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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

24th February 2019

Divine Office: Psalter week Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C. Psalter Week 3.

- Entrance Antiphon** Lord, your mercy is my hope, my heart rejoices in your saving power. I will sing to the Lord for his goodness to me.
- Responsorial Psalm** The Lord is compassion and love.
- Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!
- Communion Antiphon:** I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.




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Newsletter available online – <http://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/newslett>

Mass Times: 23rd February – 3rd March 2019

Sat 23 St Polycarp
10.00am Thomas Flaherty - RIP

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4.30pm (Vigil) People of the Parish
Sun 24 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am Clare Capewell Sp. Int.
11.00am Maura Williams & Family
12.30 pm Baptism Francis Dominic Bande

Mon 25 Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm Frank Boyle RIP

Tue 26 Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm Maureen Corrigan – Sp. Int.
12.30pm Mass in the Children's Hospital

Wed 27 Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm Elaine Bryson & Mary Reid

Thu 28 Feria in Ordinary Time
9.15am Mass in St Chad's Primary School
12.15pm Lilly Lynch RIP

Friday 1 Feast of St David
12.15pm Michael Niland RIP

Sat 2 Feast of St Chad
10.00am Confirmation - St Chad's Primary School
Children

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 'Day for the Unemployed'

4.30pm (Vigil) Amanda & Michelle Morrison

Sun 3 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am Derek Connelly RIP
11.00am People of the Parish
Followed by Meet & Greet
1.30pm Messe en Français

Messe en Français for the West Midlands French speaking community. Every first Sunday of the month at 1.30pm. **The next Mass will take place on Sunday 3rd March 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 3rd March 2019.**

Faith Instruction for your Children:
Please leave names and contact details for Sr. Therese.

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.

Cathedral Collections Last Week
Main £437.68 Restoration Fund £217.05
Gift Aid £80.00

Cathedral Site Statistics:
10th February – 16th February 2019
Hours we were open **111.5**
Liturgies & Meetings **130**
Number of Visitors **2832**

Next weekend there will be a second collection for **Cathedral Maintenance.**

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February: Universal: For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

Cathedral Prayer List

Those who are ill: Annie Byrne, Ken Halford, Liz Wainhouse, Joseph Barrett, Christopher Dunn, Anne Symonds, Philomena Laird, John Dunn, Abigail, Mairead Langan and Robert Scott-Putock.

Lately Dead:
Thomas Madden, Michael Henry King, Beryl Ann Messenger and Janet Weston.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time:
Bishops: Kevin Dunn and Joseph Cleary.
Frs.: James Cooney, Vincent Kennedy, George Brewster, George Tarrant, John Flynn, William Diver and Denis McGuinness.

Also: Angelina Thuraingham, and Martha Donaghey,

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

'Walk with Me for Lent' is a great resource and companion for all, especially the housebound and those searching for a deeper awareness of God. Copies are available in the cathedral. You may want to take a copy for someone who is housebound or who may have drifted away from the practise of their faith. There is a small cost of £1.00 for these, if you can afford it. Please put any donations in the wall box marked 'Books'. Thank you.

The stunning organ at St Chad's Cathedral is to undergo a major overhaul to ensure its continued use for decades to come. After almost 25 years in use – the organ was installed as part of the Cathedral's 150th anniversary restoration – it's time for a complete restoration. The project is set to cost in the region of £50,000 and will be undertaken by specialists Nicholson & Co. An appeal is now being launched to raise the final £15,000 needed to get the work started. So far £15,000 has been pledged by the Cathedral Association and a further £12,000 has been raised through charitable trust grants and individual donations. If you would like to make a donation, or organise a fundraising event, please contact Margaret Regan, St Chad's Cathedral finance secretary, on 0121 230 6208 or email: margaret.regan@rc-birmingham.org

Welcome:

In addition to our regular meetings, this week we welcome children and staff from St Vincent's School, Nechell's, Our Lady of the wayside, Solihull, and St John Vianney, Coventry. They join us for a tour of the Cathedral, which forms part of their Confirmation Preparation. Also to those attending the Lourdes Committee Meetings and the children and families from St Chad's School who will be Confirmed on 2nd March 2019.

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.

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 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. 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 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.

Visiting Schools and Groups:

Monday 25th February - St Vincent's School, Nechells

Tuesday 26th February – St John Vianney, School, Coventry

Wednesday 27th February – Our Lady of the Wayside School, Solihull

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 co-operation 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.

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

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!'



In Operation

Cathedral Flowers We are now taking floral tribute requests. 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. **This weekend the Cathedral flowers will be dedicated to Ethel Hull.** Next weekend they will be dedicated to Mary Canning.

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 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.

World Youth Day

We welcome two young people from the parish of St Vincent's, Nechells who will speak at the end of the 11am Mass this Sunday about their experiences at WYD in Panama in January.

CAFOD

We welcome Helen Moseley from CAFOD. She will speak at the end of all weekend Masses 2/3rd March about the Lent Fast Day and to appeal for volunteers.

Birmingham Bach Choir – Music for Passiontide on: Saturday 30th March 2019 7.30pm at: St Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham

Tickets £18* (conc. £16*) & £13 THSH Box Office (*fee charged) or www.birmingham.bachchoir.com

Ticket Officer 07901798442

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

Birmingham Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2019 - "Blessed are the poor, for the kingdom of God is yours"

Saturday 25th May to Friday 31st May/Saturday 1st June 2019.

Travel by coach from £444.00 and travel by air from £774.00. Booking forms and brochures are available at the back of the Cathedral and also from Tangney Tours at www.tangney-tours.com

Pilgrims requiring 24 hour support from our Medical Team and Helpers will travel by Air from Birmingham International Airport and stay in the Accueil Notre Dame. **Application forms for Accueil Pilgrims should be requested at: admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk**

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.

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.

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

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

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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**

Justice & Peace Commission – Lenten Retreat

'The Passion of Christ and the Passion of Earth'
Led by Fr. Martin Newell CP

**Saturday 16th March 2019 at St Paul's
Convent, Selly Park, B29 7LL
9.30am – 4.00pm (£5 concessions free)**

A time of reflection, silence and prayer for those involved or interested in the work of justice, peace and social justice.

Register your intention to attend at:
bham.jandp@gmail.com or book on-line at:
<http://bit.ly/2FJFaRX>

National Novena to St Joseph 10 – 18 March 2019

This will take place at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead and at Herbert House, Freshfield, Liverpool. Each year the Mill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society and the missionary outreach of the Church, as well as for the intentions of all those who support their work. You are invited to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena booklet to enable you to join in from home by praying the daily Novena prayer.

Please write to Fr. Brian Oswald MHM, St Joseph's Missionary Society, 58 Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7HT, or email: novenamhm@gmail.com

St Paul's School for Girls - Claire Eastwood Memorial Irish Night - Friday, March 1st (7.30 -

11.30pm). You are cordially invited to attend this event at St Paul's School for Girls on **Tickets £5.00**, are on sale at school - strictly no payment on the door. Please call in to school from Monday, 25th February to purchase your tickets, or send in your name and contact details to: **SPSG, Vernon Rd, Edgbaston, B16 9SL** with payment for the number of tickets required and they will be held at the door for you.

Entertainment - Pat Brennan and the Hurling Boys

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.

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

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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Or email: andrewsoldnall@gmail.com

Pilgrimage to Rome 14th – 18th October 2019

Return flights from Birmingham - Rome

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