



# Metropolitan Cathedral & Basilica of St Chad

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## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 15<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Divine Office: Psalter Week 4 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday Cycle of readings: Year A. Weekday Cycle of Readings: Year 1

**Entrance Antiphon** If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

**Responsorial Psalm** In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.



  
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## Mass Times: 14<sup>th</sup> October – 22<sup>nd</sup> October

<b>Sat 14</b> 10.00am	<b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b> Peter Donnelly Sp.Int
<b>Vigil for the 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
4.30pm	Mary Dunleavy RIP
5.45pm	<i>Royal School of Church Music Service</i>
<b>Sun 15</b> 9.00am	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Barry Holmes RIP
11.00am	Nick Channer RIP
12.30pm	<i>Baptism of Isaac Felix Mendonca</i>
<b>Mon 16</b> 12.15pm	<b>St Margaret Mary Alacoque</b> Thomas, Mary & Liam Flaherty RIP
2.00pm	<i>RSCM Schools Festival</i>
<b>Tue 17</b> 12.15pm	<b>St. Ignatius of Antioch</b> Peg O'Grady RIP
12.30pm	Mass in the Children's Hospital
<b>Wed 18</b> 12.15pm	<b>Feast of St. Luke</b> Michelle & Tony McGuigan & family
<b>Thu 19</b> 12.15pm	<b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b> Annette Ekunzola
7.00pm	<i>Journey In Faith (See note)</i>
<b>Fri 20</b> 9.15am	<b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b> Mass in School
12.15pm	Tess Jordan
<b>Sat 21</b> 10.00am	<b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b> Willie Flaherty RIP
<b>Vigil for the 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
<b>"World Mission Day"</b>	
4.30pm	Don Smith RIP
<b>Sun 22</b> 9.00am	<b>29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Eileen Sheehy
11.00am	People of the parish
12.30pm	<i>Baptism of Chizitara Cera Opara</i>

### **THE CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR**

**British Summer Time ends on Sunday 29 October at 2 in the morning. So at 2am we turn our clocks back to 1am.** (The Digital Age does this automatically) So an extra hour in bed!

**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. There is also an opportunity for Confession after the 10.00am Mass on Saturday during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Please check newsletter for changes.

**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. 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.

**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 £412.85      Gift Aid £249.00

Restoration Fund £498.78

CAFOD £287.85

### **Cathedral Site Statistics: 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. – 7<sup>th</sup> Oct.**

Hours we were open      118

Liturgies & Meetings      148

Number of Visitors      3946

**Second Collection:** This weekend there will be a second collection for **Prison Advise and Care Pact (PACT)**. This is in aid of Prisoners' Sunday – A Week of Prayer 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> October for prisoners and their families.

Next weekend there will be a second collection for **World Mission Sunday**.

**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.

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

**Cathedral Renovations & Restorations:** thanks to your financial support, we are gradually working our way through items that are badly in need of attention and restoration. The large Pugin Paschal Candle Stand has been completely restored at a cost of £2,500. and returned to the Chapel of the Oils. It looks magnificent! The Benediction Candles are next on the list. We shall publish a list of donations and works completed shortly. Thank you for your care and affection for our Mother church!

**Journey in Faith** a series of informal talks on Catholic Faith and practice. These will take place on Thursday evenings at 7pm.(or later if it suits) They are arranged for non-Catholic adults wishing to explore the Catholic faith. You may be an adult who was baptised Catholic but never received the Eucharist or Confirmation? Perhaps you have a non-Catholic partner or friend who would like to learn more about your faith? Why not support them and bring them along? For further information please speak with Canon Gerry or Sr. Gillian.

## Prayer Intentions

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

### Cathedral Flowers

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. Next Week the flowers are in memoriam of Don Smith RIP. Thank you to all who have supported this initiative, which enables us to afford flowers for the Cathedral.

### A Word of Welcome:

The week we welcome English Martyrs School, Sparkhill and St. Wulstan's School, Wolstanton who are on visitation as part of their Confirmation preparation. Also to members of the Royal School of Church Music. Welcome also to those joining us for the Lourdes Medical Association meeting, those attending the Cathedral Association AGM, the Union of Catholic Mothers, members of the Lourdes Executive & Pilgrimage Committees, U3A – Blossomfield Solihull group, the visiting bell ringers from Melbourne and to all of 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.

**University & College Students:** we know how important it is for students who come to study in Birmingham to feel at home, especially if you have come from abroad. Please help yourself to the Student Information at the back of the cathedral. There are great Catholic Chaplaincy Teams in our universities to introduce you to other Catholic students, and to encourage you in the practise of your faith.

**House Group from St Mary's College, Oscott.** a cross-section of students drawn from the 6 years of formation. Each group has a priest and, occasionally, a deacon. Father Andrew Robertson and Deacon Jason Mahoney will be with the group. They will be attending the 11am Mass once a month and will be here this Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October. The purpose of their visit is not to serve, but to sit with the congregation and experience a normal parish Mass.

### Royal School of Church Music Festival – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Archbishop Bernard Longley will preside at a service at St Chad's Cathedral for the Royal School of Music on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 5.45pm.

