



# Metropolitan Cathedral & Basilica of St Chad

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## Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



11<sup>th</sup> November 2018

'Armistice Day'

# Remembrance Sunday

Thirty-Second Week of Ordinary Time Year B. Psalter Week 4. Weekday cycle 2

**Entrance Antiphon** Let my prayers come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm** My soul, give praise to the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.



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## Mass Times: 10<sup>th</sup> November – 18<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**Sat 10**                    **St Leo the Great**  
10.00am                Birmingham Rambling Club Deceased  
12.00noon             Mass for Deceased Brothers  
                                 of the Knights of St Columba

### **Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4.30pm (Vigil) Helen McIlloy

### **‘Remembrance Sunday – Armistice Day’**



**Sun 11**                    **32 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
9.00am                Mary Baines RIP  
**10.50am**                People of the Parish

**This Mass begins at 10.50am at the War Memorial with The Royal British Legion Act of Dedication & Silence. Please be in good time.**

**Mon 12**                  **St Josaphat**  
12.15pm                Sheila Dunn

**Tue 13**                  **Feria in Ordinary Time**  
12.15pm                Margaret Docherty RIP  
12.30pm                Mass in the Children’s Hospital

**Wed 14**                  **Feria in Ordinary Time**  
12.15pm                Ellen Donnelly RIP

**Thu 15**                  **Feria in Ordinary Time**  
*Optional Memorial of St Albert the Great*  
12.15pm                Fulgencio V Dionela

**Friday 16**              **Feria in Ordinary Time**  
*Optional Memorial of St Edmund of Abingdon*  
9.15am                St Chad’s School Mass  
12.15pm                Richard Mullen RIP

**Sat 17**                  **Feria in Ordinary Time**  
10.00am                Kathleen Higgins RIP

### **Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4.30pm (Vigil) Francis Morton

**Sun 18**                  **33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**‘World Day of the Poor’**  
9.00am                Patrick Killeen RIP  
11.00am                Jim Kehoe  
12.30pm                Baptism – Jenna Marthiena

**\*For the Civic Mass on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**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.

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

**THANK YOU**

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018.**

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018.**

***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 £307.31 Appeal Fund £1,438.23 Gift Aid £290.00 Johnson Association: £281.91**

**Thank you for your prayers and generosity.**

### **Cathedral Site Statistics:**

#### **28<sup>th</sup> October – 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2018**

Hours we were open	114
Liturgies & Meetings	115
Number of Visitors	3049

**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. 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.

**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.

**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.

**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 Gregory's, St Anthony's, St Elizabeth & Good Shepherd and St Columba's School who join us for a guided tour of the Cathedral. This forms part of their sacramental preparation for Confirmation.

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 forthcoming 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.

**Those who are ill:** Annie Byrne, Francis Moylyn, Ken Halford, Gerry Somers, Joseph Barrett & Christopher Dunn. **Lately Dead:** Marcella Fitzgerald, Ted O'Connell, Baby Matilda Lynch and Fr Frank Hull SJ.

**For those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Frs.: Cyril Duck, Michael O'Keefe, Laurence Smith, Thomas Stanislaus O'Connor, William Matthew Boyle, Joseph Ryan, James O'Sullivan and Raymund Jones. Deacon John Burton. **Also:** Collin Marshall, Curnal Moltan Duncan, Maria Kameni, Alice Treacy, Teresa Curtain, Catherine Connelly and Hughie Malone. **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.

**Ringin' Remembers – World War I -** Church bells across the UK remained restricted throughout the course of the war and only rang freely once Armistice was declared on 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918. On this day the ringing of bells erupted spontaneously across the country, as an outpouring of relief that four years of war had come to an end. Her Majesty's Government's ambition is for bells to ring out at 12.30pm on 11th November 2018 to commemorate the centenary of the Armistice which signalled the end of the First World War. This will be a symbolic way to give thanks for the end of war 100 years ago and will replicate the national outpouring of relief that took place at the end of the war as news of the Armistice filtered through and bells which had long been silent rang out. Bells ringing out at 12.30pm will help mark the shift in emphasis from Remembrance in the morning to Thanksgiving in the afternoon for the end of war and for peace.

