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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 28th July 2019

Divine Office: Psalter week Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C. Psalter Week 1

- Entrance Antiphon** God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.
- Responsorial Psalm** On the day I called you answered me, O Lord.
- Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!
- Communion Antiphon:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.



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Mass Times: 27th July – 4th August 2019

Sat 27	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Francis Renfrey (Birthday)
	Vigil for Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4.30pm	Agnes O'Driscoll RIP
Sun 28	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am	Elizabeth Dwyer RIP
11.00am	Mary Cotterill RIP
12.30pm	Baptism of Baby Yuvan Varan Selvarah
Mon 29	St Martha
12.00noon	Requiem Mass Mgr. Louis McRaye
Tue 30	Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm	Margaret Doherty Sp. Int.
12.30pm	Mass in the Children's Hospital
Wed 31	St Ignatius of Loyola
12.15pm	Christine Ward Sp. Int.
Thurs 1	St Alphonsus Mary de'Ligouri
12.15pm	Fiona Monahan Sp. Int.
1.15pm	Summer Organ Recital – David Saint
Friday 2	Feria in Ordinary Time
7.45am	For all who are ill.
12.15pm	Patrick Benton RIP
Sat 3	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Nancy Kennedy RIP
	Vigil for Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4.30pm	Lilly Cooper RIP
Sun 4	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am	For Priests and Deacons of the Archdiocese
11.00am	People of the Parish <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.

Funeral Arrangements for Mgr Louis McRaye RIP

On Sunday, 28th July 2019 at 7pm. Reception of the Body and Evening Prayer (no Mass) will be at Our Lady of the Wayside, 566 Stratford Road, Shirley, B90 4AY
On Monday, 29th July 2019 at 12 noon - The Funeral Mass will be at St Chad's Cathedral, followed by burial at Oscott.

Cathedral Collections Last Week

Main: £371.66
Gift Aid: £164.00
Appeal: £318.78

Cathedral Site Statistics:

14th July – 20th July 2019
Hours we were open 107
Liturgies & Meetings 127
Number of Visitors 4669

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for July:

Universal – That those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.

Cathedral Prayer List

Those who are ill: Pat Flanagan, David Tooth, Annie Byrne, Ken Halford, Liz Wainhouse, Joseph Barrett, Christopher Dunn, Anne Symonds, Philomena Laird, John Dunn, Abigail, Robert Scott-Putock, Ann Wassell (Redmond), Maria Garofalo and Fran McKearney.

Lately Dead:

Mgr Louis McRaye, Fr Seamus Hetherton, Billy Norris, Ann Bache, Ena Coen, Thomas Weir, Elizabeth Lucas, Tony Witherford and Barbara Dounellan.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Canon: Arthur Diamond. Frs.: Thomas Duffy, and Richard Lynch.
Also: Peter Adcock, Mathew O'Donnell Snr. Stanley Smith, Cilla Black, Molly Jones, Marie Rodgers, Graham Detheridge, Martin Larkin and Richard Wilcox.

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

Funeral Arrangements for Fr Seamus Hetherton RIP

Thursday 1st August at 7.00 p.m.

Reception of the Body and Mass at Our Lady of Fatima, Higgins Lane, Quinton, B32 1LL
Please note that car parking at and around the church is limited so please allow time for this.

Friday 2nd August at 12.00 noon

Funeral Mass at St Mary, Vivian Road, Harborne, B17 0DN.
Burial will take place in Ireland.

Bank Holiday Mass Times – Monday 26th August 2019 Mass will be held at 10.00am. The Cathedral will close shortly after this Mass. There will be no 12.15pm Mass.

Cathedral Organ -We are pleased to inform you that the organ restoration work is nearing completion and we look forward to hearing it being played again very soon. Due to some last minute unexpected repairs we incurred additional costs which means that thanks to the generosity of various benefactors and grants, less than £7,900 is still needed to pay for the restoration. 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 to the family and friends of Mgr. Louis McRaye who come together for his Requiem 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.

Faith Instruction for your Children:

Please leave names and contact details with Sr. Therese.

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.