**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)

### Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for October

**Universal:** Rights of workers and unemployed  
That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

**Those who are sick:** Mgr. Paul Watson; Canon Peter Gilsean; Frs.: Tim Burke, Bernard Gallagher SJ, Paul Devaney, Andrew McCann, Tony Haycock, Pat Farrelly, Paul Chavasse C.O., Ivor Morris, David Condron, Peter Blundell & Deacons Jason Mahoney & Tony Janew. Pray also for Sheila Dudley, Peter Harte, Sinead Sullivan, Marion Cooper, Bridie D'Arcy, Robin Weeks, Jane Goodyear, Martin Garvey, Barbara Donnellan, Phillip Donnellan, Alwen Griffiths, Elizabeth Wang, Manus Ferry, Eileen Boodhum, Helen Ahern, Michael 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, Hyacinth De Valliere Enas, Mark Wright, Julie Chapman, David Stokes, Charlie Bancroft, Billy Aldridge, Frank Neary, Madge Dornan, Martin Keating, Eddie and Eileen. Also, the children in the Children's Hospital, especially: Conor O'Hare, Thomas Bell, Adrian Gazda & Marcel Zmvjewska.

**For those who have died recently:** Jill Calderbank, Baby Esme Grace O'Toole Manders, Irine Plowman and baby Marcel Zmvjewska.

**For those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Bishop Michael Glancey; Mgr. Bernard O'Connor; Canon Billy Withers; Frs.: Tom Rohan, Charlie Friel, Gerald Adams, John Hughes, Aidan White-Spunner, Brendan Byrne & Thomas Burbage. Also Patrick O'Neill, Bessie Young, George Young, Danny McGuinness, Julia Maguire, Willie Flaherty, Pat Kerrigan and Albert Milton.  
**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 50th anniversary of the passing of the Abortion Act on 27<sup>th</sup> October 1967. 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. **On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm there will be a Prayer Vigil in the cathedral.** Please do your best to support this.

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

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

**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 5<sup>th</sup> November.



**Messe en Français** for the West Midlands French speaking community. Every first Sunday of the month at 1.30pm. The next is Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

**Cathedral Association Annual Mass & Dinner** – Association Holy Mass will be celebrated by Bishop David McGough at 4.30pm followed by the dinner at 6.30pm for 7.00pm. After dinner entertainment by Aimee Presswood and Neus Peris. **Price £32.50 - includes pre dinner drink.** Booking forms could be collected from Cathedral House Reception or please ask a member of staff. Please return your booking form together with your cheque by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017, to Anne Symonds, 103 Salisbury Road, Moseley, Birmingham, B13 8LA. No tickets will be issued. You will hear from us only if your application is unsuccessful.

**St. Chad's Cathedral Carol Service – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 5.00pm** – followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Grimshaw Room. Please come along and listen to our magnificent Cathedral Singers under the direction of Professor David Saint sing a variety of Christmas songs and carols interspersed with readings from the scriptures. **All are welcome. NO CHARGE**

**Are you a Gardener? Could you help for just 2 hours on Saturday mornings?** Our parish needs someone to lead an exciting **Cafod project to make an Urban Garden at St Chad's Primary School** in Hospital Street, only half a mile from the Cathedral. We hope to give refugees and asylum seekers a chance to work alongside parishioners, making a community vegetable garden, using sustainable, environmentally -friendly principles. Please contact Eileen at [eileenmaguire@lycos.com](mailto:eileenmaguire@lycos.com)  
**SPUC – Society for the protection of unborn children** is commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the passing of the Abortion Act on 27<sup>th</sup> October 1967 with a Constituency-based Mass Lobby of MPs on 27/28 October 2017. An opportunity to ask your MP to oppose any moves in Parliament to decriminalise abortion. Further information can be found at the back of the Cathedral.

**Big Birmingham Sleepout 2017** – A member of our Cathedral staff Andrew De Valliere is taking part in the Big Birmingham Sleepout 2017 and will be sleeping rough in the grounds of St Philip's Cathedral on the night of 24<sup>th</sup> November to raise money for a great charity and cause. St Basils supports over 5000 young people each year who are homeless or at risk of homelessness by providing support, accommodation and advice to help them gain the skills and stability they need to rebuild their lives. St Basils rely on charitable donations to continue to help homeless youth in our communities to achieve a brighter and better future so every donation counts! Please donate whatever you can and share this page among your friends & family as every donation counts! I really appreciate all your support and thank you for any donations. You can donate via the link below <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AndrewDeValliere-StChadsCathedral> or use the list placed on the table at the back of the Cathedral.  
Thank you for your support.

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

**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)

**Holy Land Pilgrimage** Sat 9<sup>th</sup> – Sat 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:andrewsoldnall@gmail.com)

**Kenelm Youth Trust - National Youth Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2017**  
Resources will soon be available from the National Office for Vocations.

**“Join the Diocesan Youth Service for Bonfire Night,** Sunday 5th November @Oscott College from 7-9pm. With music, professional firework display, bonfire & BBQ - a night not to be missed, open to youth groups, young adults & families. £10 per person - group & family discounts available.  
Contact: [kristi.doughty@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk](mailto:kristi.doughty@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk) or [www.kyt.org.uk](http://www.kyt.org.uk) for more information.”

**ChaplaincyPlus** – “Creating a Monday to Saturday Missional Church” on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017 from 1.30pm – 4.00pm at St. Phillip's Cathedral, Birmingham. A workshop with Mark Greene, Executive Director of the LICC.

**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

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#### **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.

**ChaplaincyPlus** – “A Place for Everyone” on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December from 9.30am – 11.00am, venue to be confirmed. A seminar with Krish Kandiah, Director of Home for Good.

**Pilgrimage to Rome:** Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sat 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:andrewsoldnall@gmail.com)

**Fatima (*Weekend Pilgrimage – Feast of the Immaculate Conception*):** Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:andrewsoldnall@gmail.com)