This coincides with the start of the People's Procession, as 10,000 members of the public march past the Cenotaph in a nation's thank you. The Cathedral is taking part in this initiative along with other Birmingham City Centre Churches and churches across the UK. Usually the Cathedral bells are rung half-muffled on Remembrance Sunday but the request is that they are rung open on this occasion.

**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](mailto: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](http://www.sehion.net)

## School Visits:

**Monday:** St Gregory's, Coventry

**Tuesday:** St Anthony's, Leamington Spa

**Wednesday:** St Elizabeth's & Good Shepherd, Coventry

**Friday:** St Columba's, Birmingham

**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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 – 28<sup>th</sup> 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](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

### 'And Finally'

**Canon Gerry Breen:** a brief and personal note. Dear parishioners and friends, having served for over 8 years as Dean of our cathedral the time has come for me to move on. It is important that you understand that this change is not because I am 'ill or sick', but like several in our parish and many others who may read this, I do live with a disease.

Since my diagnosis of renal carcinoma more than 5 years ago, I have been supported by the pastoral care of His Grace, Archbishop Bernard, Bishop David and Mgr. Timothy our Vicar General – and this continues.

I am also grateful for the unstinting and willing generosity of our cathedral staff, clergy and religious. These are not just colleagues, but friends, and they would not forgive me if I mention them by name! Without question, I have received tremendous strength from your prayers and Masses offered for my intentions.

Whenever a priest has to leave a parish there is always an element of sadness because of the bonds we form in our attempts to grow closer in our relationship to the Lord.

As priests, we are privileged to share in the lives of individuals and families through the pastoral and sacramental life of the Church, both in times of joy and sadness. Be assured, we receive as much from you in return.

There is always more work to do, and indeed, there will be some things left undone. (If when we leave there is nothing left to do, then we have not been busy about the Lord's work!) I am conscious since my appointment to St. Chad's of the legacy of my predecessors, and, hopefully I have contributed to that - albeit in some small way. I am confident when my replacement is announced that you will afford him the same welcome and support that you gave to me.

It is never farewell but fareforward as our priestly ministry has to move on. I do not intend to disappear or to become a stranger as I shall remain a member of the Cathedral Chapter and continue with one or two other diocesan responsibilities for now. As many of you know, I am not one for farewell celebrations; and as I will be around on occasion, there is no need for anything formal. I know you will understand and respect this. My last official weekend is Sunday 25 November the Solemnity of Christ the King and our Civic Mass.

I intend to take a short respite before a more permanent appointment. For now, my contact details are as follows: for post please address anything to Canon Gerry Breen c/o Cathedral House, St. Chad's Queensway, Birmingham B4 6EU. Should it be anything personal or confidential please mark the envelope as such.

My emails remain as [canonbreen@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:canonbreen@rc-birmingham.org) and my personal email is [gerrybreen@btinternet.com](mailto:gerrybreen@btinternet.com)

In closing, I ask your continued prayers for me, for Archbishop Bernard and all those entrusted with the mission of our diocese.

Assuring you all of my heartfelt gratitude and sincere prayers,

**Canon Gerry**

### 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.**

**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.

**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.

**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)

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Saint Paul's Nursing Home is home to 24 female members of the Sisters of Charity of St Paul the Apostle and managed by Saint John of God Hospitaller Services. Candidates must be Registered Nurse qualified and would be based at St Paul's Nursing Home which is situated in the Selly Park area of Birmingham. The successful candidate will be responsible for leading shifts and supervising the staff team who support the Sisters in such a way that the religious ethos of the community is promoted. Walton, Acting Service Manager or Susan Kennedy, Deputy Service Manager should you have any queries. To Apply, please visit job URL: <http://www.sjogjob.org/1364> for 44 hours nights <http://www.sjogjob.org/1365> for 29 hours days

**Saturday 4.30pm Mass:** Gerry Byrne, one of our wardens, and his son Denis, have been absent because of having stay home to care for Denis' Mum, Annie. They wish to thank the congregation for their prayers and enquiries, and assure us of their prayers.