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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

30th September 2018

Twenty-Second Week of Ordinary Time Year B. Psalter Week 2. Weekday cycle 2

Entrance Antiphon All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Responsorial Psalm The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.



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Mass Times: 29th September – 7th October 2018

Sat 29	Feast of St Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
10.00am	Private Intention
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
4.30pm (Vigil)	Bridget Lynch & Michael O'Hehir RIP
Sun 30	Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am	People of the Parish
11.00am	Monica Humphreys Int.
Mon 1	St Therese of the Child Jesus
12.15pm	Mary Immelda Davieneau
Tue 2	Guardian Angels
12.00noon	Mid-day Prayer
12.15pm	Mass with the Cathedral Chapter
12.30pm	Mass in the Children's Hospital
Wed 3	Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm	Noel Donaghy RIP
Thu 4	St Francis of Assisi
12.15pm	Tony Williams RIP
1.15pm	<i>Organ Recital</i>
Friday 5	Feria in Ordinary Time
First Friday	'Harvest Family Fast Day'
9.15am	St Chad's School Mass
12.15pm	Eileen McHugh RIP
Sat 6	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Francis & Ann Naylor RIP
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	
4.30pm (Vigil)	People of the Parish
Sun 7	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am	Richard Mullen RIP
11.00am	Nora Donague RIP
	<i>Followed by Meet & Greet</i>
1.30pm	Messe en Français

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.

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 7th October 2018**

Messe en Français for the West Midlands French speaking community. Every first Sunday of the month at 1.30pm. **The next Mass will be on Sunday 7th October 2018.**

Cathedral Collections Last Week

Main £337.16 Appeal Fund £439.16 Gift Aid: £92

Fr Hudson's Care: £217.18

Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

This coming Friday is the First Friday of the month of October and it is also Family Fast Day.

Traditionally this is a day when we fast or forego a meal and donate the money we save to CAFOD to support them in their missionary outreach to our brothers and sisters in great need. Next Sunday there will be a second collection for us to return our savings or to make a donation to CAFOD. Please give what you can afford. Thank you!

Cathedral Site Statistics:

16th September – 22nd September 2018

Hours we were open 113.5

Liturgies & Meetings 130

Number of Visitors 3699

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 for details on Gift Aid and other finance matters.

A Word of Welcome it was a very busy summer for the Cathedral, our Staff and Volunteers, and it is good to see the return of many of our regular groups and societies following the recess and many new faces amongst our student body. (Please see note below from Fr. Ray) This week we welcome the staff and pupils from St Joseph's School, Sutton Coldfield, who join us for a guided tour of the Cathedral. This forms part of their Confirmation preparation.

We are pleased to welcome local faith representatives, and some M.P.'s to our Clean Air Zone meeting this week. Also a special word of welcome to delegates attending the Conservative Party Conference in the City.

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.

Faith Instruction for Children & Adults: If you have children, who do not attend a Catholic School who have not received instruction for the Sacraments of Baptism, the Eucharist and Confirmation, please leave your name and contact details with Sr. Therese or Canon Gerry. In addition, we will begin our Journey in Faith program for adults who may be interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. All enquiries to Canon Gerry please with your name and contact details. Perhaps you have a friend or partner who may need your encouragement? All will be made welcome.

School Visits: Friday: St Joseph's, Sutton Coldfield.

Oscott College, the diocesan seminary for the formation of our future priests, have begun their new academic year. We are delighted to welcome one of the house groups along with one of their academic staff, Fr. Andrew Robinson and Deacon Kevin Lawrie (Motherwell). They will be joining us for Sunday morning Mass at 11am for various weekends during the academic year. Please keep them in your prayers.

St Chad's Junior Choir has grown out of our Choral Outreach Programme. Rehearsals resumed on 27th September 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

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) 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 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.

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 re-gilding of the Lady Chapel and Sanctuary Rood Screens. A full list of 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.

Cathedral Flowers: We are now taking floral tribute requests. 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. **This week flowers are dedicated to the Deceased members of the Dale and Green families.**

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for October: Evangelization: The Mission of religious That the consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

Parish Prayer Lists

One of great charisms and activities of the Church is the apostolate of prayer. It is open to all, whether we are clergy, religious or lay people. There is no group who may be called 'professional prayers'. The late Pope St John Paul II said his strength came from the prayers of the sick and the housebound. This is true for the whole Church. We do not need the ability to run around to be people of prayer. The sick and the housebound are some of the great contemplatives of our time.

All of us experience the benefit of prayer: our prayers for others, but, more so, the strength we receive from the people who pray for us.

