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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

'World Mission Day'

22nd October 2017

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

Entrance Antiphon To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Responsorial Psalm Give the Lord glory and power.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Behold, the eyes of the Lord are those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.




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Mass Times: 21st October – 29th October

Sat 21	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Willie Flaherty RIP
Vigil for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
“World Mission Day”	
4.30pm	Don Smith RIP
Sun 22	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am	Eileen Sheehy
11.00am	People of the parish
12.30pm	<i>Baptism of Chizitara Cera Opara</i>
Mon 23	Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm	Gail Drury. Int.
Tue 24	Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm	Mass for the Marriage Tribunal
12.30pm	Mass in the Children’s Hospital
Wed 25	Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm	John Noughton RIP
Thu 26	Memorial of St. Cedd
12.15pm	Mick Mahony Get Well
7pm	<i>Journey in Faith Half-Term break.</i>
Fri 27	Feria in Ordinary Time
9.15am	<i>No Mass in School Half Term</i>
12.15pm	John Fagan
7.00 -8 pm	Prayer Vigil – Day for Life
Sat 28	Feast of Ss Simon and Jude
10.00am	Thomas Callaghan
Vigil for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
4.30pm	People of the parish
Sun 29	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am	Tia Edith RIP
11.00am	Bessie Young RIP

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 £489.27 Gift Aid £219.50

Restoration Fund £63.51

Prison Advise and Care Pact (PACT) £259.34

Men of Cornwall Concert £246.83

Cathedral Site Statistics: 8th Oct. – 14th Oct.

Hours we were open 116.5

Liturgies & Meetings 132

Number of Visitors 3942

Second Collection: This weekend there will be a second collection for **World Mission Sunday**. Our chance to support missionaries and the Church in proclaiming the Gospel of Peace to those who suffer around the world, especially in South Sudan. By supporting *Missio* the Pope’s official charity for over seas you will be sharing the peace and love of Christ.

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.

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.

Faith Instruction for your Children Please leave names and contact details for Sr Therese or Canon Gerry.

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.

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.

A Statement from the Bishops' Conference of England & Wales in cooperation with the Scottish Bishops: will be published at 11am Monday 23 October.

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. This 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:

This week we welcome those attending the Lay Dominican meeting 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. The purpose of their visit is not to serve, but to sit with the congregation and experience a normal parish Mass.

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.: 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 Zmvejwska.

For those who have died recently: Celia Farrell, Winifred Smith, Jill Calderbank, Baby Esme Grace O'Toole Manders, Irine Plowman and baby Marcel Zmvejwska.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Frs.: John Murray, John Galcius, Edward Burbage, Patrick Moore, John Francis McGovern and Bernard Kelly. Also Eileen Swift, John O'Neill, Sarah White, Ivy Betts, Mary O'Donnell, Fred Robinson, Margot Martinez, Patrick Duffy, Peggy Crocdk and Nan Aitken

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

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.

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 5th November.

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

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**

Cathedral Association Annual Mass & Dinner – will be celebrated by Bishop David McGough on Saturday 18th November 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.

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

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 24th 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

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

Kenelm Youth Trust -

National Youth Sunday 26th 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 or www.kyt.org.uk for more information.”

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

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

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

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-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.