chad's Primary School. We need people with gardening skills to

Advise, plan and lend a hand. If you would be willing to volunteer or would like to find out more, please contact:

e-mail: [ubstchads@gmail.com](mailto:ubstchads@gmail.com)

facebook: **UrbanfpStChads**

website: <http://stchadsurbanfarm.wordpress.com>

We also need help with tools, containers, transport and composting.

### **Meeting Jesus – Discerning your unique personal journey to Christ. Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 10.30am – 4pm.**

Birmingham Diocesan Area ACTA Annual Retreat: Lead by Mike Smith. At: St Paul's Convent Conference Centre, Selly Park, B29 7LL. Everyone welcome. No charge. Please bring a packed lunch. To book please email: [mjriodan@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mjriodan@hotmail.co.uk)

### **An evening of song: The Bridgettine Sisters present - Fr Francis Maple from the Pantasaph Friary.**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July at Maryvale Institute, Birmingham. Doors open at 5.30pm.

Tickets cost £5.00 and all proceeds to go to the Oven Fund.

### **Vigil of Reparation, St Francis Handsworth. Vigil of**

**Reparation** in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus & the Immaculate Heart of Mary, for sins committed against the Blessed Sacrament, takes place on **Friday, 23 June** at St Francis Church, Handsworth, B19 1EB, commencing with Mass of the Sacred Heart at **9 p.m.** Mass of The Immaculate Heart is at 11.45 p.m. Vigil ends with Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary & other prayers.

**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.**

## **CATHEDRAL SECURITY**

In the light of the recent events in Manchester and London, we have been asked to be especially vigilant in and around the cathedral. There is no need for alarm. If you have any worries please speak to someone in the Bookshop or Cathedral House Reception.

We do ask that you never leave any bags unattended while you are in the cathedral. If anyone asks you for money, please do not give them anything but direct them to the Reception. Genuine people are never turned away.

Also, we do not have toilets that are open to the public. The toilets will be opened just before Mass when the sanctuary is being prepared, and they will be closed after Mass once the sanctuary is cleared unless there is a concert or event in the cathedral.