It is a natural response that we are moved to pray for people and situations in our community and further afield in the world. As priests, we are continually asked to pray for individuals and whatever they may be dealing with in their lives. It is also one of the great characteristics of the Catholic Church that we pray for those who have died.

Our Parish Prayer Lists bear testimony to the wealth of prayers both requested and offered. We pray for people in any kind of need, especially the sick and the dying. We pray for those who have died, and remember their anniversaries.

However, changes in Data Protection and Safeguarding means that we have to ensure that we have the permission of the individual or their families before we publish their name in print or verbally pray for them in public.

Often when we hear of someone who may be ill or dying we naturally request prayers for them or ask for Masses to be offered. This is to be applauded, but the new guidelines ask that we seek permission before names are made public. Also, it is important to remember that there are some people who wish their situation to remain private; and sometimes we hear about people second-hand and we may not be able to ask for permission.

Therefore, we have greatly reduced our Prayer Lists, but we ask that if you would like names to be included please check that those concerned are happy for us to publish their names. We welcome any additions in writing please.

Those who are ill: Mgr. Paul Watson, Francis Moylyn, Ken Halford & Gerry Somers. **Lately Dead:** Vera, Dominic, Adrian Connelly, Caroline Kearney, Jean Moore, and Baby Ezera Monks.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Canon: Tony Piercy. **Frs.:** Denis Egan, William McGann, John Nightingale, John Danaher, Percy Styche, John Bullen and Phil Casey. **Deacon:** John Burrows. **Also:** Sr Angela O'Donnell, Poor Clare Colletine, Paul Boylan, Janina Oldacres, Tony Stokes, Rowan Fitzgerald, Dora Hancox, , Jim Mellington, James Quirke, Kenneth Biggs, , K Karunawathie, Kathleen Murphy and Senon O'Halleron.

Eternal Rest grant unto them O, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

St Chad's Cathedral Association Annual Dinner on Saturday 20th October 2018 - This year our principle

guest is His Grace Archbishop Bernard Longley. After dinner entertainment will be by professional musicians. This event is not just open to members of the Association and their guests but to anyone who would like to enjoy a good social evening with excellent food. Please contact Anne Symonds on 0121 249 1487.

St Thomas More's Church, Sheldon, B26 3HU - Family Prayer Campaign: Saturday 6th October 2018 at 2.00pm. There will be Holy Mass, Rosary Procession and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Chief Celebrant Rt. Rev Philip Pargeter. All welcome.

St Vincent De Paul's Catholic Church, Nechells – 50th Anniversary. Sunday 30th September 2018. There will be a Thanksgiving Mass at 12 noon, followed by a buffet lunch in the Parish Grounds. All welcome to renew old friendships as well as those wishing to make new friends.

Newman University 50th Anniversary Mass - A Mass of celebration will be held at St Chad's Cathedral on Tuesday 9th October at 6.00pm. Celebrants will be Archbishop Bernard Longley, Bishop Alan Williams and Bishop Chris Budd. All welcome.

UCM Annual Mass – Saturday 13th October 2018 Mass will be celebrated at St Chad's Cathedral at 12 noon for the Union of Catholic Mothers.

Catenian Mass for Deceased Brothers will be celebrated by Bishop Robert Byrne on Saturday 3rd November 2018 at 12 noon.

Knights of St Columba Mass for Deceased Brothers will be celebrated by Mgr. Timothy Menezes on Saturday 10th November 2018 at 12 noon.

RED WEDNESDAY – 28th November 2018 – Once again this year we will be lighting St Chad's cathedral in Red in support of Red Wednesday. By joining in prayer, by lighting the Cathedral in red, and by wearing red we will be doing something peaceful and positive to highlight the suffering – injustices, discrimination, violence, oppression, torture and death – of so many Christians and others today which goes largely unnoticed by the world.

Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) Schools Festival will be conducting a service at St. Chad's Cathedral on 15th October at 2.00pm.

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.

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

Foundation Governor Required - St Edmund Campion Catholic School and Sixth Form Centre has vacancies for Foundation Governors. A Foundation Governor must be a practising Catholic and will need a reference from their Parish Priest. If you feel that you can make a difference to the lives of young people and have the time to spare to participate in the work of the Governing Body please contact Mrs Steele, Headteacher, on 0121 464 7040 for more information.

St Paul's School for Girls - As we have been inundated with so many parental requests we are putting on an Open Morning on 4th October 9:45 am - 11:00 am for Year 6 girls and their parents. Please confirm attendance by emailing Mrs Pellowe or Miss Randell (spellowe@stpaulgl.bham.sch.uk or arandell@stpaulgl.bham.sch.uk)

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.

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

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.

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PLEASE DO NOT leave any personal property unattended. Thank you.