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Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th November 2018

Thirty-First Week of Ordinary Time Year B. Psalter Week 3. Weekday cycle 2

Entrance Antiphon Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

Responsorial Psalm I love you, Lord, my strength.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.



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Mass Times: 3rd November – 11th November 2018

Sat 3 Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Betty Daly Int.
12.00noon Mass for Deceased Catenian Brothers

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
4.30pm (Vigil) Michael O'Driscoll RIP

Sun 4 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am People of the Parish
11.00am Luke Jordan Int.
Followed by Meet & Greet
12.30pm *Baptism of Cassius-John Reid*
1.30pm Messe en Français

Mon 5 Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm Thomas, Mary & Liam Flaherty RIP

Tue 6 Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm Mary Ann Wallis RIP
12.30pm Mass in the Children's Hospital

Wed 7 Feria in Ordinary Time
12.00noon Requiem Mass for Mgr. Paul Watson

Thu 8 Feria in Ordinary Time
Memorial in Oxfordshire of Blessed George Napier
12.15pm Fr David Newell

Friday 9 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
9.15am St Chad's School Mass (Holy Souls)
12.15pm Billy Farrell

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

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
4.30pm (Vigil) Helen McIlloy

'Remembrance Sunday'

Sun 11 Thirty-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.

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 4th November 2018.**

Messe en Français for the West Midlands French speaking community. Every first Sunday of the month at 1.30pm. **The next Mass is this Sunday.**

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 £634.02 Appeal Fund £160.89 Gift Aid: £195.00
Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

This week there will be a second collection for **The Johnson Association** supporting our sick and retired clergy.

Cathedral Site Statistics:

21st October – 27th October 2018

Hours we were open	115
Liturgies & Meetings	131
Number of Visitors	2742

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. **This week flowers are dedicated to Mary Ann Wallis.**

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.

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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 James School, Birmingham, and St Thomas of Canterbury 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.

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM OUR ARCHBISHOP, BERNARD LONGLEY

This weekend Archbishop Bernard Longley will personally be addressing the involvement of the Archdiocese in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) with a pastoral letter to be read out in all the churches and chapels of the diocese.

The letter is 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.

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.

Our Prayer Lists

Those who are ill: Annie Byrne, Francis Moylyn, Ken Halford, Gerry Somers, Joseph Barrett & Christopher Dunn. **Lately Dead:** Mgr. Paul Watson, Mgr. Patrick Jacquin, Marcella Fitzgerald, Ted O'Connell & Baby Matilda Lynch.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Archbishop Maurice Couve de Murville; Mgr: Bertram Gould. Mgr Canon: Eugene O'Sullivan. Canons: Denis Toplass, Patrick Smith & John Redford (Southwark). Frs.: James Curtin, Aengus Donlon, James Broomfield, John Brisland, Francis Stanbridge, Francis Dawson, Derek Edwards, & John Drinkwater. **Also:** K.A.D Samarasinghe, Christian Jude Le Blanc, Brendan Wall, Joe Farley, Pat Campbell, P Shanahan, Winnie Walsh, John Scully & Christopher Brett.

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'. In humility, this is what they would ask of us, that by God's grace they may be purged of sin and imperfection and come to share in the fullness of Christ's Resurrection. In every Mass we are particularly close to our loved ones who have died as their dying is united to the death of Christ in the one sacrifice to God the Father.

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.

Ringling 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 11th 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 will coincide 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.

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.

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

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.**

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

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.

Oscott College - Join us on the 10th November at Oscott College for A Murder Mystery Night. A murder has taken place in Oscott College, only you can help us solve the crime. Enjoy cheese and wine. Be sure to get your tickets by calling or emailing now. Tel. 07871 983818 or jonathon.bowes@oscott.org

School Visits:

Monday: St James School, Birmingham.

Tuesday: St Thomas of Canterbury School, Walsall.

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.**

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.

WOMEN, FAITH & DIALOGUE - All are welcome to a morning of speakers and discussion surrounding women in faith and equality, organised by the Columban missionaries, from 10.00am on Saturday 10th November at Christ Church in Sparkbrook B11 1LS. The event is free to attend and concludes with lunch at 1.00pm. For more details and to confirm your attendance email Catherine to volunteer@columbans.co.uk.

'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 and my personal email is 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

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.

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

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.

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.

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.