St Chad's Cathedral - Heritage Open Days Once again we are inviting people to come along for a guided tour of the Cathedral. See parts of the Cathedral which are rarely open to the public.

BOOKING ESSENTIAL. NO CHARGE

Friday 13th September: 10am - 12 noon

Sunday 15th September: 1.30pm – 3.30pm **Saturday 21st**

September: 1.00pm - 3.00pm

Maximum 40 people per tour. To book please contact Karla Lowes: 0121 230 6215

Email: cathedral.visits@rc-birmingham.org

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.

St Chad's Cathedral Choir

Our Choir have had an exhaustive season and they now begin their summer vacation. In their absence we will be welcoming various parish choirs from around the Archdiocese to lead our 11am Mass.

This weekend we welcome the choir of Our Lady & All Saints - Stourbridge

Our Appeal 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.

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.

FIRST FRIDAYS OF THE MONTH:

An additional Mass will take place at **7.45am in the Crypt** on the First Friday of each month.

Baptism - We welcome the family and friends of **Baby Yuvan Varan Selvarah** as he is baptised this Sunday.

Volunteers needed: Could it be you? *'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few'*

Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation providing marriage preparation and relationship counselling services through 50 centres across England and Wales.

Our centre in Acocks Green is in need of **Marriage Preparation Course Facilitators** to present and facilitate marriage preparation courses to small groups of engaged couples. We provide all the training you need to fulfil the role and you will be volunteering with other like-minded people. We are also in need of a Head of Centre to lead and support our team of facilitators, counsellors and admin volunteers. For more information please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

St Chad's Junior Choir

The choir are now on summer break and will resume rehearsals on Thursday 26th September. For further information please contact David and Alexander Wynne at choraloutreach@rc-birmingham.org



In Operation

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!'

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.

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.

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.

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

'Pause for Hope' - Sunday 22nd September at 3pm here at St. Chad's led by Archbishop Bernard and the Anglican Bishop of Aston, Anne Hollinghurst. In addition to those living with cancer, or struggling with the loss of a loved one. This is a one-hour ecumenical service for all whose lives have been changed by cancer. Amongst our other guests we welcome many Health Care Professionals will be represented as well as our local Cancer Charities and Hospices. All are welcome!

Pilgrimage to Rome – Newman's Canonisation

The Cathedral Parish is joining the Maryvale Institute in arranging a pilgrimage to Rome for the Canonisation of Cardinal John Henry Newman, this October.

Flight from Birmingham to Rome Jet 2 [on Friday 11th October](#) departing 08.00, and return [Monday 14th October](#), arriving at 14.15 The group of 30 to stay together at the guesthouse of the Sisters of the Precious Blood, Casa Preziosissimo Sangue, [Via S Maria Mediatrice 8, 00165](#)

Roma, www.casapreziosissimosangue.it

The accommodation available is ONLY in twin rooms, and is for bed, breakfast and dinner for three nights.

THE COST ALL IN IS £525.00, includes transfers in Rome to and from the airport. The flight includes 10kg cabin luggage only. Check-in luggage is £22.00 each flight. Please send any expressions of interest by email to dean@rc-birmingham.org or by post at Cathedral House for the attention of the Dean, marking the envelope 'Rome Newman Trin.'

Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall, Shrine to the English Martyrs – Sunday 1st September 2019

Confessions at 1.45pm – 2.30pm followed by Mass at 3pm. **Free parking.** Timed tours of Harvington Hall are available and may be booked on the day at the table in the courtyard.

It is essential that you bring your own chairs.

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 4th August 2019

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. THANK YOU



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**

The Acts of the Apostles – Five evenings of reflections and discussion led by Columbian Missionary Fr. Tom O'Reilly

Thursdays 12th, 19th, 26th of September and 2nd & 9th October 2019

AT: St Anne's RC Church Meeting Room, 96 Bradford Street, Digbeth, B12 0OB

Time: 7.15pm – 8.45pm

Limited Spaces. For further information and Registration contact Mauricio Silva – 07847281190 or ird@columbians.co.uk

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

14th September 2019. £599.00 pp sharing. **Further details** - Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or

email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock

Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust

Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

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.thepuginsociety.co.uk

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

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