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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

3rd September 2017

Divine Office: Psalter Week 2 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday Cycle of readings: Year A. Weekday Cycle of Readings: Year 1

Entrance Antiphon Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

Responsorial Psalm For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.



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Mass Times: 2nd September – 10th September

Sat 2 Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Mary Daly RIP

Vigil for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4.30pm Theresa Wilson

Sun 3 22nd Sunday in Ordinary time

9.00am Louis Cahill RIP
11.00am People of the parish
Followed by Meet & Greet
1.30pm Messe en Français
3.00pm *Harvington Pilgrimage*

Mon 4 Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm Mary Roach

Tue 5 Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm Ronald Clark RIP
12.30pm Mass in the Children's Hospital

Wed 6 Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm Debbie Barker

Thu 7 Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am *Heritage Open Day Tours*
12.15pm Helen Wallace
1.15pm *Monthly Organ Recital*

Fri 8 Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9.15am Mass in St. Chad's School
10.00am *Heritage Open Day Tours*
12.15pm Fr. Anthony Taylor RIP

Sat 9 Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am William Parish
1.30pm *Heritage Open Day Tours*

Vigil for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4.30pm People of the Parish

Sun 10 23rd Sunday in Ordinary time
'Education Day'
9.00am Tom Brennan RIP
11.00am Joanne Blythe RIP
1.30pm *Heritage Open Day Tours*

Messe en Français for the West Midlands French speaking community. Every first Sunday of the month at 1.30pm. The next French is this Sunday 3rd September.

The 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.

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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Cathedral Collections Last Week

Main £352.47 **Gift Aid** £94.91
Restoration Fund £337.00

Cathedral Site Statistics: 13th-19th August

Hours we were open	117.5
Liturgies & Meetings	113
Number of Visitors	2191

Second Collection: This weekend the second collection is for **The Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers)** Mission Appeal 2017.

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Catholic Education Service.

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.

Thank you for the financial support given to the cathedral and other charities in these difficult times.

Poor Box we are particularly grateful for the donations we receive through the Poor Box. Over the summer, we have been able to give over £5,000 pounds to help families in need. With the new school year approaching more will be needed to help with shoes, uniforms, etc. The Poor Box also supports our monthly Food Program for those on the streets. Be assured that we keep a strict record of how we disperse any funds.

Cathedral Renovations & Restorations: thanks to your financial support, we are gradually working our way through items that are badly in need of attention. Another of the Processional Crosses has been repaired and restored at a cost of £400. Also, the large Pugin- Hardman Paschal Candle Stand is in the process of being restored.

Meet & Greet every first Sunday of the month following the 11.00am Mass in the Grimshaw Room. The next Meet & Greet will be on Sunday 3rd September.

Cathedral Flowers

This weekend the flowers are in memory of the Pope & Collins families. 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.

A Word of Welcome: to the Spiritan Fathers who are making the annual appeal these summer months, those attending the monthly organ recital, all those attending the Heritage Open Day tours, the cathedral remains as busy as ever, and it is good to welcome those who are here on holiday. Also, welcome to those who represent the various groups and societies who meet here on a regular basis.

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 Choirs: both of our Choirs are on summer vacation. Throughout the summer we will welcome various parish choirs to lead our 11am Mass on Sundays. **On Sunday 3rd September we will be welcoming the choir from St Wulstan's Parish, Wolstanton.** On Sunday 10th September we welcome The choir of Cor Crymch ar Cylch.

The Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) Mission Appeal 2017: On Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd September 2017, we will be joined by The Spiritans for their annual appeal. The Spiritans are a Roman Catholic Religious Congregation founded in 1703. Over three hundred years on, over 3000 professed and lay Spiritans, drawn from all continents, today they carry out their mission of evangelisation in more than 60 countries throughout the world. We look forward to welcoming them (*at least a few of them!*) to the Cathedral and to share in their mission appeal. They will be in attendance at the 4.30pm Mass on Saturday 2nd September and at both the 9.00am and 11.00am Masses on Sunday 3rd September.

Prayer Intentions

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for September:

Universal: Parishes: That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

9/11 As we remember 9/11: pray for all the areas of the world affected by acts of terror and violence, that God's peace will become a reality between nations and within nations; and for the conversion of sinners.

Those who are sick: Mgr. Paul Watson; Canon Peter Gilsean; 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, Sinead Sullivan, Marion Cooper, Bridie D'Arcy, Robin Weeks, 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, Frank Neary, Madge Dornan, Lilly Powell, Oliver O'Neill and Martin Keating. Also, 8 year old Stravathi Ramasurbramanian who lost her family in the recent accident on the M 1.

For those who have died recently: Cardinal Emeritus Cormac Murphy-O'Connor, Baby Rowan Eager, Sandra Morgan, Cyriac Joseph and Sarath Ranasinghe.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Mgr: Tom Fallon. Frs: Bernard Salt, Tom O'Doherty, Jim Holland, Tony Taylor and Arthur McCrystal. Also: St Teresa of Calcutta, Diana, Princess of Wales, Hughie Keating, Dona Kirton, Edward Gillespie, John O'Brien and Joe Dineen. **Eternal Rest grant unto them O, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.**

Journey in Faith a series of informal talks on the Catholic Faith will begin in the autumn. These are primarily for non-Catholics who would like to learn more about the Catholicism. This may be for you, or a non-Catholic friend or partner. We are blessed with many non-Catholic parents who support their children in the practice of their faith. Perhaps these talks may help you. Please speak with Canon Gerry, or leave your name and contact number. Many thanks. More information later.

