



# Metropolitan Cathedral & Basilica of St Chad

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## Fifth Sunday of Eastertide

29<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Divine Office: Psalter Week 1

Fifth Sunday of Easter

**Entrance Antiphon** O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm** You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.



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## Mass Times: 28<sup>th</sup> April – 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018

<b>Sat 28</b>	<b>Easter Feria</b>
10.00am	Kathleen Derench RIP
12.15pm	<i>CAFOD - Share the Journey</i> <i>Campaign - Walk from Cannon Hill</i> <i>Park ending at St Chad's</i>
<b>Vigil for the Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	
4.30pm	Susan Seery
<b>Sun 29</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>
9.00am	People of the Parish
11.00am	James Normoyle RIP
<b>Mon 30</b>	<b>St Pius V</b>
12.15pm	Maura O'Riordan
<b>Tue 1</b>	<b>St Joseph the Worker</b>
12.00noon	Mid-day Prayer
12.15pm	Mass with the Cathedral Chapter
12.30pm	Mass in the Children's Hospital
<b>Wed 2</b>	<b>St Athanasius</b>
12.15pm	Mary Houston Sp. Int.
<b>Thu 3</b>	<b>Feast of St Philip and James</b>
12.15pm	Jim Coron Sp. Int.
1.15pm	<i>Monthly Organ Recital</i>
<b>Fri 4</b>	<b>Feast of English Martyrs</b>
<i>First Friday</i>	
9.15am	Mass in St. Chad's School (H.S.)
12.15pm	Edward Groves Sp. Int.
<b>Sat 5</b>	<b>Easter Feria</b>
10.00am	Oliver McTiernan
<b>Vigil for the Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	
4.30pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sun 6</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>
9.00am	Kathleen Costello
11.00am	Bernadette Naylor Sp. Int. <i>Followed by Meet &amp; Greet</i>
1.30pm	Messe en Français

**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 6<sup>th</sup> May.**

**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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.**

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## **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 £623.85 Gift Aid £329.00 Restoration £298.34 Clergy Training Fund £357.34 Flowers (Anon) £40.00**

### **Cathedral Site Statistics:**

**15<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – 21<sup>st</sup> April 2018**

Hours we were open **116.5**  
Liturgies & Meetings **134**  
Number of Visitors **3329**

**Cathedral Flowers: Floral tribute requests for 2018. Please see the list at the back of the Cathedral. Thank you.** Next week the flowers will be dedicated to **Florence Morton**. 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. 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. 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](mailto: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 to those who have responded so far.

**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, Sutton Coldfield (Tuesday) who join us for a tour of the Cathedral which forms part of their Confirmation preparation. This week we also welcome the Metropolitan Chapter along with His Grace, the Archbishop on Tuesday. A warm welcome also to those attending this month's Organ Recital. Also to the Lay Carmelites.

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. It is also important for you to seek permission from the individual in their next of 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, Csr., Paul Devaney, Andrew McCann, Tony Haycock, Pat Farrelly, Paul Chavasse C.O., Ivor Morris, Peter Blundell & Deacon Tony Janew. Pray also for 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, Mark Wright, Julie Chapman, David Stokes, Charlie Bancroft, Billy Aldridge, Frank Neary, Madge Dornan, Martin Keating, Eddie & Eileen, Jane Hughes, Miriam Andaya and Roque Rodrigues. Also, Braydon Gormley and all the children in the Children's Hospital.

**For those who have died recently:** Shane MacMahon, James Duggan, Columba McPaul, Austin Neill, Keith Thompson and baby Alfie Evans.

**For those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Frs.: Peter Cooney, Peter Heath, and Michael Byrne. Also: Kathleen Mulraney, Elizabeth Harvey, Catherine Meacham, Patrick Joseph Clancy, Sheila Scampton, Brendan Byrne, Kathleen Fields, John Hughes, Peter Grimley and Mick Green. **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](mailto:choraloutreach@rc-birmingham.org)

#### **Good Shepherd Masses – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

The children of the diocese will be celebrating Mass for Father Hudson's Good Shepherd Appeal on 11<sup>th</sup> June 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](mailto: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](mailto:r.corbett@aston.ac.uk)) Fr Ray is also available after 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 26<sup>th</sup> May to Friday/Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> June 2018 Limited places still available.** 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 is now closed.

**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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:annets103@hotmail.co.uk) Please do come along and join us to make 2018 Flower Festival a great success.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**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

**Belmont Abbey, Hereford** Torchlight Procession in honour of Our Lady – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Starting at 9pm. Preacher: Rev. Dom David Bird. Refreshments available before procession. All welcome.

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

**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.

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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](http://www.thepuginsociety.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](http://www.sehion.net)

**St. Joseph's Home, Coleshill,** offers residential care to older people and those living with dementia in a Catholic setting. Respite bedrooms are also available for those who could benefit from a short stay.

If you or someone you know might benefit from the care offered at St. Joseph's, please call 01675 434500 for an informal chat or to arrange a visit.

**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 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 Email: [andrewoldnall@gmail.com](mailto:andrewoldnall@gmail.com)

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## **MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES**

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