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Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

5th November 2017

'The Month of the Holy Souls'

Divine Office: Psalter Week 3 Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Entrance Antiphon Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

Responsorial Psalm Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.




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Mass Times: 4th November – 12th November

Sat 4 **St Charles Borromeo**
10.00am Mary Ann Wallis
12.00noon Mass for Deceased Catenians

Vigil for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

4.30pm Christian-Jude Le Blanc RIP

Sun 5 **31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9.00am People of the parish
11.00am Eugene Lynch
Followed by Meet and Greet
1.30pm Messe en Français
The Baptisms of Jonathan, Gideon, Jaelle and Joshua Malutamio

Mon 6 **Feria in Ordinary Time**

12.15pm Special Intention

Tue 7 **Feria in Ordinary Time**

12.15pm Laura Brooks RIP
12.30pm Mass in the Children's Hospital

Wed 8 **Feria in Ordinary Time**

Memorial in Oxfordshire of Blessed George Napier
12.15pm David William Cairns

Thu 9 **Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

12.15pm Anthony John Gaffey RIP

Fri 10 **St Leo the Great**

9.15am Mass in St Chad's School
12.15pm Bernie & Dor Finan

Armistice Day

Sat 11 **St Martin of Tours**

10.00am Deceased of Birmingham Ramblers

11.00am THE SILENCE at the War memorial

12.00noon Deceased Knights of St Columba

Vigil for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4.30pm James Madden RIP

'Remembrance Sunday'

Sun 12 **32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9.00am Irene Plowman RIP
10.55am People of the parish

This Mass begins at the War Memorial with The Silence. Please be in place by 10.55am.

Messe en Français for the West Midlands French speaking community. Every first Sunday of the month at 1.30pm. *The next is Mass has been moved from Sunday 5th December to the following Sunday 10th December.*

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. 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 Collections Last Week

Main £434.70 **Gift Aid** £210.00

Restoration Fund £101.72

Cathedral Site Statistics: 22nd Oct. – 28th Oct.

Hours we were open 116
Liturgies & Meetings 127
Number of Visitors 2792

Second Collection: This weekend there will be a second collection for the **Johnson Association** which supports sick and retired clergy.

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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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.

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 **Mary Ann Wallis RIP**. Thank you to all who have supported this initiative, which enables us to afford flowers for the Cathedral.

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 Our Lady & St Kenelm School, Halesowen, St Paul's School, Kings Norton and St Mary & Benedict School, Coventry who all join us for a tour of the Cathedral which forms part of their preparation for Confirmation. Welcome also to Shard End Family History Group and to members of the Knights of Columba who join us for their annual 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.

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.

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.

Those who are sick: Mgr. Paul Watson; Canon Peter Gilsean; Frs.: Tim Burke, Brendan Callaghan 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: Micaiah Stuckaite, Raphael Muscat and Marcel Zmvjewska.

For those who have died recently: K.A.D Samarasinghe, Steven Harris, Fr Pat Sullivan (Retired), Joe Farley, Celia Farrell, Winifred Smith, Jill Calderbank, Baby Esme Grace O'Toole Manders & Irine Plowman.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Mgr Bertram Gould and Canons: Eugene O'Sullivan. Patrick Smith and John Redford (Southwark). Frs.: James Francis Broomfield, Tony Brisland, Francis Stanbridge, Francis Dawson, Derek Edwards, John Drinkwater and Cyril Duck. Also P J Shanahan, John Scully and Christopher Brett.

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.

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

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 December.

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.

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

Birmingham Newman Circle - Thursday November 9th from 7.30 - 9.30pm. Sr Morag Gardham, Sr of La Retraite will speak on "The Story of La Retraite and where we are Today". This will take place at the Birmingham University Catholic Chaplaincy, Newman House, 29 Harrisons Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3QR.

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**

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.

“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.”

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

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.

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

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

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