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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

3rd February 2019

Divine Office: Psalter week Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C. Psalter Week 4.

- Entrance Antiphon** Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.
- Responsorial Psalm** My lips will tell of your help.
- Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!
- Communion Antiphon:** Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.



Mass Times: 2nd February – 10th February 2019

Sat 2 Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

10.00am Benjamin Michael RIP
12.00 noon Mass - Day for Religious

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4.30pm (Vigil) People of the Parish

Sun 3 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Mary McDonald Sp. Int.
11.00am Mass of Thanksgiving – Marriage
Celebrant : His Grace
Archbishop Bernard Longley
1.30pm Messe en Français

Mon 4 Feria in Ordinary Time

12.15pm Frank Moyna RIP

Tue 5 St Agatha

12.00 noon Mid-day Prayer
12.15pm Chapter Mass
12.30pm Mass in the Children's Hospital

Wed 6 St Paul Miki & Companions

12.15pm Peter Sheils RIP

Thu 7 Feria in Ordinary Time

12.15pm Paul Simpson RIP
1.15pm Monthly Organ Recital

Friday 8 Feria in Ordinary Time

'Day of prayer for the victims of trafficking'

9.15am Mass in St Chad's Primary School
12.15pm Brendan Renfrey
6.00pm Annual Service for St Josephine Bakhita
Day. Celebrant : His Grace
Archbishop Bernard Longley

Sat 9 Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am Margaret Beaton RIP
12 noon St Stephen's Guild Mass of
Thanksgiving. Celebrant: His Grace
Archbishop Bernard Longley

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4.30pm (Vigil) Lourdes Hospitalite Mass

Sun 10 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Brian Gormley RIP
11.00am Alice Milton
Followed by Meet & Greet

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.** This will be a special occasion to celebrate the 100th birthday of our dear friend Alice.

Cathedral Collections Last Week

**Main £456.61 Restoration Fund £197.19
Gift Aid £272.50**

Cathedral Site Statistics:

20th January – 26th January 2019

Hours we were open **114.5**
Liturgies & Meetings **123**
Number of Visitors **2442**

This weekend there will be a second collection for **LIFE**.

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 and John Dunn.

Lately Dead:

Francis Moyna, Thomas Madden, Michael Henry King, and Beryl Ann Messenger.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Archbishop Frederick William Keating. Frs.: Joseph Connelly, Thomas O'Carroll, and John Watkins.

Also: Chris O'Connor, Kathleen Sheran, Jim Finn, Martina Donaghy, Antoon Verschoot, Paddy Kavanagh, Christine Ellams, Josephine Faulkner, Matty McCabe, Fred Longley, Vera Cronin, Patrick Roche, Roy Capewell, Brendan Healy and Vincent Smith.

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

Marriage Week

This Sunday, 3rd February, Archbishop Bernard will celebrate the 11am Mass here in the Cathedral. It has been advertised widely across the Archdiocese as a Mass to celebrate the vocation of marriage.

Several hundred people are expected for that Mass, so we just want to give you notice that it will be a much fuller Cathedral than normal, and the 11am is full enough normally.

You are most welcome and there is a particular invitation to those celebrating any milestone anniversary of marriage this year. But with this notice, you may also choose to attend one of the other Masses which will take place on Saturday at 4.30pm or Sunday at 9am.

Welcome: In addition to our regular meetings, this week we welcome children and staff from St Margaret Mary School, Erdington and St Patrick's, Leamington Spa. Both schools will join us for a tour of the Cathedral. This forms part of their Confirmation preparation. Also to those attending the service for St Josephine Bakhita on Friday; those attending the St Stephen's Guild Mass of thanksgiving on Saturday, in which we give thanks for the service offered by our Altar Servers and to everyone involved in the Lourdes Hospitalite Mass. 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. 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.

Visiting Schools and Groups – 1st February - 8th February 2019

Friday 1st February – NQT Training Group

Wednesday 6th February – St Margaret Mary, Erdington

Friday 8th February – St Patrick's, Leamington Spa

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.

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

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.

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 Friday 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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

CCTV IS IN OPERATION 24/7 FOR YOUR SAFETY & SECURITY. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY PERSONAL PROPERTY UNATTENDED.



Please switch off mobile phones when in Church.



An Induction Loop System is provided. Please switch your hearing aid to the 'T' position.



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**

Racial Justice Sunday – 17th February 2019: It's not just work – dignity for all workers.

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as if working for the Lord, not for human masters”

Colossians 3:23

In a world steeped in violence, conflict, and discrimination, the Gospel demands that we acknowledge the dignity of human person, the necessity of building peace, prosperity, and justice for all.

For further information:

www.catholicnews.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday-2019

Pilgrimage to Rome 14th – 18th October 2019 Return flights from Birmingham - Rome

Further information 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.

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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

Lourdes, Nevers & Rue du Bac, Paris

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

4* Hotel Helgon in Lourdes

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