



# Metropolitan Cathedral & Basilica of St Chad

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## Third Sunday of Advent

### 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018

### 'Gaudéte Sunday'

Third Sunday of Advent

Year B. Psalter Week 3. Weekday cycle 2

- Entrance Antiphon** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.
- Responsorial Psalm** Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.
- Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!
- Communion Antiphon:** Say to the faint heart: be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.



## Mass Times: 15<sup>th</sup> December – 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018

**Sat 15**            **Advent Feria**  
10.00am        Michael & Anne Lynch  
                      (Golden Wedding Anniversary)

### **‘Gaudéte Sunday’**

#### **Vigil for the Third Sunday of Advent**

4.30pm (Vigil) Natalie Harris RIP

**Sun 16**            **Gaudéte Sunday**  
9.00am        People of the Parish  
11.00am       Steve Campbell RIP  
**5.00pm**        **Cathedral Carol Service**  
                      *Followed by mulled wine and mince  
                      pies in the Grimshaw Room*

**Mon 17**          **Advent Feria**  
12.15pm       Thomas Hoban RIP  
4.00pm        Mass with Teachers & Governing Body  
                      of St. Chad’s Catholic Primary School

**Tue 18**          **Advent Feria**  
12.15pm       Alison Gibbons & John Farrell  
12.30pm       Mass in the Children’s Hospital  
**5.00pm**        **Christmas Concert - St. Chad’s  
                      Catholic Primary School**

**Wed 19**          **Advent Feria**  
12.15pm       K J Cherian RIP  
7.30pm        *Carols with Canoldir*

**Thu 20**          **Advent Feria**  
12.15pm       Thomas, Mary & Liam Flaherty RIP

**Friday 21**       **Advent Feria**  
9.15am        Mass in St Chad’s Primary School  
12.15pm       Mary Cotterill RIP

**Sat 22**           **Advent Feria**  
10.00am       Dermot Lawler

#### **Vigil for the Fourth Sunday of Advent ‘Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers’**

4.30pm (Vigil) David Dring RIP

**Sun 23**           **Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
9.00am        Marjorie & Cyril Atkins  
11.00am       Margaret Milton

**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 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019.**

**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 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019.**

**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.

#### **Cathedral Collections Last Week**

**Main £274.64    Restoration Fund £248.95  
Gift Aid £65.00**

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

**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.

#### **Christmas Offerings for the Cathedral Clergy :**

Envelopes are available at the back of the Cathedral for your use.

#### **Cathedral Site Statistics:**

##### **2<sup>nd</sup> December – 8<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

Hours we were open    **114.5**  
Liturgies & Meetings    **127**  
Number of Visitors      **3717**

**Cathedral Flowers:** We are now taking floral tribute requests for the year 2019. 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 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.

**Christmas & New Year Masses** – Please collect separate sheet showing Christmas & New Year Masses.

**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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SECURITY. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY  
PERSONAL PROPERTY UNATTENDED.  
THANK YOU**

**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 Staff & Governors from St. Chad's Catholic Primary School.

A special welcome to the children of St. Chad's Catholic Primary School taking part in their Christmas Concert together with their teachers and all who come to support this service.

A warm welcome to all attending the 'Carols with Canoldir' Concert.

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 on the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA).

The letter is still available on the Archdiocese website: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>.

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.

**Gaudete Sunday** – Rejoicing Sunday. There is always a sense of joy and expectancy whenever we prepare for a happy event. Today reminds us of the joy of this Advent Season as we prepare our hearts and homes for the celebration of the Birth of our Salvation. The colour for joy is pink! So we light the pink candle on our Advent Wreath; the priests wear pink vestments and our Newsletter is also in pink. We are also permitted to decorate the cathedral with pink flowers!

#### **Prayer Intentions**

##### **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.

#### **Our Prayer Lists**

**Those who are ill:** Annie Byrne, Francis Moylyn, Ken Halford, Liz Wainhouse, Gerry Somers, Joseph Barrett, Christopher Dunn, Philomena Laird and John Dunn. **Lately Dead:** Marcella Fitzgerald, Ted O'Connell, Mary Joyce, Liz Jones, Paula Cuddy, Gerard McKenna, Teresa O'Connor and Mrs. Browne.

**For those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Mgr. Bernard Navin; Frs.: Fergus O'Connell, Daniel O'Connor and Michael O'Meara. **Also:** Marian Bird, John KIELTY, Michael Breen, Tommy Hughes, Mary Cotterill, Martin Foody, Jackie Price, Robert Evans, Val Bishop, Michael Duff, Mick Byrne, Remo Forcellini, Denis Kelly and Andreas B Advincula.

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

**The Season of Advent:** once more we enter this beautiful time in the Church's calendar. You will notice in the Cathedral the colour purple, a royal colour as we await the coming of the King. We do not use flowers in Advent, but our focus is the Advent Wreath next to the lectern to illuminate the word of God proclaimed from Holy Scripture which leads us through this season to the Light of the Christ Child. The circular wreath symbolises eternity and eternal life; its evergreen foliage signifies enduring life reminding us of the persistence of life in the midst of winter and the darkness that would seek to overcome us. Each week of Advent we light an additional candle on the wreath as Christmas draws ever near. The Jesse Tree, an ancient Christian symbol, represents the Family Tree of Jesus 'springing from the root of Jesse' decorated with symbols of Old Testament people who looked forward in hope to the coming of the Messiah. Throughout Advent the children of the parish will decorate our tree. These rich symbols along with our Scripture, the Walk with Me Booklets and Calendars will guide and help us to encounter and deepen our relationship with the person of Christ that we may truly celebrate his birth at Christmas.

**Walk With Me For Advent:** Books and Calendars are now available. These are great companions for Advent, especially for the housebound. We have limited copies. Please place your donations in the wall box marked Books.

**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. Rehearsals will resume again on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019. For more information please contact David and Alexander Wynne at [choraloutreach@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:choraloutreach@rc-birmingham.org)

**CBC Distributions Exhibition – 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019** – Showing complete range of religious supplies as well as Communion, Confirmation and Easter Range.  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> 9.30am – 6pm  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 9.30am – 6pm  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> -9.30pm – 5pm  
Come along to browse the extensive range of items available.

**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)

**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 Andrew. 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.**

**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.

**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)

**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.

**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](http://www.thepuginociety.co.uk)

**Shadwell Street Development** you will have noticed that St. Joseph Homes who are part of the Berkeley Group have begun work on the former FGF factory site at the rear of the Cathedral. Towards mid-January next year, Shadwell Street will become a One-Way system, with traffic flow from 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 Homes (part of the Berkeley Group of Companies)** – For your information, the far end of the garden adjacent to our car park will be used as a Contractors Compound by St. Joseph Homes Ltd. This compound will house their welfare facilities. Furthermore, St. Joseph Homes will tarmac the near end of the garden to be used as a temporary staff car park. The work in this respect will begin next week. Understandably during the period of these works we will encounter some inconvenience.

**Birmingham Canoldir Male Choir** & Guests under the direction of their MD, James Llewelyn Jones, perform 'Carols with Canoldir' in the Cathedral on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. Tickets are £15 and are available from their Ticket Secretary, Glyn Smith on 01827 705650.

### 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.

Also, we do not have toilets that are open to the public. The toilets will be opened just before Mass when the sanctuary is being prepared, and they will be closed after Mass once the sanctuary is cleared unless there is a concert or event in the cathedral.

### 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.**