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Second Sunday of Eastertide



‘Divine Mercy Sunday’ 28th April 2019

Divine Office: Psalter week Second Sunday of Easter
Year C. Psalter Week 2

- Entrance Antiphon** Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.
- Responsorial Psalm** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
- Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said, ‘You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’
Alleluia!
- Communion Antiphon:** Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.



Mass Times: 27th April – 5th May 2019

Sat 27	Easter Saturday, Solemnity
10.00am	Sr. Paula
	Vigil for Second Sunday of Easter
4.30pm	Elsie & Melissa Dionela
Sun 28	Second Sunday of Easter
	‘Divine Mercy Sunday’
9.00am	For children in hospital
11.00am	People of the Parish
Mon 29	Feast of St. Catherine of Siena
12.15pm	Frank Dineen RIP
Tue 30	Solemnity of St. George
12.15pm	Dickie & Peggy Davies
12.30pm	Mass in the Children’s Hospital
Wed 1	Easter Feria
12.15pm	James Dermot-Boyd RIP
Thurs 2	St. Athanasius
12.15pm	Vera Whelan
1.15pm	<i>Monthly Organ Recital</i>
Friday 3	Feast of Ss Philip and James
7.45am	Brothers of the Knights of St. Columba
9.15am	St Chad’s School Mass
12.15pm	Fr. Keith Enston
Sat 4	Feast of English Martyrs
10.00am	Timothy Fahy RIP
	Vigil for Third Sunday of Easter
4.30pm	Sue Murphy RIP
Sun 5	Third Sunday of Easter
9.00am	People of the Parish
11.00am	Michael Jabry RIP

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.

A Word of thanks: what a wonderful and prayerful Lent and Triduum we have celebrated this year. We are indebted to our Cathedral Choir, under the direction of Professor David Saint with Nigel Morris at the Organ. It was good to have the Staff and Students of St Mary’s College, Oscott here for Holy Week. Please pray for vocations!

Our heartfelt thanks to all of our staff and faithful volunteers for so much hard work and very long hours – generously given with a great spirit of joy and generosity. As always, our thanks to the Knights of St Columba for their assistance with our Good Friday Walk of Witness and all the liturgies that took place in the cathedral.

Easter Offerings: Thank you for your Easter Offerings, cards and gifts.

Cathedral Collections Last Week
Holy Thursday (Appeal) £236.79
Good Friday (Holy Places) £506.02
Easter Monday Mens Mass (Appeal) £233.89

Cathedral Site Statistics:
14th April – 20th April 2019
Hours we were open 115.5
Liturgies & Meetings 104
Number of Visitors 4432

FIRST FRIDAYS OF THE MONTH:
An additional Mass will take place at **7.45am in the Crypt** on the First Friday of each month. All are welcome.

Holy Father’s Prayer Intention for May: Evangelization – Church in Africa - That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for the continent.

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: Lynn Comyns, John Collins, William Looney, Sally Bowen, John Farrell, Lyris Williams, Michael Keelan and Ken Savage.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Frs.: Peter Cooney, Peter Heath and Thomas William O’Connor. **Deacon:** James Fantham. **Also:** Sheila Williams, M Donagh, Thomas Regan, Jerry Diggins, Kathleen Mulraney, Elizabeth Harvey, Catherine Meacham, Patrick Joseph Clancy, Sheila Scampton, Brendan Byrne and Kathleen Fields.
Eternal Rest grant unto them O, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

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).

This weekend, the Cathedral flowers are dedicated to Florence Morton RIP.

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 Members of the Birmingham Organists Association. 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.

Our Cathedral Choir are on a well-earned rest this weekend and we have a visiting Choir from Our Lady of the Angels, Nuneaton.

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

Chamber Choir from Munich Concert

Friday 26th April 2019 at St Chad's Cathedral at 4.00pm.

A programme of beautiful a cappella choral music by German and European composers of the last 200 years. **Free Entry.**

Retiring collection in aid of St Chad's Sanctuary for Refugees and Asylum Seekers.

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

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.

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 5th May 2019**

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.

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.

All Readers and Eucharistic Ministers – **When ascending the Sanctuary, please approach the steps at the centre as usual but kindly use the handrails on either side. The Lectern side for readers and divide in either direction for Eucharistic Ministers.**

Faith Instruction for your Children:

Please leave names and contact details for Sr. Therese.

Concert of Celebration by Canoldir Male Voice Choir in fond memory of Dr Peter Hayward

at Holy Name Church, Great Barr at 7.30pm on Saturday 11th May.

Tickets £8 – available from parish office 0121 357 1351.

Proceeds supporting Cancer Research UK & Holy Name Church.

Birmingham Children's Hospital Annual Memorial Service – Sunday 13th May 2018.

This is organised and run primarily by the Chaplaincy, Bereavement and Palliative Care, and PICU teams, with support from other staff from around the hospital. All families who have lost a child who was a BCH patient in the past year receive an invitation, as well as all families who attended the previous year's memorial service. Each family receives a candle with their child's name on, and they are invited to light this and place it on a table at the front of the Cathedral. These burn throughout the service, and can be taken home by the family afterwards. Many families choose to come back to remember their child at the service every year.

The service will commence at 3pm.



In Operation

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 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 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.

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

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.

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

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**

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

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:

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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.

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

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.

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.