



# Metropolitan Cathedral & Basilica of St Chad

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## Fourth Sunday of Eastertide

### 'World Day of Prayer for Vocations'

# 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019

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

- Entrance Antiphon**      The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.
- Responsorial Psalm**      We are his people, the sheep of his flock.
- Gospel Acclamation:**      Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!
- Communion Antiphon:**      The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.



## Mass Times: 11<sup>th</sup> May – 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019

- Sat 11 Easter Feria**  
10.00am Sean Maloney RIP
- 4.30pm **Vigil for Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
Maura Williams
- Sun 12 Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**‘World Day of Prayer for Vocations’**
- 9.00am Cornelius Callanan Sp. Int.  
11.00am Michael Jabry RIP  
3.00pm *The Annual Birmingham Children’s Hospital Memorial Service*
- Mon 13 Easter Feria**  
12.15pm Tanya, Jude & Family Int.
- Tue 14 Feast of St Matthias**  
12.15pm Pat Flanagan Sick  
12.30pm Mass in the Children’s Hospital
- Wed 15 Easter Feria**  
12.15pm Thomas, Mary & Liam Flaherty RIP
- Thurs 16 Easter Feria**  
9.15am St Chad’s School Mass  
12.15pm Pacquita Herrero RIP
- Friday 17 Easter Feria**  
12.15pm Payan Sicilia Francis
- Sat 18 Easter Feria**  
10.00am Joseph Mulpeter RIP
- 4.30pm **Vigil for Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
Martin & Jackie Teague – 30<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
- Sun 19 Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
9.00am People of the Parish  
11.00am Timothy Fahy RIP  
2.00pm Lourdes Blessing of Hands Mass

### **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 Book Shop** is now open every 1st Sunday of the month. Opening times are: 9.45am – 11.00am and after the Mass at 11.00am until 1.00pm. Please support this initiative.

### **Faith Instruction for your Children:**

Please leave names and contact details for Sr. Therese.

### **Cathedral Collections Last Week**

**Main: £322.45**  
**Gift Aid: £166.50**  
**Appeal: £354.16**

**Second Collection.** This weekend there will be a second collection for the **Clergy Training Fund.**

### **Cathedral Site Statistics:**

**28<sup>th</sup> April – 4<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

Hours we were open 113  
Liturgies & Meetings 130  
Number of Visitors 2885

### **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 Ken Savage, Eileen Dangher, Henry Kelly, Tony Clarke, Jean McGrade, William Norris and Joe Tewels.

### **For those whose anniversaries occur about this time:**

**Canon:** Wilfrid Smith. **Frs.:** Cathal Cassidy, Denis Hickling and Thomas Canning.

**Also:** Shane Macmahon, Patrick Jackson, Gerard Barry, Bill Calland, Margaret Bonham, Eugene Lynch and Mary Coogan.

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

### **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.**

**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](mailto:margaret.regan@rc-birmingham.org)

### Welcome:

In addition to our regular meetings, this week we welcome bereaved families who join us for the Birmingham Children's Hospital Memorial Mass. Welcome also to everyone attending the Lourdes Blessing of Hands 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.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019**

**Vocations Sunday - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019** "When the Lord awakens a vocation, he thinks not only of what you already are, but of what you will one day be, in his company and in that of others." *Pope Francis, Christus Vivit 289*

Please pray for all who are currently in formation for the sacred priesthood and permanent diaconate.

### Bank Holiday Mass Times

**Please note that Mass times for future Bank Holidays will be 10.00am.** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May marks the Spring Bank Holiday and therefore from this date and for subsequent Bank Holidays, there will be no 12.15pm Mass. Please keep an eye on the newsletter, where we will offer reminders as such occasions arise. Thank you.

**Good Shepherd Masses – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May.** Children of the diocese will be celebrating Mass for Father Hudson's Good Shepherd Appeal on 21<sup>st</sup> May at 10.15pm and 1.00pm. Our usual midday Mass will be celebrated in the Crypt at 12.15pm.

**Permanent Deacons Diaconate Day – Saturday 8th June 2019.** The Permanent Deacons' celebration Mass will be celebrated at 11.30am at St Chad's Cathedral.

**St Chad's Cathedral Association Flower Festival 14th – 16th June 2019** - If you are a flower arranger or know someone who is a flower arranger why not come and join us in June and help decorate this wonderful Cathedral. You do not have to be an expert just someone willing to have a go. For further details please contact Anne Symonds: 0121 249 1487 or email: [annets103@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:annets103@hotmail.co.uk) Please do come along and join us to make 2019 Flower Festival a great success.

**Dowry Tour – Our Lady of Walsingham Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2019** at St Chad's Cathedral. For further details and schedule of events please see poster on the Cathedral notice board.

### 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 are dedicated to the Gamage Family.**

### A Weekend of Discovery - A Lifetime of Love

Saint Mary's On the Hill  
Wednesbury  
29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Enrich your Marriage with a Non Residential Marriage Encounter Weekend Give yourselves and your relationship a treat!

For further information check out our website: [www.wwme.org.uk](http://www.wwme.org.uk)  
Or contact Phil & Rita Jackson  
TEL- 0121 244 7762  
EMAIL-[wackojacko456@hotmail.com](mailto:wackojacko456@hotmail.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.

### St Francis of Assisi Handsworth B19 1EB – Annual Solemn Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May to Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019.

**Weekday Services:** 9.15am, 12 noon, 6.30pm & 8.00pm Novena Masses will be offered for the intentions of all who participate.

**Mass for sick & housebound on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am.**



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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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**

### **Retrouvaille: You Can Help Your Marriage –**

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry at each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. There is no group therapy or group work.

This programme has helped thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme commencing with a residential weekend on **7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019**.

Call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443 or

Email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) or visit

[www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

### **Lourdes, Nevers & Rue du Bac, Paris**

Departs Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019 and Returns 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2019. Travel by coach.

4\* Hotel Helgon in Lourdes. Further details can be obtained from:

Andrew Oldanall 07733226063 Or email: [andrewsoldnall@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### **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](mailto:choraloutreach@rc-birmingham.org)

### **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](http://www.thepuginsociety.co.uk)

**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](http://www.bctsa.org). Inspire : Teach : Excel.

### **Pilgrimage to Rome 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

#### **Return flights from Birmingham - Rome**

Further information can be obtained from:

Andrew Oldnall 07733226063

Or email: [andrewsoldnall@gmail.com](mailto:andrewsoldnall@gmail.com)

### **Lourdes – Feast of the Immaculate Conception Weekend Pilgrimage 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

£245 per person sharing and £500 in a single room.

Return flights Luton – Toulouse.

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