



# Metropolitan Cathedral & Basilica of St Chad

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## The Baptism of Our Lord

### 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Divine Office: Psalter week      Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord  
Year B. Psalter Week 3.

**Entrance Antiphon**      After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

**Responsorial Psalm**      The Lord will bless his people with peace.

**Gospel Acclamation:**      Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'  
Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.



  
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## Mass Times: 12<sup>th</sup> January – 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019

**Sat 12 Christmas Feria**  
10.00am Stephen Naylor Sp. Int.

### **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

4.30pm (Vigil) Bridget Quinn RIP

**Sun 13 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

9.00am Alan Thorne RIP  
11.00am People of the Parish

**Mon 14 Feria in Ordinary Time**  
12.15pm Christine Ellard

**Tue 15 Feria in Ordinary Time**  
12.15pm Sinead O'Connor & Family  
12.30pm Mass in the Children's Hospital

**Wed 16 Feria in Ordinary Time**  
12.15pm Thomas, Mary & Liam Flaherty RIP

**Thu 17 St Anthony**  
12.15pm Maureen Finn Sp. Int.

**Friday 18 Feria in Ordinary Time**  
9.15am Mass in St Chad's Primary School  
12.15pm John Dadd RIP

**Sat 19 Feast of St Wulstan**  
10.00am Denise Santy

### **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4.30pm (Vigil) People of the Parish

**Sun 20 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
9.00am Marie & Michael Brennan  
11.00am Teresa O'Connor RIP

#### ***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 3<sup>rd</sup> February 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 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019.**

**Mary McMahan RIP** – Mary attended Mass here at the Cathedral and was recently called to her eternal rest. Please keep her family in your prayers. Mary's Funeral Mass takes place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January at St. Catherine's at 11.15am.

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

**Main £420.56 Restoration Fund £306.69  
Gift Aid £95.00**

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

**30<sup>th</sup> December – 5<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

Hours we were open **82**  
Liturgies & Meetings **74**  
Number of Visitors **1837**

Next weekend there will be a second collection for **Pax Christi.**

#### **Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January:**

**Evangelization:** That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

#### **Our Prayer Lists**

**Those who are ill:** Annie Byrne, Francis Moylyn, Ken Halford, Liz Wainhouse, Gerry Somers, Joseph Barrett, Christopher Dunn, Anne Symonds, Philomena Laird and John Dunn.

**Lately Dead:** Bridget Molloy, Mary McMahan, Mimi, Mrs Parry, Lily Turley, Socrate Bisconti.

**For those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Mgr. John Cregg, Canon Matthias

Corrigan. Frs.: Patrick McSwiney, Peter Tuite, Robert Kirby, Benedict O'Gorman, Gerard Peuleve, Cyril Bennett, Archibald Snell, Timothy Dinan, Cecil Keane, Bernard Robertson, and C J Gregory Winterton CO. Deacon: Thomas Carter and Brian Dockerty.

**Also:** Elaine McGlynn, Patrick Burke, Sean Corcoran, Michael Heffernan, Peggy Breen and Carole Smith.

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

#### ***Cathedral Flowers***

**We are now taking floral tribute requests for the year 2019. Please see the list at the back of the Cathedral.** 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 and hand over your donations to a member of staff or at Cathedral House Reception. Thank you to all who have supported this initiative.

**Marriage Week** - Milestone marriages are to be celebrated by the Archdiocese of Birmingham and the hunt is now on to find the longest married couple! As part of Marriage Week, which runs from February 7 to 14, a **Thanksgiving Mass is to be held at St Chad's Cathedral at 11am on Sunday 3 February**. If couples aren't able to get to the cathedral, it is hoped celebratory Masses will be said across the diocese to ensure all milestone marriages are marked. Archbishop Bernard Longley will be celebrating the Thanksgiving Mass for couples that have reached a milestone in their marriage – five, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 50, 60 and even 70 years of marriage.”  
If you are celebrating a milestone marriage and would like to be a part of the Thanksgiving Mass please email [lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org) – marking your email ‘Marriage Week’.

