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Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 25th November 2018 'Youth Day'

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the universe
Year B. Psalter Week 2. Weekday cycle 2

- Entrance Antiphon** How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.
- Responsorial Psalm** The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.
- Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!
- Communion Antiphon:** The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.



Mass Times: 24th November – 2nd December 2018

Sat 24 10.00am	St Andrew Dung-Lac James Madden RIP
	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe
4.30pm (Vigil)	Annie Byrne
Sun 25 9.00am	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe ‘National Youth Sunday’ Janet Naylor Sp. Int.
11.00am	The Civic Mass (Pro Pop)
Mon 26 12.15pm	Feria in Ordinary Time Margaret Mary Gill
Tue 27 12.15pm 12.30pm	Feria in Ordinary Time Marcella Fitzgerald Mass in the Children’s Hospital
Wed 28 12.15pm	‘Red Wednesday’ Holy Souls
Thu 29 9.15am 12.15pm	Feria in Ordinary Time Mass in St Chad’s School (HS) Catherine Gunn RIP
Friday 30 12.00 noon	Feast of St Andrew Requiem Mass for Fr. Petroc Howell
Sat 1 10.00am	Feast of St Edmund Campion Sean Keeley
	Vigil for the First Sunday of Advent
4.30pm (Vigil)	People of the Parish
Sun 2 9.00am 11.00am 1.30pm	First Sunday of Advent Eileen & Eddie Doulton Sp. Int Christian Jude Le Blanc RIP <i>Followed by Meet & Greet</i> Messe en Français

For the Civic Mass on Sunday 25th November we welcome our Lord Mayor’s Deputy Honorary Alderman Mrs. Anne Underwood, Deputy Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff along with Her Majesty’s judiciary and others in public service. As a matter of courtesy, there will be reserved seats for our guests.

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.

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 2nd December 2018.**

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 2nd December 2018.**

The Recitation of the Angelus: the cathedral Angelus Bell sounds every 6 hours (6am, 12pm, 6pm & 12am). This is a call to personal prayer for those within and without the cathedral. We do not schedule any collective recitation of the Angelus. However, if Mass is not being celebrated or no other event is taking place, including guided tours when the Angelus Bell sounds, then, and only then, those who may be in the cathedral at that time may recite the Angelus together rather than interrupt an event.

The Hail Holy Queen will be recited in place of the Hail Mary during the month of Holy Souls

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, O most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus; O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Cathedral Collections Last Week

**Main £602.79 Restoration Fund £163.22
Gift Aid £150.00**

Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

This Sunday there will be a second collection for the **Youth Service.**

Please note that Gift Aid envelopes are available for the use of those who pay taxes. Thank you to those who make use of them already.

Cathedral Site Statistics:

11th November – 17th November 2018

Hours we were open **118**
Liturgies & Meetings **138**
Number of Visitors **3165**

URGENT: Missio Red Boxes We are now collecting Red Boxes from parishioners so that we can empty them and send the proceeds to the charity. If you have a red box at home, please return it to Sr. Therese as soon as possible. A new box will be issued. Thank you.

Cathedral Flowers: We are now taking floral tribute requests. Please see the list at the back of the Cathedral. Thank you. **This week the flowers are dedicated to Ron Hull SJ.** 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.

CCTV IS IN OPERATION FOR YOUR SAFETY & SECURITY. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY PERSONAL PROPERTY UNATTENDED.

THANK YOU

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 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 for details on Gift Aid and other finance matters.

Faith Instruction for your Children Please leave names and contact details at the Parish Office (Details above)

Welcome: In addition to our regular meetings, we welcome this week staff and pupils from St Mary & St Thomas More School, Guardian Angels, Shard End, St Wulstan's, Wolstanton and St Mary & St Benedict School, Coventry who all join us for a guided tour of the Cathedral. This forms part of their sacramental preparation for Confirmation. A warm welcome is extended to our Lord Mayor's Deputy Honorary Alderman Mrs. Anne Underwood, Deputy Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff along with Her Majesty's judiciary and others in public service who join us for The Civic Mass.

If you are new to the parish, please introduce yourself to one of the priests. Students new to our universities, please see contact details for Fr Ray Corbett. Be assured of a friendly welcome and support from him and fellow students. 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.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER

Thank you for the responses we received to the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter read last weekend on the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA).

The letter is still available on the Archdiocese website: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>. Copies are also available on request from the sacristy after Sunday Masses or during the week from the Parish Office.

The Archdiocese believes that the work being done by IICSA is of great significance and supports the aim of strengthening and improving safeguarding practises and cultures within the Church.

The welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults is a fundamental priority for the Archdiocese. Fostering a culture which has safeguarding at its very heart remains a key part of our work.

If you would like to speak to someone about safeguarding and the Church's work, please call **0121 230 6240**.

If you would like to speak to someone independent of the Church you can contact the NSPCC on **0800 800 5000**

Please pray with us for all the victims of abuse, and for all those involved in the work of this important enquiry.

Other Prayer Intentions

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for November:

Universal: In the Service of Peace That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December:

Evangelization: In the service of the Transmission of Faith. That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

Fr. Petroc Howell RIP - Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Petroc Howell, retired priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, who died on Wednesday 14th November 2018 at Neville Williams House Nursing Home, Selly Park, Birmingham.

The Requiem Mass for Fr. Petroc takes place on Friday 30th November at 12.00 noon at St. Chad's Cathedral.

David Dring RIP – David was recently called to eternal rest. David and his family have been longstanding supporters of our Cathedral. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Those who are ill: Annie Byrne, Francis Moylyn, Ken Halford, Liz Wainhouse, Gerry Somers, Joseph Barrett, Christopher Dunn, Philomena Laird, and John Dunn. **Latently Dead:** Fr. Petroc Howell, David Dring, Brian May, Pat Dalton, Brigid Geoghan, Marcella Fitzgerald, Ted O'Connell and Mary Joyce.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Archbishop Joseph Masterson. Canon: Augustine Emery. Frs.: Edward Neary, Joseph du Moulin Browne CO, Reginald Anwyl, Norman Millard, and Peter John Rogers. **Also:** Angela Pearson, James Madden, Nora Finn, Philip Dolphin, Frank Kane, Joan Bashford and Mrs Ruane.

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

The Month of Holy Souls (November): is traditionally the month when we pray with added devotion for all the faithful departed. Praying for our dead is an act of charity, returning love for love, as we ask God to ‘grant them eternal rest and for perpetual light to shine upon them’. Our Holy Souls Boxes will remain on the steps of the sanctuary throughout November containing the names of our beloved dead. Envelopes are provided if you would like to include the names of your own relatives and friends. Some people like to include a Mass offering as well; and Masses are offered throughout the year for the Holy Souls.

St. Paul’s Bookshop will open on Sunday mornings after the 9.00am Mass till around 1.00pm during this Advent Season. This will allow parishioners who attend on Sunday mornings the opportunity to buy Catholic newspapers, books, piety and religious gifts. Please support this initiative.

St Chad’s Junior Choir has grown out of our Choral Outreach Programme. Rehearsals are 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

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

School Visits:

Monday: St Mary’s & St Thomas More

Wednesday: Guardian Angels, Shard End

Thursday: St Wulstan’s, Wolstanton

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.

St. Chad’s Cathedral Carol Service – Sunday 16th December 2018 – followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Grimshaw Room. Please come along and listen to our magnificent Cathedral singers under the direction of Professor David Saint sing a variety of Christmas songs and carols interspersed with readings from the scriptures. **All are welcome. NO CHARGE.**

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.

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

The Lord’s Prayer Fr Joseph O’Hanlon will give a talk on the Our Father at St Mary’s Parish Church, Vivian Road, Harborne, B17 0NU on 25th November 2018. Refreshments will be served from 1.30pm with the talk beginning at 2pm prompt. No charge, everyone welcome.

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

And finally: just to express a brief, but heartfelt, word of thanks for so many kind messages and cards. To paraphrase Dag Hammarskjöld, a late Swedish diplomat, and the second person to serve as Secretary General to the United Nations, and a recipient of the Noble Peace Prize:

‘For all that has been – thank you!’

And for all that is to come – simply Yes!’

Canon Gerry

My contact details remain for post: please address anything to Canon Gerry Breen c/o Cathedral House, St. Chad’s Queensway. Birmingham B4 6EU. Should it be personal or confidential please mark the envelope as such.

My emails remain as canonbreen@rc-birmingham.org and my personal email is gerrybreen@btinternet.com

The 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.

Shadwell Street Development you will have noticed that Berkeley Homes have begun work on the former FGF factory site at the rear of the cathedral. Towards the end of the year, Shadwell Street will become a One-Way system, with traffic flow from the Princip Street running up to Old Snowhill. Berkeley's will create a 'pit stop' lane for the delivery of materials during the construction period of three years, which will result in the loss of the public parking bays on Shadwell Street. We will keep you updated on progress.

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.