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Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

6th January 2019

Divine Office: Psalter week
Year B. Psalter Week 2.

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
Weekday cycle 2

- Entrance Antiphon** Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.
- Responsorial Psalm** All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.
- Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!
- Communion Antiphon:** We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.




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Sat 5 Christmas Feria
10.00am Theresa Ryan

Vigil for the Epiphany of the Lord
4.30pm (Vigil)Laffey Family

Sun 6 Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
9.00am Deidre Fenton RIP
11.00am Mickey Flaherty
Followed by Meet & Greet
1.15pm Messe en Français
& Baptisms of Samuel, Isaac & Alliance
Pedro Zacarius

Mon 7 Christmas Feria
12.15pm Lily Manifold RIP

Tue 8 Christmas Feria
12.15pm Bridie Callan Sp. Int.
12.30pm Mass in the Children's Hospital

Wed 9 Christmas Feria
12.15pm Maureen Molloy RIP

Thu 10 Christmas Feria
12.15pm Bill Reiley RIP

Friday 11 Christmas Feria
9.15am Mass in St Chad's Primary School
12.15pm Gerard Wyer RIP

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

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 6th 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 6th 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.

Christmas Offerings for the Cathedral Clergy: We are most grateful for your constant kindness; your generosity, prayers and gifts.

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!'

Cathedral Collections Last Week
Main £372.39 Restoration Fund £295.60
Gift Aid £45.00

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.

Cathedral Site Statistics:
23rd December – 29th December 2018

Hours we were open	73.5
Liturgies & Meetings	36
Number of Visitors	1851

A Word of Thanks: just a brief word to thank all who assist the mission of the cathedral, especially with our liturgy and hospitality for the Season of Advent & Christmas. We include our staff and volunteers who exercise hospitality as guides and wardens, and all who fulfil the various ministries, which assist in the worthy celebration of our Masses and liturgies. A particular word of thanks to Professor David Saint, our Director of Music, our wonderful Choir and Nigel Morris, our organist for raising our hearts and minds to God.

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.

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THANK YOU

THE ARCHBISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER

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 and hand over your donations to a member of staff or at Cathedral House Reception. 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.

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 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 this week staff from Our Lady & St Kenelm School, Halesowen who join us for a staff retreat day. Also The staff and pupils from the Abbey, Erdington, and the Rosary School, Birmingham who join us for a guided tour of the Cathedral. This forms part of their sacramental preparation for Confirmation. We also welcome clergy of the Cathedral Deanery who will be meeting here at the Cathedral, Along with members of the CAFOD group.

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.

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.

Prayer Intentions

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, Philomena Laird and John Dunn. **Latently Dead:** Fr. Edmund Motherway, Mrs Parry, Mimi, Bridget Molloy and Mary McMahon.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Canon Martin Power. Frs.: Francis Dwyer, Philip Smith, John Davis, Brian Harding, John Bentley, Charles Becker, Philip Wyles and James Bromley. Deacon: William Murphy. **Also:** Mary McGill, Breid Dillon, Michael Grealish, John Dadd, Francis Gilligan, Maria Do Céu Da Purificacaó, Elaine McGlynn, Patrick Burke Sean Corcoran and Michael Heffernan.

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

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 10th January 2019. For more information please contact David and Alexander Wynne at choraloutreach@rc-birmingham.org

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**. And 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. Lianne Pap, Family Ministry Worker for the diocese, has been tasked with pulling together the plans for Marriage Week. "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," said Lianne. "This has never been done for the whole diocese before and I'm really hoping to find the longest married couple." Marriage Week UK is co-ordinated by Marriage Foundation and runs each year. It's hailed a great annual focus for couples with the belief marriages can get better and better with each passing year.

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'.

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

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

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

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 A.W.N. 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

Shadwell Street Development Towards mid-January, 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'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.

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-authorised vehicles will be locked in until the car park opens again.

Cars are parked at owner's risk.