**Welcome:** In addition to our regular meetings, this week we welcome the staff and pupils from St John's School, Banbury, St Mary's School, Worcester, Our Lady's, Birmingham and Our Lady & St Hubert's School, Oldbury who join us for a guided tour of the Cathedral. This forms part of their sacramental preparation for Confirmation. We also welcome CBC who will be holding their exhibition in the Grimshaw Room.

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 your Children:**

Please leave names and contact details for Sr. Therese.

**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 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.

**Gift Aid Envelopes:** For those of you who use gift aid envelopes, please collect your new envelopes from the Cathedral Sacristy.

**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. Our thanks for the recent bequest of £2,000. This will help towards renovating particular items. Holy Mass will be offered for the intention of all of our Benefactors.

**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.

**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 installation of wrought iron handrails to the left of the sanctuary steps in addition to the re-gilding of the Rood Screen on the Lady Chapel and sanctuary. 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.

**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.

**Visiting Schools – January 2019**

- Tuesday 8th** – Abbey – Erdington
- Friday 11th** – Rosary School, Birmingham
- Monday 14th** – St. John's, Banbury
- Wednesday 16th** – St Mary's, Worcester
- Thursday 17th** – Our Lady's, Birmingham
- Friday 18th** - Our Lady & St Hubert's, Oldbury

**St Chad's Junior Choir**

The 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 10th January 2019. For more information please contact David and Alexander Wynne at [choraloutreach@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:choraloutreach@rc-birmingham.org)

**Poor Box:** We are particularly grateful for the donations we receive through the Poor Box, which also supports our monthly Food Program for those on the streets. Be assured that we keep a strict record of how we disperse any funds. Your generosity helped to bring something of the joy of the Christmas Season into the homes of our poor families. On their behalf: 'Thank you!'



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## ***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**

***Shadwell Street Development:*** The one way system on Shadwell Street came into effect on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January**. Initially the road will be coned and signposted but this will be replaced with a more permanent fenced pit lane in the near future. Shadwell St will become a One-way system with traffic flow from Princip St running up to Old Snowhill. Therefore it will not be possible to turn into Shadwell St from Old Snowhill/Constitution Hill or to exit the car park to the right. To enable access to the Cathedral Car Park, vehicles will have to drive past the front of the Cathedral, turning left onto Newtown Row then left on to Princip St & Shadwell St. We will keep you updated.

***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)

***Bernardine Cistercians – Adoremus: Faith & Discernment: Come and See Weekend***

***Monastery of Our Lady of Hyning, Lancashire***

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2019.  
Spend a weekend with a monastic community and experience a life of prayer and work of hospitality.

For single Catholic Men & women in their 20s/30s.

For more information, contact Sr. Mary Bernard:

[hyningbooking@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hyningbooking@yahoo.co.uk)

***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.

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

***St Stephen's Guild Mass of Thanksgiving Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 12 noon at St Chad's Cathedral***  
Mass of celebration and thanksgiving for altar server's ministry will be celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley. Contact Kathryn Baylis at [kathryn@vocations.org.uk](mailto:kathryn@vocations.org.uk) or by calling 0121 321 5144

***St Paul's School for Girls, Vernon Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B16 9SL*** will be holding a Memorial Mass to celebrate the life and work of Miss Eastwood (former Head of RE) on Saturday, 16 March 2019 at 10:30am. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Robert Byrne. If you wish to attend can you please contact Mrs Pellowe, prior to the date, either by phone (0121 454 0895) or email ([spellowe@stpaulgl.bham.sch.uk](mailto:spellowe@stpaulgl.bham.sch.uk)) with your name and number attending.

***Father Hudson's Care – 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraising Ball: 26<sup>th</sup> January 2019; 7.30pm – 1.00am***

Join us for dinner and dancing to raise vital funds to help Father Hudson's Care support people in need in our region.

Tickets £40

Contact 01675 434059 or

[fundraising@fatherhudsons.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@fatherhudsons.org.uk)

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