



# Metropolitan Cathedral & Basilica of St Chad

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## Seventh Sunday of Eastertide 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018

### ‘World Communications Day’

During the Global Wave of Prayer: ‘Thy Kingdom Come’ 10 -20 May

Divine Office: Psalter Week 3

Seventh Sunday of Easter

**Entrance Antiphon** O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart  
has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm** The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I  
will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.



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## Mass Times: 12<sup>th</sup> May – 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**Sat 12 Easter Feria**  
10.00am Eileen Sheehan Int.  
1.00pm The Wedding of  
Charlotte Dan & Louis Britten

### **Vigil for the Seventh Sunday of Easter 'World Communications Day'**

4.30pm John Mulkien RIP

**Sun 13 Seventh Sunday of Easter**

9.00am Ciss Peyton  
11.00am People of the Parish  
3.00pm *The Annual Birmingham*

*Children's Hospital Memorial Service*

**Mon 14 St Matthias**  
12.15pm Thomas and Mary Flaherty RIP

**Tue 15 Easter Feria**  
12.15pm Maura Williams Int.  
12.30pm Mass in the Children's Hospital

**Wed 16 Easter Feria**  
12.15pm Thomas Daly RIP

**Thu 17 Easter Feria**  
12.15pm Sheila Deasy Int.

**Fri 18 Easter Feria**  
9.15am Mass in St. Chad's School (H.S.)  
12.15pm Sarah Daly Int.

**Sat 19 Easter Feria**  
10.00am Geoff Coulton  
**'Thy Kingdom Come'**

### **Vigil for the Solemnity of Pentecost 'Day of prayer for the Church'**

4.30pm James & Eugene Lynch RIP

**Sun 20 Solemnity of Pentecost**  
9.00am Mass of Confirmation for the  
children of St Chad's School  
with Archbishop  
11.00am Mary Harbut RIP  
2.00pm Lourdes Pilgrimage Mass  
with the Blessing of Hands

**'Thy Kingdom Come'** a global prayer imitative by the Anglican Bishops Conference running between 10 – 20 May. *Adoration here at St. Chad's Cathedral after the Mass at 10.00am on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018.* Thank you to all who are taking part in whatever grouping or personal time of prayer. There are some materials are leaflets available or visit: [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global)

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> June and has been relocated to St Catherine's.**

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> June.**

**Pope Francis decrees two new celebrations.**

**21<sup>ST</sup> May:** Memorial of Our Lady Mother of the Church  
**24<sup>th</sup> May:** Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ High Priest

**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 Collections Last Week**

**Main £390.78 Gift Aid £247.00 Restoration £112.59  
Ordination Collection £344.11**

### **Cathedral Site Statistics:**

**29<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

Hours we were open **118.5**

Liturgies & Meetings **130**

Number of Visitors **3039**

This weekend there will be a second collection for **Catholic Communication Network.**

**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.

### **Ordinations to the Priesthood**

We are delighted that Deacon Jason Mahoney will be ordained priest here in St. Chad's cathedral on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 12.00 noon by Archbishop Bernard. Deacon Rob Carey will also be ordained with Jason to serve the archdiocese. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their formation.

**Ordination Fund:** we shall be taking a Special Collection to help towards a gift for Jason from the cathedral parish which has been his home in recent years. We hope to pay for the restoration of the chalice he has, as well as commission a paten he will use when he celebrates Mass. There are white Envelopes available at the back of the cathedral marked Special Collection, please use these if you wish. These can be returned with the normal collection or handed in at Reception or the Bookshop.

**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 **Frank Fleming.** 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.

**The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage** leaves early next Saturday. **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.

**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. 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.

**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.**

**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.

#### **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 St Joseph's School, Malvern who join us on Friday for a tour of the Cathedral. This forms part of their

Confirmation preparation. We also welcome members of the Lourdes executive committee, as well as nurses and carers who will join us for the Blessing of Hands Mass on Sunday. A warm welcome is extended to the family and friends of the children of St Chad's School who join us to celebrate the children's Confirmation next Sunday.

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 or their next of kin. Thank you.*

#### **Holy Father's Prayer Intention for May:**

**Universal: Social Networks** That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

**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, 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, Roque Rodrigues and Christine Debney Also, Braydon Gormley and all the children in the Children's Hospital.

**For those who have died recently:** Alice Nowotnik, Shane MacMahon, Cliff Blakemore, James Duggan, Columba McPaul, Austin Neill & Keith Thompson.

**For those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Canon: Wilfrid Smith Frs.: Cathal Cassidy, Denis Hickling, and Thomas Canning. Also: Bill Calland, Margaret Bonham, Eugene Lynch and Mary Coogan. **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)

**Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018.** There will be a procession from St Michael's Church, Moor Street to St Chad's Cathedral. The procession will leave St Michael's at 1.00pm. All are welcome to join in this procession.

### **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.**

### **Pope Francis – World Meeting of Families. Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018 – Dublin, Ireland.**

Dublin, Ireland, has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the next World Meeting of Families from 21-26 August 2018, guided by the theme "The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World". Held every three years, this major international event brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church. Further Information from: WMOF2018 Office, Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3, Ireland. Tel: +353 1 567 6800.

Email: [info@worldmeeting2018.ie](mailto:info@worldmeeting2018.ie)

**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.

**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.

**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

**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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### **Adoremus – National Eucharistic pilgrimage and congress - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

Over 10,000 people will gather in Liverpool for a most wonderful and historic event, The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress (adoremus). There are still

places available for Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Tickets are £40. For more details/bookings please contact Fr Craig Szmidt. Email: [parishpriest@catholicquinton.org.uk](mailto:parishpriest@catholicquinton.org.uk) Telephone: 01214224865

Or Visit: [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/adoremus](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/adoremus)

**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)) 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)

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.

**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.

**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)

**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)

### **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.

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**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: [andrewsoldnall@gmail.com](mailto:andrewsoldnall@gmail.com)