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Third Sunday of Eastertide

15th April 2018

Divine Office: Psalter Week 3

Third Sunday of Easter

Entrance Antiphon Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; in his name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.



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Mass Times: 14th April – 22nd April 2018

Sat 14	Easter Feria
10.00am	Bevan & Murray Families
Vigil for the Third Sunday of Easter	
4.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun 15	Third Sunday of Easter
9.00am	Nancy Kennedy RIP
11.00am	Michael Fox RIP
1.30pm	Messe en Français
Mon 16	Easter Feria
12.15pm	Cissie O'Driscoll RIP
6.00pm	Oscott House Group Mass
Tue 17	Easter Feria
12.15pm	Mass for Union of Catholic Mothers
12.30pm	Mass in the Children's Hospital
Wed 18	Easter Feria
11.30am	Thomas & Mary Flaherty RIP
Thu 19	Easter Feria
12.15pm	Joseph Byrne
Fri 20	Easter Feria
12.15pm	Patrick Benton RIP
Sat 21	Easter Feria
10.00am	Danny Sheehan RIP
Vigil for the Fourth Sunday of Easter	
4.30pm	Manuel Blancaflor R.I.P.
Sun 22	Fourth Sunday of Easter
'World day of Prayer for Vocations'	
9.00am	Joe Duffy RIP
11.00am	People of the Parish

Messe en Français for the West Midlands French speaking community. Every first Sunday of the month at 1.30pm. **The next Mass will take place on Sunday 15th April.**

Meet & Greet every first Sunday of the month following the 11.00am Mass in the Grimshaw Room. **The next Meet & Greet will take place on Sunday 6th May.**

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 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 Collections Last Week

Main £517.86 Gift Aid £72.50 Restoration £249.77 £500.00 donation from the Birmingham Bach Choir.

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the **Clergy Training Fund.**

Cathedral Site Statistics:

1st April 2018 – 7th April 2018

Hours we were open **109.5**

Liturgies & Meetings **97**

Number of Visitors **2557**

A Word of thanks: what a wonderful and prayerful Lent

Cathedral Flowers: We are now taking floral tribute requests for 2018. Please see the list at the back of the Cathedral. Thank you. This weekend, the flowers are dedicated to **Adrian Clissitt**. 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.

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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. You will 10of 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.

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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. Our thanks for the recent bequest of £2,000. This will help towards renovating particular items. Holy Mass will be offered for the intention of all of our Benefactors.

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.

Gift Aid Envelopes: For those of you who use gift aid envelopes, please collect your new envelopes from the Cathedral Sacristy.

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

Help with cleaning 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!

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.

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 welcome those St Joseph's School, Dudley (Friday) who join us for a tour of the Cathedral which forms part of their Confirmation preparation. A warm welcome also to those attending the CAFOD meeting, members of the Lay Dominicans and to those attending the Lourdes Nurse and Carer training. Also to the Union of Catholic Mothers.

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

Overtime, the Prayer List has become out of date. If you would like someone included, please let us know; and please keep us informed if their circumstances change.

Thank you.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for April:

Universal: The Mission of Laity That the laity may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

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, Peter Blundell & Deacon Tony Janew. Pray also for John De Valliere, Peggy Churchill, Vera Fenelon, Chloe Buckley, Jim Maguire, Nathan Collier, Cliff Blakemore, 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, Braydon Gormley and all the children in the Children's Hospital.

For those who have died recently; Claude Manuel.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Frs.: Anthony Browne, Peter Moore, William Smith, Reginald Slade, Patrick Downey and Hugh Griffith. Also: John Fleming, Freda Durnien, Patrick Connelly, Marie Flanagan, Sr. Pius and Jim McLoughlin. **Eternal Rest grant unto them O, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.**

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 Alexander Wynne at choraloutreach@rc-birmingham.org

Good Shepherd Masses – Monday 11th June 2018

The children of the diocese will be celebrating Mass for Father Hudson's Good Shepherd Appeal on 11th May at 10.15pm and 1.00pm. **Our usual midday Mass will be celebrated in the Crypt at 12.15pm.**

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS - University students are invited to register their emails with Fr Ray Corbett, who is the chaplain to Aston University. It is the hope that activities can be arranged in the near future. Please email Fr Ray at: catholic-chaplaincy@aston.ac.uk or **meet him after one of the Masses during the weekend 21-22 April.**

All 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.

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

Lourdes Petitions & Candles: if you would like us to take any Petitions to the Shrine of Our Lady in Lourdes or light a candle there for your intentions, please place your petitions in an envelope signed Lourdes Petition and leave at Reception or give it to Canon Gerry. DO NOT include money. An envelope signed Candles can also be left, but do enclose your donation for a candle. No later than Friday 25th May please.

BASILICAN - The latest issue of the Basilican Magazine is now available on the table at the back of the Cathedral. It is priced at £5. Please put your money into the box marked Basilican. The money will eventually go to make improvements to the Cathedral.

St Chad's Cathedral Association Flower Festival 15th – 17th June 2018 - If you are a flower arranger or know someone who is a flower arranger why not come and join us in June and help decorate this wonderful Cathedral. The theme for this year is 'Mary, Mother of God'. You do not have to be an expert just someone willing to have a go. For further details please contact Anne Symonds: 0121 249 1487 or email: annets103@hotmail.co.uk Please do come along and join us to make 2018 Flower Festival a great success.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, Saturday, 12th May 2018. There will be a coach picking up from the Oratory, St. Catherine's Bristol Street and St. Chad's Cathedral. For further information, and to book, please ring Anne Roebuck on 01214540130 or 07811705716. If you prefer text on 07811705716.

Birmingham Children's Hospital Annual Memorial Service – Sunday 13th May 2018. This is organised and run primarily by the Chaplaincy, Bereavement and Palliative Care, and PICU teams, with support from other staff from around the hospital. All families who have lost a child who was a BCH patient in the past year receive an invitation, as well as all families who attended the previous year's memorial service. Each family receives a candle with their child's name on, and they are invited to light this and place it on a table at the front of the Cathedral. These burn throughout the service, and can be taken home by the family afterwards. Many families choose to come back to remember their child at the service every year. **The service will commence at 3pm.**

Permanent Deacons Diaconate Day – Saturday 9th June 2018. The Permanent Deacons' celebration Mass will be celebrated at 11.30am at St Chad's Cathedral.

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

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.thepuginociety.co.uk

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

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

Pilgrimage to Poland: - 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

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