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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

'World Day for the Sick'

11th February 2018

Divine Office: Psalter Week 2

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Cycle of readings: Year B & Weekday Cycle of Readings: Year 2

Entrance Antiphon Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Responsorial Psalm You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.



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Mass Times: 10th February – 18th February 2018

Sat 10 **St Scholastica**
10.00am Bridie Sheilds

Vigil for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**‘World Day for the Sick,
Day for the Unemployed’**

4.30pm Phyllis Whelan RIP
 Lourdes Hospitalité Mass
 (Bishop McGough)

Sun 11 **6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9.00am People of the Parish
11.00am Mary Ann Wallis

Mon 12 **Feria in Ordinary Time**
12.15pm Carlo Secomandi RIP

Tue 13 **Feria in Ordinary Time**
12.15pm Christopher Henry
12.30pm Mass in Children’s Hospital

THE SEASON OF LENT

Ashes will be given at the following Masses:

Wed 14 **Ash Wednesday**
9.15am Liturgy of Ashes
 in St Chad’s School
12.15pm People of the Parish
6.00pm Special Intention
Celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley

Thu 15 **Thursday after Ash Wednesday**
12.15pm Joseph Duggan RIP

Fri 16 **Friday after Ash Wednesday**
12.15pm John Gibbons RIP

Sat 17 **Saturday after Ash Wednesday**
10.00am Elizabeth Hill & Family
12noon Mass for Altar Servers of the Guild of
 St Stephen.

Vigil for the First Sunday of Lent

**‘Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the
Sacraments’**

4.30pm People of the Parish

Sun 18 **First Sunday of Lent**
9.00am Eileen Sheehan & Family
11.00am Vincent Tuan Hoang Ngugen
3.00pm **Rite of Election**

Messe en Français for the West Midlands French speaking community. Every first Sunday of the month at 1.30pm. The next Mass is on Sunday 4th March.

Meet & Greet every first Sunday of the month following the 11.00am Mass in the Grimshaw Room. The next Meet & Greet will be Sunday 4th March.

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.

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.

Cathedral Collections Last Week

Main £502.06 Gift Aid £234.50

Restoration Fund £220.23

PRO LIFE: £202.82

Next weekend there will be a second Collection for **CAFOD**.

Cathedral Site Statistics:

28th January 2018 – 3rd February 2018

Hours we were open **118.5**

Liturgies & Meetings **136**

Number of Visitors **3717**

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.

Our Restoration Fund: with personal sponsorship, including our ‘In Memoria’ scheme, your generosity has enabled us to keep up a rolling program of restoration for many of our cathedral artefacts. The St Chad’s Association is funding the installation of wrought iron handrails to the left of the sanctuary steps in addition to the re-gilding of the Rood Screen on the Lady Chapel and sanctuary. A full list of what has been restored will be produce shortly, along with a ‘wish list’ of things yet to do. How indebted we are! Thank you for the care and affection you show for our cathedral.

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.

Red Mission Boxes: can parishioners who use these please bring them into the Sacristy or Cathedral Reception. Your replacement box is ready for collection labelled with your name. It does not matter how full they may be...we will count them for you. If anyone would like a Box for themselves, please ask. Thank you.

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

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SAFETY & SECURITY**

Lourdes Hospitalite Mass – Saturday 10th February at 4.30pm. St Chad's Cathedral with Bishop McGough.

Guild of St Stephen Mass – Saturday 17th February 2018 12noon at St Chad's Cathedral. Celebrant: Bishop Robert Byrne.

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

LENT The Season of Lent is almost upon us as we celebrate Ash Wednesday this week. His Grace, the Archbishop will be the main celebrant for our Mass at 6.00pm. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses on Wednesday.

'Walk with Me for Lent' is a great resource and companion for all, especially the housebound and those searching for a deeper awareness of God. Copies are available in the cathedral. You may want to take a copy for someone who is housebound or who may have drifted away from the practise of their faith. There is a small cost of £1.00 for these, if you can afford it. Please put any donations in the wall box marked books please.

CAFOD Family Fast Day for Lent 2018 takes place on 23rd February 2018. This Lent CAFOD are working to combat malnutrition in Zimbabwe. Hunger can kill children, but CAFOD provides seeds, fencing and farming training for families and communities so that everyone has enough to eat. Please get involved with Family Fast Day in your parish and school. Your fundraising will be matched by the UK government, so you can make double the difference!

Birmingham Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2018 - "Do whatever He tells you" Saturday 26th May to Friday/Saturday 1st/2nd June 2018 Pilgrims requiring 24 hour support from our Medical Team and Helpers will travel by Air from Birmingham International Airport and stay in the Accueil Notre Dame. Travel By coach from £434.00 with various pick up points in the Diocese to Lourdes via a short sea crossing Dover/Calais. Travel by air from £715.00. Booking forms will be available at the back of the Cathedral and also from Tangney Tours at www.tangney-tours.com Application forms for Accueil Pilgrims should be requested at: lourdesadmin@rc-birmingham.org

Volunteers Needed: Please can you help? We are blessed with many people helping with the cathedral and its mission on a voluntary basis. Without this generosity of time and spirit, we would not be able to provide the hospitality and care for any of our visitors.

A lift to Mass: our two oldest parishioners now live in Harborne and they normally attend the 11am Mass on Sunday. Paying for taxis here and back home again is proving prohibitive. It has been suggested that we could draw up a rota of parishioners who would take it turn to bring them to Mass and home again? The more people we can get to sign up would decrease the frequency of when you would be needed? Please speak with Canon Gerry, or email him if you prefer. This is a great idea!

Help with cleaning the cathedral: until recently, we were paying three people on a part-time basis to clean the cathedral. We are seeking people who would be happy to join a team of volunteers to help with the cathedral on an occasional basis at a time to be agreed? Should you be interested or require further information please contact Canon Gerry or Margaret Regan. Many thanks.

