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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th November 2017

'World Day of the Poor'

Divine Office: Psalter Week 1 Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday Cycle of readings: Year A. Weekday Cycle of Readings: Year 1

Entrance Antiphon The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affiliation. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Responsorial Psalm O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.




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Mass Times: 11th November – 19th November

Sat 18	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Anthony Naylor Sp. Int.
	Vigil for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
	‘World Day of the Poor’
4.30pm	The Cathedral Association
	Celebrant - <i>Bishop McGough</i>
Sun 19	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
	‘World Day of the Poor’
9.00am	People of the Parish
11.00am	Brian Kerrins RIP
Mon 20	Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm	Karen McGing
Tue 21	Presentation of the B.V. Mary
12.15pm	Bernard Clemson RIP
12.30pm	Mass in the Children’s Hospital
2.00pm	Maryvale Graduation Ceremony

Red Wednesday

Persecuted But Not Forgotten!

Wed 22	St Cecilia
12.15pm	Annie McHugh RIP
Thu 23	Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm	Anne Robinson Sick
Fri 24	St Andrew Dung-Lac
9.15am	Mass in St Chad’s School
12.15pm	Michael O’Mahony RIP
Sat 25	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Winnie Walshe RIP

Vigil for the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the universe.

	‘Youth day’
4.30pm	Don Smith
Sun 26	Christ the King
	‘Youth Day’
9.00am	Margaret Mary Gill
10.50am	The Civic Mass
	People of the parish

***For the Civic Mass next Sunday we welcome our Lord Mayor, Councillor Anne Underwood along with representatives of Her Majesty’s Judiciary and others in public service. As a matter of courtesy there will be reserved seating for our guests.**

SEATING FROM 10.30am

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.

The Hail Holy Queen will be recited in place of the Hail Mary during the month of Holy Souls

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, O most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus; O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R. that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Poor Box we are particularly grateful for the donations we receive through the Poor Box, which 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 Collections Last Week

Main £469.26 **Gift Aid** £177.50
Restoration Fund £315.47

Next weekend there will be a second collection for **Catholic Youth Services.**

Cathedral Site Statistics: 5th November – 11th November

Hours we were open	120.5
Liturgies & Meetings	138
Number of Visitors	3377

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.

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

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

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 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 memory of Adrian Clissitt.** Thank you to all who have supported this initiative, which enables us to afford flowers for the Cathedral.

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. **Next Meeting Thursday 30 November.**

A Word of Welcome:

Welcome to all of those who represent the various groups and societies who meet here on a regular basis. This week we also welcome St Mary's School, Worcester who join us for a tour of the Cathedral which forms part of their preparation for Confirmation. Welcome also to The Maryvale graduates and lecturers. In addition, we welcome the Lord Mayor, and Councillors, along with representatives of Her Majesty's judiciary and others in public service who join us for The Civic Mass.

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.

House Group from St Mary's College, Oscott. a cross-section of students drawn from the 6 years of formation led by Fr Andrew Robertson, join us next weekend.

University Students: New & Old - If you are a Catholic student at university and would like to meet with other students for prayer, socials and support. Please email Fr. Ray Corbett, Chaplain to Aston University (r.corbett@aston.ac.uk)

Fr Ray is available too at one of the weekend Masses.

Prayer Intentions

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for November:

Evangelisation: to witness to the gospel in Asia

That Christian's in Asia, bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

'RED WEDNESDAY'

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED have launched a national initiative calling on U.K. Christians and others to stand up for faith and freedom and to shine a light on the discrimination and violence faced by millions of Christians around the world today – the most oppressed of all faith groups in the world. They are always in our prayers and never forgotten!

The Cathedral and sanctuary are lit by red light to show our solidarity with the 'persecuted and the hunted.' We are encouraged, along with our schoolchildren to wear something red on Wednesday.

Obviously, our prayers are important along with any financial support we can give. Please take home some of the ATTCI Need material, available at the back of the cathedral. There are great ideas for Christmas and Cards sold in support of this great cause.

<https://acnuk.org/news/international-get-ready-to-light-up-red/>

Those who are sick: Mgr. Paul Watson; Canon Peter Gilson; Frs.: Tim Burke, 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: Micaiah Stuckaite, Raphael Muscat and Marcel Zmvejewska.