Deanery Celebration for the Renewal of Marriage Vows at St Francis' Handsworth on Thursday 21st September during Mass at 7.30pm. Couples are invited to arrive early, if possible, for a talk at 6.45pm on 'Caring for your Marriage.' This will be followed by refreshments and a Social in the parish centre afterwards. All couples are invited. Please contact the Dean, Fr Gerry Kelly: on 07912850616 and stfrancishandsworth@hotmail.co.uk

St. Chad's Pilgrimage, 23rd September 2017 - Bishop Michael Igrave, the Bishop of Lichfield, and Archbishop Bernard Longley invite clergy and parishioners of the two Dioceses to take part in a pilgrim walk from St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham to Lichfield Cathedral, approximately 18 miles. This is not a sponsored event but an ecumenical initiative which will allow for people to take part in a stage of the walk if you feel that the whole distance is too much. The route will move from St. Chad's, along arranged canal paths and emerging at Perry Common. Then onward through Sutton Park and Little Aston. This walk is open to everybody. Application forms, whether from individuals, couples, small or large groups of pilgrims, can be obtained from County Ecumenical Mission Officer Robert Mountford by email st.chad.pilgrimage@gmail.com or by leaving a message on 07514 035452.

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

Second Saturday Catholic : Held every 2nd Saturday of the month from 8am – 4pm at Bethel Convention Centre.

For details visit www.sehion.net

Father Hudson's Care - The second collection on the weekend of 23rd/24th September will be for Father Hudson's Care. Father Hudson's mission is to provide Catholic social care in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, reaching out to support vulnerable people young and old. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

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

Royal School of Church Music Festival – Saturday 14th October 2017

Archbishop Bernard Longley will be conducting a service at St Chad's Cathedral for the Royal School of Music on Saturday 14th October at 5.45pm.

SVP Birmingham Central Council will have their annual Mass on **Saturday 23rd September 2017 at 12.00 noon** celebrated by Bishop Robert Byrne. We look forward to welcoming members to the Cathedral.

Heritage Open Days: Once again this year St Chad's Cathedral will be opening its doors to those wishing to have guided tours of the Cathedral. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the history of our mother church and see parts of the Cathedral rarely open to the public. We have a fantastic group of knowledgeable Guides who will be available on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th September to take groups around the Cathedral. Tours will begin at 10.00am and last approximately 2 hours. Tours are also offered on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th September at 1.30pm. If you would like to book a place on one of the tours, please contact Karla Lowes on 0121 230 6215 or email: cathedral.visits@rc-birmingham.org

UCM/CWL Mass Saturday 30th September 2017

Mass will be celebrated at St Chad's Cathedral on Saturday 30th September at 12 noon for the Union of Catholic Mothers and the Catholic Women's League.

Catenian Mass for Deceased Brothers will be celebrated by Bishop Robert Byrne on Saturday 4th November at 12.00 noon.

Knights of St Columba Mass for Deceased Brothers will be celebrated by Mgr. Timothy Menezes on Saturday 11th November at 12.00 noon.

Cathedral Association Annual Mass & Dinner –will be celebrated on Saturday 18th November with Mass at 4.30pm followed by the annual dinner. More details to follow.

St Edmund Campion Catholic School and Sixth Form Centre, B23 5XA, will be holding a Y6 OPEN EVENING from 6.45pm on Tuesday 12th September 2017. The Y6 OPEN MORNING will be held from 9.15am - 11.15am on Thursday 14 September 2017.

Pilgrimage to Rome: Mon 23rd – Sat 27th October 2017. Flying from Birmingham Airport. £750.00 per person (sharing). Single room supplement £150.00. Deposit £150.00. **Instalment plans available.** Contact: Andrew Oldnall. Home: 0121 440 8623. Mobile: 07733 226063. Email: andrewsoldnall@gmail.com

Fatima (Weekend Pilgrimage – Feast of the Immaculate Conception): Thurs 7th – 10th December 2017. £399.00 per person (sharing). Single room supplement £65.00. Deposit £150.00. **Instalment plans available.** Contact: Andrew Oldnall. Home: 0121 440 8623. Mobile: 07733 226063. Email: andrewsoldnall@gmail.com

Holy Land Pilgrimage Sat 9th – Sat 16th June 2018. £1,300.00 per person (Sharing). Single Room £250.00. Supplement. Deposit £250.00. **Instalment plans available.** Contact: Andrew Oldnall. Home: 0121 440 8623. Mobile: 07733 226063. Email: andrewsoldnall@gmail.com

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 Telephone: 01543306250

CATHEDRAL SECURITY

For your interest and safety, we ask you to be understanding of the occasions when we have to increase security in and around the cathedral. We ask your cooperation when we have to conduct security checks on regular parishioners as well as on our visitors.

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.

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.