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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

'Peace Day'

20th January 2019

Divine Office: Psalter week Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B. Psalter Week 2.

- Entrance Antiphon** All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!
- Responsorial Psalm** Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.
- Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!
- Communion Antiphon:** You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.




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Mass Times: 19th January – 27th January 2019

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
'Peace Day'

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

Mon 21 **St Agnes**
12.15pm Sally James

Tue 22 **Feria in Ordinary Time**
12.15pm James McKenna RIP
12.30pm Mass in the Children's Hospital

Wed 23 **Feria in Ordinary Time**
12.15pm Bernard Clemson RIP

Thu 24 **St Francis de Sales**
12.00pm Requiem Mass – Bridget Molloy

Friday 25 **Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul**
9.15am Mass in St Chad's Primary School
12.15pm Agnes O'Driscoll RIP

Sat 26 **Ss. Timothy and Titus**
10.00am Elsie Head (Nee Wallis)

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4.30pm (Vigil) Abhiraz & Sherin RIP

Sun 27 **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9.00am People of the Parish
11.00am Sharon Brown Private Int.

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 3rd 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 10th February 2019.**

Please Note – Mass Time Change: Mass will take place at 12.00 noon on **Thursday 24th January 2019**

Cathedral Collections Last Week

Main £443.55 Restoration Fund £318.91
Gift Aid £82.50

Cathedral Site Statistics:

6th January – 12th January 2019

Hours we were open **112**
Liturgies & Meetings **124**
Number of Visitors **2982**

This 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.

Cathedral Prayer List

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

Lately Dead:

Fr. Edmund Motherway, Deacon Peter Mason, Bridget Molloy, P J Couchlan, Francis Moylyn, Peter Hayward, and Gerry Somers.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Canons; Thomas Copsey, Arthur Wall and Bernard McKenna Frs.: Edward Kirner, Clement Burrett, Michael Walshe, George Jackson, John Tolkien, Joseph McKenna, Michael Forde, Charles Ross, John Garvey, Anthony Timlin, and Vincent Joseph Royles

Also: Carole Smith, Elsie Head, Nora Godfrey and Josephine Davies.

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. **Next week the flowers will be dedicated to William Hull.**

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 – marking your email ‘Marriage Week’.

Welcome: In addition to our regular meetings, this week we welcome visitors from the ‘Friends of the Birmingham Museum Trust’, who join us for a tour of the Cathedral. A warm welcome is extended to the family and friends of Bridget Molloy, who join us for her Requiem Mass which will be held at the Cathedral on Thursday 24th January at 12.00 noon. 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 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.

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.

Poor Box: We are particularly grateful for the donations we receive through the Poor Box. Be assured that we keep a strict record of how we disperse any funds. Your generosity helps to bring something of the joy into the homes of our poor families. On their behalf: ‘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 has funded 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. 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 and Groups– January 2019

Friday 25th – Friends of Birmingham Museum Trust

Thursday 31st – Ace Tours

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



In Operation

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 is now in effect. A permanent fenced pit lane has been erected, reducing the street to a single lane and there are no longer any parking bays. The one-way system with traffic flow from Princip St running up to Old Snowhill means it is 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 of any further developments.

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

Medaille Trust - A new partnership to raise awareness of modern slavery is to be launched at a special service at St Chad's Cathedral next month. The Archdiocese of Birmingham is joining forces with the Medaille Trust in a six-year awareness raising partnership. The new initiative, called 'Look Up', will be launched on Friday 8 February as part of the Annual Service for Saint Josephine Bakhita Day. Saint Josephine is the patron saint of human trafficking victims. She was sold as a slave several times out of her birthplace of Sudan into Italy. **The ecumenical service at St Chad's Cathedral starts at 6pm on 8th February and will feature music and spoken word to inspire and motivate everyone present, no matter what their beliefs or practice. It will be led by His Grace, the most Reverend Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham, with guest speaker Rt Rev Dr Alastair Redfern, retired Anglican Bishop of Derby and chair of the Anti-Slavery Commissioners Advisory Panel.** Archbishop Longley has made a commitment to work with the Medaille Trust to make a stand and aim to end slavery.

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 Sr Thérèse or Andrew. Many thanks. Thank you to those who have responded so far.

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 25th January at St. Catherine's at 11.15am.**

St Stephen's Guild Mass of Thanksgiving Saturday 9th 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 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 with your name and number attending.

Father Hudson's Care – 115th Annual Fundraising Ball: 26th 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

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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

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.

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

Lourdes, Nevers & Rue du Bac, Paris

Departs Thursday 25th July 2019 and Returns 3rd August 2019. Travel by coach.

4* Hotel Helgon in Lourdes

Further details can be obtained from:

Andrew Oldanall 07733226063

Or email: andrewsoldnall@gmail.com

Pilgrimage to Rome 14th – 18th October 2019

Return flights from Birmingham - Rome

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Lourdes – Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Weekend Pilgrimage 6th – 9th December 2019

£245 per person sharing and £500 in a single room.

Return flights Luton – Toulouse.

Further information can be obtained from:

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

Monastery of Our Lady of Hynning, Lancashire

Friday 15th February – Sunday 17th 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:

hynningbooking@yahoo.co.uk