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First Sunday of Lent

'Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments'

10th March 2019

Divine Office: Psalter week First Sunday of Lent
Year C. Psalter Week 1.

- Entrance Antiphon** When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.
- Responsorial Psalm** Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.
- Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
- Communion Antiphon:** One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.



Mass Times: 9th March – 17th March 2019

Sat 9	Saturday after Ash Wednesday
10.00am	Margaret Naylor RIP
‘Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments’	
4.30pm (Vigil)	Alice McNamee RIP
Sun 10	First Sunday of Lent
9.00am	People of the Parish
11.00am	Margaret Milton RIP
3.00pm	Rite of Election
Mon 11	Lent Feria
12.15pm	Denis McCarthy
Tue 12	Lent Feria
12.15pm	Leon Byron RIP
12.30pm	Mass in the Children’s Hospital
Wed 13	Lent Feria
12.15pm	Faye Flynn RIP
Thu 14	Lent Feria
9.15am	St Chad’s School Mass
12.15pm	Bernadette Naylor Sp. Int.
Friday 15	Lent Feria
7.45am	For our Armed Forces serving overseas
12.15pm	Philip & Patrick Ward RIP
Sat 16	Lent Feria
10.00am	Jane Morgan-Lewis Sp. Int.
Second Sunday of Lent	
‘Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments’	
‘Dementia Prayer Week’	
4.30pm (Vigil)	People of the Parish
Sun 17	Second Sunday of Lent
9.00am	Louise and Andrew Evans Sp. Int.
11.00am	Joe Carolan RIP

CATHEDRAL CLOSURE

From **Monday 11th March** essential electrical work will begin in the Cathedral which will include the use of a spider lift to access the high level electrical fittings and movement of all the pews. It is expected that this work will take up to a fortnight therefore for safety reasons **weeks commencing 11th March & 18th March** the Cathedral will be remain **CLOSED** Monday to Friday.

All 12.15pm Masses will take place in St Peter’s Chapel in the Crypt.

Weekend Masses will take place in the Cathedral as usual.

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.

Faith Instruction for your Children:

Please leave names and contact details for Sr. Therese.

LENT 2019 our Cathedral, along with many of our parishes and schools, recorded great numbers for Ash Wednesday as we began this time of renewal. There are plenty of opportunities for us to try to attend Mass more often during Lent

Cathedral Collections Last Week

Main £537.27 Restoration Fund £427.67 Gift Aid £100

Cathedral Site Statistics:

24th February – 2nd March 2019

Hours we were open 116

Liturgies & Meetings 147

Number of Visitors 3106

This weekend there will be a second collection for **CAFOD Lent Fast Day.**

Holy Father’s Prayer Intention for March:

Evangelization: That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

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:

Faye Flynn and Thomas Lewis and Eddie Dalton.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Bishop David Cashman.

Canons: Gerard Hanlon and Raymond Walsh.

Frs.: Joseph Purcell, Ralph Sheppy-Greene, Christopher Thornton, Connell Harkin, Vaughan Lloyd, and Anthony Sims.

Also: Patrick Benton, Paddy Green, Martin O’Donnell, Ted Kingswell and Philip James.

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

Visiting Schools and Groups:

Monday 25th March – St Joseph’s School, Dudley (staff & visiting teachers from Poland)

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, by email: margaret.regan@rc-birmingham.org

Welcome:

In addition to our regular meetings, this week we welcome St Chad's Sanctuary Opera Workshop. A warm welcome is also extended to the Diocesan Trustees and also to those attending the Interfaith Commission Clergy Day.

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.

FRIDAYS DURING LENT

An additional Mass will take place at 7.45am on the Fridays during Lent (March 8th/15th/22nd/29th & April 5th & 12th).

Please note - this Mass will take place in the Crypt on 15th & 22nd March due to the Cathedral closure.

Stations of the Cross – Fridays in Lent

These will be led by either Deacon Michael or Deacon Owen and will take place at 1pm (following Mass at 12.15pm) on all the above dates except Friday 29th March, when it will take place at 11.30am to accommodate the Choral Outreach and Service at 1.15pm.

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 7th April 2019.**

Messe en Français

Mass in French has moved to St Catherine of Sienna, Bristol Street. It will now take place on the first Sunday of the month at 2.30pm.

Archdiocese of Birmingham Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Saturday 11th May 2019

Led by Bishop David McGough

Arrivals to the Catholic Shrine at 11.30am

For further details, please contact your Parish Priest or The Pilgrimage Director, Fr Craig Szmidt at:

Walsingham.pilgrimage@rcaob.org.uk

Telephone: 0121 422 4865

'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.

Every Life Matters You are invited to a thought provoking talk by **Life Charity** on Saturday 23rd March 2019 at 11.00am in the Grimshaw Room, St. Chad's Cathedral, B4 6EU.

Light Refreshments available from 10.30am
Entry is on a donation basis (suggested £5)
All entry proceeds to **LIFE**.

Rite of Election - here at St Chad's on Sunday, 10th March, at 3pm

- In every Catholic Cathedral of the world on the First Sunday of Lent, the Diocesan Bishop fulfils a ceremony dating back to the earliest days of Christianity. He welcomes those to be baptised or received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church in their parishes or chaplaincy communities at Easter.

Please pray for those who will come to the Rite of Election from all over the Archdiocese of Birmingham for this ceremony next Sunday. May we all consider how our example of living out our faith can be an example to inspire others.

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.

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

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

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. How indebted we are! Thank you for the care and affection you show for our cathedral.

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.

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

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.

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.

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**

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

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.

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.

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 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**

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>

Called to Witness – A vocation event for young people aged 18 – 25

Saturday 4th May 2019, Feast of the Martyrs of England & Wales. Main speakers: Prof. Judith Champ and Sr. Gemma Simmonds CJ

Further information can be obtained at:
www.vocations.org.uk/events

40 Days for Life. Help save lives in Birmingham!

Vigil Location: Outside Marie Stopes abortion centre, 4 Arthur Road, Edgbaston, B15 2UL
Vigil hours: 8am – 8pm daily (6th March – 14th April).
To find out more or book a prayer slot phone Isabel: 07773501721
email: izzyvs@gmail.com

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

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 Oldnall 07733226063
Or email: andrewsoldnall@gmail.com

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

Further information can be obtained from:
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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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Or email: andrewsoldnall@gmail.com

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.thepuginociety.co.uk

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.