Cathedral Flowers: We are now taking floral tribute requests for 2018. Please see the list at the back of the Cathedral. Thank you.

This week the floral tribute is dedicated to **Ethel Hull**. 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.

Journey in Faith (JiF) a series of informal talks on Catholic Faith and practice. These take place on Thursday evenings at 7pm. 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. Our next meeting is this Thursday January 25 at 7pm.

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 Good Shepherd School, Coventry (Monday), and St Mary's School, Harborne (Friday) who join us for a tour of the Cathedral which forms part of their Confirmation preparation. A warm welcome is extended to The Governors of St Chad's School.

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

<p>Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February: Universal: Say "NO" to Corruption That those have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.</p>

Pause for Hope Service 2018 – Sunday 25th February 2018. This Year St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham will host the Pause for Hope Service at 3.00pm. All are welcome.

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 Condron, Peter Blundell & Deacon Tony Janew. Pray also for Jim Maguire, Nathan Collier, 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, 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 & Eileen, Jane Hughes and Roque Rodrigues. Also, the children in the Children's Hospital. **For those who have died recently:** Clara Da Cruz, Carlo Secomandi, Mary Connolly, Anne Stapleton, Carmel Harte, Julie Smith, Alexander Hamilton, Roddy Devlin, Mrs Ruane, Joan Bashford, Frank Kane and John Dadd. Also, 11 yr old Jasmine Forrester murdered in Wolverhampton recently.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Mgr. Joseph Vincent Healey, Mgr. Canon Peter W. Lawler. Canon: Patrick Cassidy Frs.: John Paul O'Sullivan, William Connick, Daniel Daly, Joseph Hogan, Charles Joseph O'Reilly, William Conefrey. Also Regina Halpin, Beattie Murphy, Theresa Fuller, Ann Dundon, Pat Short, Joseph Joyce, Nancy Kennedy, Kenneth Peiris, Mario P Wong and baby Winter Griffin. **Eternal Rest grant unto them O, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.**

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

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 also available after one of the weekend Masses.

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.

The Birmingham Bach Choir with organist Martin Rawles, conducted by Paul Spicer are performing "William Byrd – the Great Service" at St Chad's Cathedral at 7.30pm on Saturday 24th March 2018. His Grace, Archbishop Bernard Longley is taking part as the Reader. Tickets are £18.00 (£16.00 Conc) and are available at www.birmingham.bachchoir.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

Father Hudson's 114th Annual Fundraising Ball. Saturday 17th February 2018. 7.30pm at National Conference Centre, Birmingham, B92 0EJ. Tickets £40. Tickets available from Ginny Cullen: 01675 434015 or fundraising@fatherhudsons.org.uk

Birmingham Lourdes Reunion: At the Oratory, Hagley Road, Edgbaston, B16 8UE. On Saturday 24th February 2018. Mass at 11am (with anointing of the sick) Followed by buffet luncheon for the sick and their carers. Please contact Adrian de Redman 0121 608 5496 blue.candle@hotmail.com

Deaconesses and Leadership roles for women in the Church – Is anything Changing? A talk by Dr Oonagh O'Brien of the Margaret Beaufort Institute, Cambridge. Sunday 25th February, 1.30pm at St Mary's Parish Centre, Harborne, B17 0DN. All welcome, no charge. More information from mjriordan@hotmail.co.uk

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.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage 2018 - 29th May – 5th June & 7th – 14th October. £589 (Single Room Supplement of £130) Further Information can be obtained from Kath Gambin 01162340103

Holy Land Pilgrimage – Sat 9th – Sat 16th June 2018. 8 days/7 nights in 4 Star hotels. Dinner, bed & breakfast. Coach transfers to and from the airport included. Entrance fees included. Spiritual Director included. Cost: £1300.00 per person (sharing) and £1550.00 Single Room (includes £250.00 Single Room Supplement). Deposit £250.00. Instalment plans available. Pick-up from St. Chad's Cathedral.

Local English speaking tour guides. Contact: Andrew Oldnall. Home: 0121 440 8623. Mobile: 07733 226063. Email: andrewoldnall@gmail.com

Kenelm Youth Trust – SYNOD: Young People, faith and vocational discernment Think Tank Tuesday 20th March: 7pm – 9pm Carr's Lane Church, Birmingham B4 7SX. An opportunity to have your point of view heard. Further information can be found at www.synod18.org Further information about Kenelm Youth Trust's forthcoming events can be found at the rear of the Cathedral.

Poland Pilgrimage - In the Footsteps of St Pope John Paul II and visiting the Divine Mercy Chapel, Auschwitz Birkenau and many other places. Fri 14th – Fri 21st September 2018. Spiritual Director Fr Krzysztof Kita. Pick-up from St Michael's, Moor Street, Birmingham. Flying from Birmingham. Coach transfers included. 8 days / 7 nights in 4 Star hotel. Dinner, bed and breakfast included. Local Guide. All entrance fees included. Cost: £775.00 per person Sharing or £950.00 Single Room (includes £175.00 Single Room Supplement). Deposit £175.00. Instalment plans available. For further information, please contact Andrew Oldnall Tel: 0121 440 8623. Mobile: 07733 226063.

Email: andrewsoldnall@gmail.com

40 Days for LIFE – 11th February 2pm – 4pm. Upper Cloister Room, Birmingham Oratory, Hagley Road, B16 8AU. Noel Pattern – Ex Uk Abortion Worker: A journey from Abortion worker to Pro-life activist
Also: Clare McCullough – Founder of the Good Counsel Network; Pro-Life work: LOVE in action
Further details from Isabel: 07773501721

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

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.