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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

'Day of Prayer for Prisoners & their Dependants'

8th October 2017

Divine Office: Psalter Week 3 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday Cycle of readings: Year A. Weekday Cycle of Readings: Year 1

Entrance Antiphon Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Responsorial Psalm The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.



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Mass Times: 7th October – 15th October

Sat 7 Our Lady of the Rosary
10.00am George Young RIP
12.20pm Mass for the UCM
With Bishop Alan Williams

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

Mon 9 Blessed John Henry Newman
12.15pm Terry McGovern

Tue 10 Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm Laura Brooks
12.30pm Mass in the Children’s Hospital

Wed 11 Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm Aidan Keane RIP

Thu 12 St. Wilfrid
12.15pm Rose Mochler RIP
7.00pm *Journey In Faith (See note)*

Fri 13 St. Edward the Confessor
9.15am Mass in School
12.15pm Edward McDonald RIP
1.30pm *Concert by the Men of Cornwall Choir*

Sat 14 Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Peter Donnelly Sp.Int

Vigil for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4.30pm Mary Dunleavy RIP
5.45pm *Royal School of Church Music Service*

Sun 15 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am People of the parish
11.00am Nick Channer RIP
12.30pm *Baptism of Nathan Leech*
1.30pm *Baptism of Isaac Felix Mendonca*

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 5th November.

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 £420.03 **Gift Aid** £227.00
Restoration Fund £309.41

Cathedral Site Statistics: 24th Sept. – 30th Sept.

Hours we were open 118
Liturgies & Meetings 138
Number of Visitors 3580

Second Collection: This 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. 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 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.

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:

The week we welcome St Thomas of Canterbury School, Walsall 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, the Men of Cornwall Choir; 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 on Sunday 15th October. 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 & 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 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: Irine Plowman and baby Marcel Zmvjewska.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Mgr Cyril Fay. Canon Peter Reilly. Frs.: Tom Power, Terence James Brian Whatmore, Seamus Gilroy and Edmund Cullen. Deacon Patrick Selwood and Louis Kelly. Also James Quirke, Kenneth Biggs, Kathleen Murphy, K Karunawathie, Senon O'Halleron, William Hone, Alex Houston, Matthew Dunne, Barry Holmes and Patrick O'Neill.

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.

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.

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**

Men of Cornwall Choir -The Men of Cornwall 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 preside at 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

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

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 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

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

“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.

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.