



# Metropolitan Cathedral & Basilica of St Chad

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## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 4<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Divine Office: Psalter Week 1

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

**Entrance Antiphon** O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

**Responsorial Psalm** Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord. Anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.



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## Mass Times: 3<sup>rd</sup> February – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018

<b>Sat 3</b>	<b>St Blaise</b>
10.00am	Margaret Mulpeter
12.00noon	Mass for Day For Religious
<b>Vigil for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
4.30pm	Vincent Cullen Sp. Int
<b>Sun 4</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9.00am	Vincenzo Papa
11.00am	People of the Parish <i>Followed by Meet &amp; Greet</i>
1.30pm	Messe en Français
<b>Mon 5</b>	<b>St Agatha</b>
12.15pm	Thelma Flores
<b>Tue 6</b>	<b>St Paul Miki and Companions</b>
12.00noon	Mid-day Prayer
12.15pm	Mass with the Cathedral Chapter
12.30pm	Mass in Children's Hospital
<b>Wed 7</b>	<b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b>
12.15pm	Maura Watson
<b>Thu 8</b>	<b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b>
12.15pm	Patricia Mullen RIP
7.00pm	<i>Journey in Faith</i>
<b>Fri 9</b>	<b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b>
9.15am	Mass in School
12.15pm	James Normoyles RIP
<b>Sat 10</b>	<b>St Scholastica</b>
10.00am	Bridie Sheilds
<b>Vigil for the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
<b>'World Day for the Sick, Day for the Unemployed'</b>	
4.30pm	Phyllis Whelan RIP Lourdes Hospitalite Mass (Bishop McGough)
<b>Sun 11</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9.00am	People of the Parish
11.00am	Mary Ann Wallis

**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 4<sup>th</sup> February.

**Meet & Greet** every first Sunday of the month following the 11.00am Mass in the Grimshaw Room. The next Meet & Greet will be Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February.

**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 £419.66 Gift Aid £224.50

Restoration Fund £132.78

Racial Justice £251.44

This weekend there will be a second Collection for **LIFE Charity**

### **Cathedral Site Statistics:**

**21<sup>st</sup> January 2018 – 27<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

Hours we were open **116**

Liturgies & Meetings **120**

Number of Visitors **3076**

**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 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](mailto: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.

**Marriage Preparation Courses:** are available this year. For details visit [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk)

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**LIFE – This weekend there will be a second collection for LIFE.** LIFE provides local support to men, women and their families who feel their only option is abortion. Counselling, housing, practical and emotional support, winning the hearts and minds of our young people through their work in schools. LIFE shows a different way out of unexpected pregnancy, homelessness, abuse. Counsellors listen and offer support. Services are delivered through Life Link One, which covers the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Please support this cause if you can.

**Birmingham Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2018 - “Do whatever He tells you”**  
**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May to Friday/Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.tangney-tours.com)  
Application forms for Accueil Pilgrims should be requested at: [lourdesadmin@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:lourdesadmin@rc-birmingham.org) or by calling: Tangney Tours: 01732886666

**Lourdes Hospitalite Mass – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 4.30pm.** St Chad’s Cathedral with Bishop McGough.

**Guild of St Stephen Mass – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2018 12noon** at St Chad’s Cathedral. Celebrant: Bishop Robert Byrne.

**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.

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 Our Lady & St Hubert’s, Oldbury, (Monday), St Edward’s, Selly Park (Wednesday) and St Joseph’s, Darlaston (Thursday) who join us for a tour of the Cathedral which forms part of their Confirmation preparation. A warm welcome is extended to St Paul’s School for Girl’s who join us for a retreat day on Tuesday and to members of the UCM. Also to those attending the Aston Churches Together – Reflection meeting and to members of the Lourdes Hospitalite.

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. 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.

**‘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.

#### **Prayer Intentions**

<p><b>Holy Father’s Prayer Intention for February:</b> <b>Universal: Say “NO” to Corruption</b> That those have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.</p>
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**Pause for Hope Service 2018 – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 Gilsenan 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, Carmel Harte, Julie Smith, Alexander Hamilton, Roddy Devlin, Mrs Ruane, Joan Bashford, Frank Kane and John Dadd.

**For those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Archbishop Frederick William Keating. Frs.: Thomas O'Carroll, John Watkins, Frederick E James, John Gibb and Matthias Brady. Also Vera Cronin, Patrick Roche, Roy Capewell, Brendan Healy and Vincent Smith.

**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](http://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](mailto: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.

**40 Days for LIFE – 11<sup>th</sup> 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

**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](mailto:Kate.durrant@lichfield-cathedral.org) Telephone: 01543306250

**Kenelm Youth Trust – SYNOD: Young People, faith and vocational discernment Think Tank**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.synod18.org)

**Further information about Kenelm Youth Trust's forthcoming events can be found at the rear of the Cathedral.**

**Father Hudson's 114<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraising Ball. Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:fundraising@fatherhudsons.org.uk)

**Birmingham Lourdes Reunion: At the Oratory, Hagley Road, Edgbaston, B16 8UE. On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:blue.candle@hotmail.com)

**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](http://www.thepuginsociety.co.uk)

**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 25<sup>th</sup> February, 1.30pm at St Mary's Parish Centre, Harborne, B17 0DN. All welcome, no charge. More information from [mjriordan@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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-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.**

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

**Holy Land Pilgrimage** – Sat 9<sup>th</sup> – Sat 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:andrewoldnall@gmail.com)

**Poland Pilgrimage -** In the Footsteps of St Pope John Paul II and visiting the Divine Mercy Chapel, Auschwitz Birkenau and many other places. Fri 14<sup>th</sup> – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> 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: [andrewoldnall@gmail.com](mailto:andrewoldnall@gmail.com)