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First Sunday of Lent

'Days of Prayer for Candidates preparing for the Sacraments'

18th February 2018

Divine Office: Psalter Week 1

First Sunday of Lent

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

Entrance Antiphon When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

Responsorial Psalm Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Communion Antiphon: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.



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Mass Times: 17th February – 25th February 2018

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

4.30pm (Sat) People of the Parish
 Vigil for the First Sunday of Lent

Sun 18 **First Sunday of Lent**
9.00am Eileen Sheehan & Family
11.00am Vincent Tuan Hoang Nguyen
3.00pm **The Rite of Election**
 (See note below)

Mon 19 **Lent Feria**
12.15pm Martin Hession RIP

Tue 20 **Lent Feria**
12.15pm Martina Donaghey
12.30pm Mass in Children's Hospital

Wed 21 **Lent Feria**
9.15am St Chad's School Mass
12.15pm Anna Kennedy - Sick

Thu 22 **Feast of the Chair of St Peter**
12.00noon Mass of Requiem for Roddy Devlin
12.15pm *Thomas & Mary Flaherty RIP*
(Please Note, this Mass is in St Peter's Chapel in the Crypt)

Fri 23 **Lent Feria (Fast Day for Peace)**
 (Please see note below.)
11.30am Stations of the Cross
12.15pm Thomas Flaherty RIP

Sat 24 **Lent Feria**
10.00am Mary Guina RIP
2.00pm *Nuptial Mass for Vicky Chatten &*
 Dan Hamilton

Vigil for the Second Sunday of Lent

4.30pm (Sat) Ann Shields

Sun 25 **Second Sunday of Lent**
9.00am People of the parish
11.00am Annie Connelly & Family Sp. Int.

3pm *'Pause for Hope' At St. Philip's Cathedral.*

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 £580.83 Gift Aid £21.50
Restoration Fund £108.88

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

Cathedral Site Statistics:

4th February 2018 – 10th February 2018

Hours we were open **120**
Liturgies & Meetings **137**
Number of Visitors **3851**

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 dispense 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 produced 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**

LENT 2018 our Cathedral, along with many of our parishes and schools, recorded great numbers for Ash Wednesday as we began this time of renewal. There are plenty of opportunities for us to try to attend Mass more often during Lent.

‘The Rite of Election’ this Sunday we welcome individuals and families from around the archdiocese who have been preparing to be received into the Catholic Church at the end of Lent when we celebrate the Easter Vigil. We commend these candidates to your prayers. Please pray for them and the parishes who have nourished and inspired them on their Journey of Faith.

‘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.

Day of Fasting and Prayer for Peace in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Sudan and all the World. Our Holy Father announced that **Friday 23 February** – the Friday of the First Week of Lent – has been designated as a Day of Fasting and Prayer. This is also CAFOD’s Family Fast Day for Lent. CAFOD has projects in both the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan. This Lent CAFOD are also 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! Leaflets can be found at the back of the Cathedral.

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

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. Thank you those who have responded so far. We will be in touch!

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

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. During the Lenten Season we do not decorate our churches with flowers, with the exception of the 4th Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday (Mothering Sunday).

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 Thursday 22 February 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 Walmley Probus Club who join us for a guided tour on Wednesday. A warm welcome is extended to those attending the memorial service for Roddy Devlin on Thursday. Also to the family and friends attending the marriage of Vicky Chatten and Dan Hamilton.

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: Your Prayers are asked for the following: Mgr. Paul Watson; Canons Peter Gilsean, Gerry Breen and Michael Leadbeater. Frs.: Tim Burke, Gabby Maguire, C.Ss.R., 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, Cliff Blakemore, Sheila Dudley, Peter Harte, Ray Collier, 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: Roddy Devlin, Ann Stapleton, Robert Breen and Paddy Lennon.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Canon: Bill Roughan. Frs.: Joseph McEvilly, Timothy Healy, Terence McDonnell, Francis Jordan, Alexander McGavin, Francis Coyle, Sean Farrell, James Wharton, Michael McCabe, Martin Meagher, James Cooney and John Collins. Also Nancy Kennedy, Kenneth Peiris, Mario P Wong, Thomas Boyce, Charmaine Peiris, Thomas Scanlan, and Thomas Flaherty.

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

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

Eucharist & The Family – A day event at Maryvale Institute, Old Oscott Hill, Birmingham, B44 9AG 10am-3.30pm on **Saturday 24th March 2018.** An event for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Parish/Family Workers, Teachers, Catechists, Parishioners etc. Please bring a packed lunch. For more information or to reserve a place contact Paul Northam or Sr. Gillian Murphy: fieldevang@maryvale.ac.uk parishMV@maryvale.ac.uk Maryvale: 0121 360 8118 Paul's Mobile: 07821582096

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.

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.

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.
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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