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Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the universe 26th November 2017 'National Youth Sunday'

Divine Office: Psalter Week 2 Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the universe

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

Entrance Antiphon How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

Responsorial Psalm The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.




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Mass Times: 25th November – 3rd December

Sat 25 **Feria in Ordinary Time**
10.00am Winnie Walshe RIP

Vigil for the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the universe. 'National Youth Sunday'

4.30pm Don Smith

Sun 26 **Christ the King**
9.00am Margaret Mary Gill

10.50am **The Civic Mass**
People of the parish

Mon 27 **Feria in Ordinary Time**
12.15pm James Loughlin RIP

Tue 28 **Feria in Ordinary Time**
12.15pm Patricia McGowan RIP
12.30pm Mass in the Children's Hospital

Wed 29 **Feria in Ordinary Time**
12.15pm Michael Groarke RIP

Thu 30 **St Andrew**
12.15pm Martyrs of the English College
Celebrant Archbishop Bernard Longley
7.00pm *Journey in Faith*

Fri 1 **St Edmund Campion**
9.15am Mass in St Chad's School
12.15pm Oliver McTiernan RIP
4.00pm *Choral Outreach Schools Concert*

Sat 2 **Feria in Ordinary Time**
10.00am Jack Renfrey RIP

Vigil for the First Sunday of Advent 'Migrants' Day'

4.30pm Brian Kerrins RIP

Sun 3 **First Sunday of Advent
Migrants' Day'**
9.00am People of the parish
11.00am Seamus Leo Flynn RIP
Followed by Meet & Greet

***For the Civic Mass this 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.**

PLEASE BE SEATED 10.15am

St Paul's Bookshop In Advent

The Bookshop will be open for the Sundays of Advent from: 09.45am until 13.30pm.

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 £429.45

Gift Aid £182.50

Restoration Fund £55.27

This weekend the second collection will be for **Catholic Youth Services**.

Cathedral Site Statistics: 12th November – 18th November

Hours we were open 120

Liturgies & Meetings 149

Number of Visitors 3458

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 Fr Ronald Hull, S.J.** 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 of the Angel School, Walsall and St Martin De Porres, Moseley who join us for a tour of the Cathedral which forms part of their preparation for Confirmation. 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. Also welcome to the Choral Outreach team and the schools participating

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 this 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.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December:

Universal: for the elderly

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

Those who are sick: Mgr. Paul Watson; Canons Peter Gilsean and Michael Leadbeater. Frs.: Tim Burke, Paul Devaney, Andrew McCann, Tony Haycock, Pat Farrelly, Paul Chavasse C.O., Ivor Morris, David Condon, 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: Luize Pigozne..

For those who have died recently: Celia Farrell, Winifred Smith, Stevan Haret and Tess Comyngs.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Archbishop Joseph Masterson and Edward Ilsley. Canon: Augustine Emery. Frs.: Edward Neary, Joseph Du Moulin Browne CO, Reginald Anwyl, Norman Millard, and Peter Rogers. Also Angela Pearson, James Madden, Nora Finn and Philip Dolphin.

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**

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 St. Chad's Cathedral Choral Outreach Programme is holding a service of carols and readings on Friday 1st December at 1:15pm. There will be over 200 children taking part including children from St. Joseph's, St. Martin de Porres, St. Anne's, St Gerard's and the St. Chad's Cathedral Junior Choir. Please do come to support the children if you are able.

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.

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.

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

St Paul's School for Girls, Vernon Road, Edgbaston, B16 9SL are looking to appoint a Finance Assistant (Grade 2) and an Examinations Administrator (Grade3). Please see school website (www.stpaulgl.bham.sch.uk) for further details and to download an application form. Closing date is Wednesday, 6th December 2017 and interviews are scheduled to be held on Friday, 8th December 2017.

Big Birmingham Sleepout 2017 – Cathedral staff, Andrew De Valliere wishes to thank everyone for all the support and encouragement afforded to him while taking part in the Big Birmingham Sleepout. Thanks to your immense generosity, Andrew has collected a sum of above £2800 so far towards St. Basil's Charity which supports over 5000 young people each year who are homeless.

Andrew has survived the sleep out on the coldest night of the year. People can still sponsor him after the event!

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AndrewDeValliere-StChadsCathedral> or use the list placed on the table at the back of the Cathedral.

Well done to Andrew!!

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 **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.**