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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st October 2017

Divine Office: Psalter Week 2 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Entrance Antiphon All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Responsorial Psalm Remember your mercy, Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Remember your word to your servant, O lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.



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Mass Times: 30th September – 8th October

Sat 30	St Jerome
10.00am	Julia Collins
12.00noon	Mass for the UCM/CWL
Vigil for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
4.30pm	Bridget Lynch
Sun 1	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am	Patrick Broe RIP
11.00am	People of the parish <i>Followed by Meet & Greet</i>
12.30pm	<i>Baptisms of Harlow and Hugo</i> <i>Owusu-Ansah.</i>
1.30pm	Messe en Français
Mon 2	Guardian Angels
12.15pm	Margaret and her Mother
Tue 3	Feria in Ordinary Time
12noon	Midday Prayer
12.15pm	Mass with the Cathedral Chapter
12.30pm	Mass in the Children's Hospital
Wed 4	St Francis of Assisi
12.15pm	Mary Ann Wallis
Thu 5	Feria in Ordinary Time
11.30am	Requiem for Maureen Manning
12.15pm	John McMulkin RIP (In the Crypt)
1.15pm	<i>Monthly Organ Recital</i>
7.00pm	<i>'The Journey in Faith'</i>
First Friday; Family Fast Day	
Fri 6	Feria in Ordinary Time
9.15am	Mass in School
12.15pm	Mary Farrell
Sat 7	Our Lady of the Rosary
10.00am	George Young RIP
12.20pm	Mass for the UCM
Vigil for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
4.30pm	Michael O'Hehir RIP
Sun 8	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
'Day of Prayer for Prisoners & their Dependants'	
9.00am	Murphy, Colley & McClements Families
11.00am	Phillip James Wallis

PLEASE NOTE

The Parish Mass on Thursday is in the Crypt

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.

Messe en Français for the West Midlands French speaking community. Every first Sunday of the month at 1.30pm. The next is Sunday 1st October.

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 £376.58 Gift Aid £191.50

Restoration Fund £582.81

Fr Hudson's Care £ 259.87

Cathedral Site Statistics: 17th Sept. –23rd Sept.

Hours we were open 119

Liturgies & Meetings 137

Number of Visitors 3940

Second Collection: Next weekend there will be a second collection for **CAFOD**.

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 and restoration. The large Pugin Paschal Candle Stand has been completely restored 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!

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 1st October.

Journey in Faith a series of informal talks on Catholic Faith and practice. These will take place on Thursday evenings, beginning on Thursday October 5th 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.

Marriage Preparation Courses: are available this year. For details visit 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. Thank you to all who have supported this initiative, which enables us to afford flowers for the Cathedral.

A Word of Welcome:

We welcome the following to our cathedral this week: A very special welcome to Bishop Ken Howell from Brisbane, Australia, following a Bishops meeting in Rome. I am sure many of you will remember Bishop Ken from an earlier visit over 5 years ago when he was the Dean of Brisbane Cathedral. He will celebrate the 11am Mass with us this Sunday. The week we also welcome the Metropolitan Chapter along with His Grace, the Archbishop on Tuesday. The following schools are on visitation as part of their Confirmation preparation: St Mary's, Brierley Hill, St Joseph's, Uttoxeter and St Teresa's, Handsworth. Welcome also to the members of the UCM; 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.

A Word of Welcome to new parish priests in the Cathedral Deanery: the following priest is to be formally inducted in their parishes. There is an open invitation to attend. Fr Jagadishmario Kurapati, St Catherine's Wednesday October 4 at 7pm.

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. The purpose of their visit is not to serve, but to sit with the congregation and experience a normal parish Mass.

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

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

Prayer Intentions

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.: Bernard Gallagher SJ, Paul Devaney, Andrew McCann, Tony Haycock, Pat Farrelly, Paul Chavasse C.O., Ivor Morris, David Condron, Peter Blundell & Deacon 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 & Eileen and Irene Plowman. Also, the children in the Children's Hospital, especially: Conor O'Hare, Thomas Bell, Adrian Gazda & Marcel Zmvejewska.

For those who have died recently: Canon David Mellor Deacon David McCarroll, Bob Battye, Jill Calderbank, Tony Booth, Liz Dawn & Frances Hill.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Canon Tony Piercy; Frs.: William McGann, John Nightingale, John Danaher, Percival Styche, John Bullen, Phillip Casey & John Fitzpatrick. Also: Paul Boylan, Janina Oldacres, Tony Stokes, Rowan Fitzgerald, Dora Hancox, Sr Angela O'Donnell, Jim Mellington, James Quirke, Kenneth Biggs, Kathleen Murphy, K Karunawathie & Senon O'Halleron.

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 27th 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 27th 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 4th November at 12.00 noon.

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 30th 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 17th 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**

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.

The choir will be giving three concerts, beginning with a mid-day recital at St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham at 1.30pm on the 13th October 2017, followed by an evening concert at St Andrew's Church Rugby at 7.30pm. The tour concludes with a Gala Concert in the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church Northampton at 19.30 on the 15th October.

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

SPUC – Society for the protection of unborn children is commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the passing of the Abortion Act on 27th 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.

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.

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

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

Saturday 7th October, 3pm - Catholic Medical Association – Midlands Branch Fr. Edmund Montgomery, Priest of the diocese of Shrewsbury “Building a culture of life” preceded by Mass. Venue: Newman House, 29 Harrisons Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 3QR. All welcome to attend the meeting. Membership of the association is open to all Catholic healthcare professionals, hospital chaplains and managers involved in clinical service.

Sunday 8th October 4pm-6pm - The Friends of Maryvale present: ‘An Afternoon with Newman’ A talk on Blessed John Henry Newman by Peter Conley followed by an evening of prayer with the Bridgettine Sisters. For further information call 01213608118 or email: equiries@maryvale.ac.uk

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

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.

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

Kenelm Ambassador. Are you aged between 14 – 25yrs? Do you want to make a difference? Have something to say? Could you be a voice for your generation in the church? You are invited to become a founding member of The Kenelm Youth Trust. **The launch day: Thursday 12th October. 7pm – 9pm.** Venue: Holy Name Catholic Church, Great Barr, B43 6LN.

R.S.V.P: Email: vicki.chatten@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk or 07415517614

National Youth Sunday 26th November 2017

Resources will soon be available from the National Office for Vocations.

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

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