For those who have died recently: Fr Pat Sullivan (Retired to Co. Kerry); also: K.A.D Samarasinghe, Winnie Walshe, Steven Harris, Irene Plowman, Joe Farley, Celia Farrell, Winifred Smith, Stevan Haret and Tess Comyngs.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Archbishop John McIntyre. Canon: Philip Coyne, and Maurice Woulfe. Frs.: Thomas Havekin, Francis Lockett, Gerry Jackson, Michael Connolly and David Highman. Deacon Pat Linthwaite. Also Catherine Connelly, Hughie Malone, Ann McCarthy, Juliana Donague, Mary Dungate, Nuala Mulholland, Pat Laughrey, Vera Gortan, Walter McDermott, Michael O'Connor and Tommy Hughes.

Also, the following children from Hagley High School who died along with their teacher, Eleanor Fry on the M40 returning from the School Proms in 1993: Clare Fitzgerald, Anna Mansell, Louise Gunn, James Hickman, Ruth Clark, Nicola Misiolek, Fiona Cook, Richard Pagett, Adele Howell, Charlotte Bligh, Charlene O'Dowd and Katie Murray.

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

The Month of Holy Souls (November): is traditionally the month when we pray with added devotion for all the faithful departed. Praying for our dead is an act of charity, returning love for love, as we ask God to 'grant them eternal rest and for perpetual light to shine upon them'. In humility, this is what they would ask of us, that by God's grace they may be purged of sin and

imperfection and come to share in the fullness of Christ's Resurrection. In every Mass we are particularly close to our loved ones who have died as their dying is united to the death of Christ in the one sacrifice to God the Father.

Our Holy Souls Boxes will remain on the sanctuary throughout November containing the names of our beloved dead.

Envelopes are provided if you would like to include the names of your own relatives and friends. Some people like to include a Mass offering as well; and Masses are offered throughout the year for the Holy Souls.

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 December.

Messe en Français for the West Midlands French speaking community. Every first Sunday of the month at 1.30pm. *The next Mass has been moved from Sunday 3rd December to the following Sunday 10th December.*

Pugin Society - Would you be interested in learning more about AWN Pugin, the eminent Victorian architect who designed this Cathedral and the interiors of the Houses of Parliament. The Pugin Society founded in 1995 offers a lively range of events, study tours, talks and publications. Details: www.thepuginsociety.co.uk

The Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham is seeking to recruit a Chief Operating Officer to work closely with the Archbishop, area Bishops and the Vicar General and will be responsible for all lay personnel, and the financial and property resource management of the Archdiocese. Please see noticeboard for further details.

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

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**

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!

Thanks to your generosity donations received thus far are in excess of £1700

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.

St Mary's Convent Advent Retreat Day – Saturday 2nd December. At St Mary's Convent, 98 Hunters Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, B19 1EB. Email: sisters@mercyhandsworth.org.uk Tel: 01215543271

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

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.

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

Sunday 19th November is the first 'World Day of the Poor'. Pope Francis has instituted this new day as a way of inviting us to understand that sharing with those living in poverty "enables us to understand the deepest truth of the Gospel". In his message for the World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis asks all of us, whatever our means, to unite in love and in acts of service to one another. He explains: "It is my wish that ... Christian communities will make every effort to create moments of encounter and friendship, solidarity and concrete assistance." Please consider how you can create moments of encounter and friendship too. Finally, if you are engaged in any form of work helping people in need (visiting the lonely, working for foodbank or the SVP, bereavement work, volunteering with soup kitchens etc), there will be a blessing and commissioning for you in this ministry at the end of Mass. For more information <http://www.csan.org.uk/worlddayofthepoor/>

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.

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.

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

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

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

St Paul’s School for Girls, Vernon Rd, Edgbaston, B16 9SL are seeking to appoint Examination Invigilators (Grade2:11) for January to July 2018. This is a casual post that would suit someone with a flexible approach to working during exam session times. Please see school website for further details www.stpaulgl.bham.sch.uk
Closing date: Friday 01 December 2017 Interview Date: 04 December 2017

Kenelm Youth Trust - National Youth Sunday 26th November 2017 Resources available from the National Office for Vocations