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The Lætare Sunday

'Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments' 'Mothering Sunday' 31st March 2019

Divine Office: Psalter week Fourth Sunday of Lent
Year C. Psalter Week 4.

Entrance Antiphon Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Responsorial Psalm Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: 'Father I have sinned against heaven and against you.' Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus

Communion Antiphon: You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.



Mass Times: 30th March – 7th April 2019

Sat 30	Lent Feria
10.00am	Aiden Bradley RIP
	Fourth Sunday of Lent
	‘Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments’
4.30pm	(Vigil) People of the Parish
Sun 31	Fourth Sunday of Lent
9.00am	Josie Fahey Int.
11.00am	Mary Cotterill RIP
Mon 1	Lent Feria
12.15pm	Maurice Weir RIP
Tue 2	Lent Feria
12.15pm	Breda & Tommy Farrell Int.
12.30pm	Mass in the Children’s Hospital
Wed 3	Lent Feria
12.15pm	Downside Community Abbey
Thu 4	Lent Feria
9.15am	St Chad’s School Mass
12.15pm	Ellen Stapleton & Family Int.
1.15pm	<i>Monthly Organ Recital</i>
Friday 5	Lent Feria
7.45am	Justine Smith
12.15pm	Jim Ballatine RIP
Sat 6	Lent Feria
10.00am	Pauline Austin
	Fifth Sunday of Lent
	‘Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments’
4.30pm	(Vigil) Fulgencio V. Dionela RIP
Sun 7	Fifth Sunday of Lent
9.00am	People of the Parish
11.00am	Sean Lynch RIP
	<i>Followed by Meet & Greet</i>

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.

St. Paul’s Bookshop will be open every 1st Sunday of the month beginning Sunday 7th April. They will be open from 9.45am – 11.00am and after the Mass at 11.00am until 1.00pm. Please support this initiative.

Easter Offerings: Your Easter Offerings will be presented to Canon Gerry Breen in appreciation of his years of ministry at the Cathedral.

Cathedral Collections Last Week

Main £475.24

Restoration Fund £123.00 Gift Aid £299.50

Cathedral Site Statistics:

17th March – 23rd March 2019

Hours we were open 109.5

Liturgies & Meetings 130

Number of Visitors 2540

Holy Father’s Prayer Intention for April:

Universal: For Doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

Cathedral Prayer List

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

Lately Dead: Hughie Syron, John Looney, Patsy Fenelon, Joha Douglas, Mairead Langan, and William Looney.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Archbishop: Thomas Leighton.
Bishop Anthony Emery. **Mgr. Canon** Daniel Leonard. **Canon:** Brian Withers. **Frs.:** Matthew Sheridan, John Callaghan, Phillip O’Reilly, Lawrence King and Michael Glynn. **Also:** Louise Tehan, Mary Lennon, Eileen Keily, Thomas Bates, Hugh O’Connor, Bridie Keavney, Kevin Harte, Terence Roche, John McAuliffe, Bill Sheeran and Hector Alphonse.
Eternal Rest grant unto them O, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

Visiting Schools and Groups:

Monday 1st April – St. Anne’s School, Chelmsley Wood.

Tuesday 2nd April – Cathedral House Curial Staff Tour.

Friday 5th April – Rookery School.

British Summer Time: The move to British Summer Time (BST) means that the days are getting longer. The clocks go forward 1 hour at 1.00am this Sunday 31st March which means you get an hour’s less sleep.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER :

Please collect separate leaflet listing all Masses during Holy Week and Easter.

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 Anne's School, Chelmsley Wood who join us for a tour of the Cathedral. This forms part of their Confirmation preparation. Welcome also to those taking part in the Lourdes Nurses training 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.

Faith Instruction for your Children:

Please leave names and contact details for Sr. Therese.

FRIDAYS DURING LENT

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

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.

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

The Basilican – The **Spring 2019** issue of the Basilican is now out. Please collect a copy of this from the back of the Cathedral priced at £5.00.

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. During the Lenten Season we do not decorate our churches with flowers, with the exception of the 4th Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday (Mothering Sunday).

WALSINGHAM National Catholic Men's Pilgrimage - The annual National Catholic Men's Pilgrimage and Men's Retreat at the Catholic National Shrine in Walsingham will take place from **Saturday 27th – 28th April 2019**. Please direct enquiries to elmhamhouse@walsingham.org.uk One of the team will take care of bookings and payments.

'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.

Cathedral Lighting: You will be pleased to notice that we have replaced the bulky motorway type of light fittings with new LED fittings throughout the main nave, side aisles and transepts.

Good Friday "Walk of Witness" – The Stations of the Cross form our "Walk of Witness" which begins at 10.00am on Friday 19th April at Carr's Lane Church, through High St., New St. to the Town Hall (Council House), St. Philip's Cathedral and finishes in St. Chad's Cathedral at around 12.00noon with the last 4 Stations. Archbishop Bernard Longley, Bishop David Urquhart along with a number of other Faith leaders in the City join us on this walk. All are welcome to join us. Refreshments and Hot Cross buns will be served in the Grimshaw Room afterwards.

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.**

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



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.

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.

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.

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!'

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

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.

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

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 '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**

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

Career in Teaching: If you, a friend or a family member is thinking about teaching as a career, then see what Bishop Challoner TSA has on offer. A PGCE/School Direct route in Primary or Secondary teaching only takes 1 year, and is open to graduates in a range of subjects. Contact them on 0121 441 6175 for a chat, or pop along for a free info session, bookable via their website www.bctsa.org. Inspire : Teach : Excel.

Job Vacancy – St Paul's Convent

Cook required for 6-10 people, with some other household duties, 15 hours per week, Monday-Friday 9.30-12.30. **Further information available from St. Paul's Convent, Vernon Road. B16 9SL. Tel: 0121 454 1797.**

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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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:
Andrew Oldnall 07733226063
Or email: andrewsoldnall@gmail.com

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.