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Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

22nd September 2019

'Day of Prayer for the Harvest'

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

Entrance Antiphon I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord forever.

Responsorial Psalm Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.



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Mass Times: 21st September – 29th September

Sat 21	Feast of St Matthew
10.00am	Mary & John McCarthy RIP
1.00pm	<i>Heritage Tour</i>
	Vigil for Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun 22	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am	David Kelly RIP
11.00am	Paddy & Peggy Diggins RIP
3.00pm	Pause For Hope Service
Mon 23	St Pio of Pietrelcina
12.15pm	Phillys
Tue 24	Our Lady of Walsingham
10.30am	Chaplaincy Commissioning Mass
12.15pm	Jean McDonald RIP
12.30pm	Mass in the Children's Hospital
Wed 25	Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm	Lia Naylor Sp. Int.
Thurs 26	Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm	Francis Robin - Birthday
Friday 27	St Vincent de Paul
9.15am	St Chad's School Mass
12.15pm	Theresa Bolger Int.
Sat 28	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Jane Morgan Lewis Sp. Int.
12 noon	SVP Birmingham Central Mass
	Vigil for Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4.30pm	Michael O'Driscoll RIP
Sun 29	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am	Elizabeth Lucas RIP
11.00am	Irine Plowman 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.

Pope Francis has established 1st September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. The day is inspired by Pope Francis' landmark encyclical *Laudato Si'*, which calls on "every person living on this planet" to care for our shared Earth. He calls us all to celebrate this opportune moment to "reaffirm [our] personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation, as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live."

Faith Instruction for your Children: Please leave names and contact details with Sr. Therese.

Second Collection this week there will be a second collection for **Father Hudson's Care**.

Cathedral Site Statistics:

8th September – 14th September 2019

Hours we were open	104
Liturgies & Meetings	109
Number of Visitors	2454

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for September: Evangelization –

The Protection of the Oceans - That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

Cathedral Prayer List

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

Lately Dead: Susan Picano, Joyce Clarke, Sheila Ashe, Kathleen Redmond and Barry Parkes.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Pope John Paul I. Mgr Michael McTernan. Canon: Leo Twiney, Albert Adams and Peter Reilly. Frs.: Bernard McAllister, John Love, Peter Lloyd, John Bale, Gordan Banks and Paul Orchard Deacon Michael McCormack. **Also:** Bob Skelly, Lil Spooner, Barbara Cain, Thomas Scanlan, Tony Stokes, Jill Calderbank, William Taylor, Patrick Duffy, Leah Lansberry, Patsy Phelan, Bridget Allan and Mark Eustace.

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

'Pause for Hope' - Sunday 22nd September

at 3pm here at St. Chad's led by Archbishop Bernard Longley, Revd Canon Matt Thompson and Rev. Ian Howarth. 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. Health Care Professionals will be represented as well as our local Cancer Charities and Hospices. A reflection on living with cancer by Jane Goodyear and her husband, Kevin. All are welcome!

Cathedral Organ -We are pleased to inform you that the organ restoration is now complete. 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 St Giles School, Cheadle and St Nicholas School, Sutton Coldfield who join us for a tour of the Cathedral. This forms part of their Confirmation preparation. Welcome to those joining the Chaplaincy Commissioning Mass. Also to the members of the SVP Birmingham Central Group who join us for their annual 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.

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.

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 6th October.**

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 – We welcome the return of the Cathedral Choir following their summer break.

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

Oscott College, the diocesan seminary for the formation of our future priests, have begun their new academic year. They will be joining us for Sunday morning Mass at 11am for various weekends during the academic year. We look forward to welcoming them to the Cathedral. Please keep them in your prayers.

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.

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

Ecumenical Vespers (Sung Evening Prayer of the Church) in honour of the new Saint John Henry Newman takes place on Sunday 20th October at 4.00pm.

We have invited the Anglican Bishops of Birmingham and Coventry who were both involved with us at the time of the Beatification in September 2010, along with the Anglican Bishops of Worcester, Lichfield and Oxford, the Lord Mayor, the Lord Lieutenant, as well as other ecumenical leaders, Inter-religious and civic guests. The choirs of St Chad's Cathedral and St Philip's Anglican Cathedral, Birmingham will participate in the liturgy. **All are welcome.**

The Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019 - Pope Francis has declared October 2019 as an Extraordinary Missionary Month to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Pope Benedict XV's Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud*.

“BAPTIZED AND SENT” - THE CHURCH OF CHRIST ON MISSION IN THE WORLD -The Justice and Peace Commission for the Archdiocese of Birmingham and the Columban Missionaries invite you to reflect on your experiences, celebrating and putting in to action the call to mission for justice, peace and care for creation.

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/annual-justice-and-peace-assembly-baptised-and-sent>

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!'

Tabor House Birmingham's only permanent night shelter, is looking for volunteers for **Hospitality:** evenings, overnight or mornings. **Mentoring:** supporting our guests one-to-one on a weekly basis. **To find out more, come along to the Open Evening: Wednesday 2nd October 2019, 6pm to 8pm** St Anne's Training Room, 96 Bradford Street, Birmingham, B12 0PY

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.

Family Fast Day – Friday 4th October 2019

On Family Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to eat a simple meal for lunch or dinner and give the money we save to help with Water Aid in disadvantaged communities. Your fasting, prayer and generosity are an act of love for our global family.

Diocesan e-newsletter - Please subscribe via the website <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/> Remember to share with anyone you think will benefit, and encourage them to subscribe too. If you have any news, events or information you'd like to share this way please email it to communications@rc-birmingham.org marked 'For Newsletter'.

ST CHAD'S CATHEDRAL ASSOCIATION

Annual Dinner is on Friday 1st November at 7.30 pm. The principal guest will be Bishop William Kenney who will be celebrating Mass for the Association on this Holy Day of Obligation at 6.00pm. The menu is always first class. After dinner Peter Rand will give an illustrated talk on the work the Friends of the Holy land do to help the Christian community in Jerusalem. The cost is £32.50 which includes pre dinner drinks. Non-members of the Association are welcome. All profits go to enhancing the Cathedral. For details contact Anne

Volunteers needed: Could it be you? 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. For more information please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email volunteer@marriagecare.org.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.

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

Bishop of Birmingham's public lecture on John Henry Newman by Dr Serenhedd James. **Monday 23rd September 2019.** 7.30pm – 9.00pm (Refreshments from 7pm). St Alban's Church, Highgate, Birmingham B12 0YH www.saintalban.co.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

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.

The CCTV System operates 24 hours a day. This is in place for the safety of people, protection of property and crime prevention.

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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**

Kenelm Youth Trust Winter Ball – celebrating the work of the Kenelm Youth Trust. Saturday 16th November 2019, 7pm – 1am at The Belfrey, Sutton Coldfield. **For more information and to book please contact:**

Karen.goodley@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk

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.

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.

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

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

Diocesan Ethnic Communities Celebrating Our unity in Christ - Intercultural Mass

Saturday 26th October 2019, 12 noon.

St Catherine's Catholic Church, Bristol Street, Birmingham, B5 7BE.

Celebrant: Bishop David McGough. All welcome.

International bring and share buffet after Mass.

Further information can be found on notice board.