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Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

6th October 2019

The Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019

“BAPTIZED AND SENT”

Divine Office: Psalter week **Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Year C. Psalter Week 3

Entrance Antiphon **Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.**

Responsorial Psalm **O that today you would listen to His voice! Harden not your Hearts.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: **The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.**



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Mass Times: 5th October – 13th October 2019

- Sat 5 Feria in Ordinary Time**
10.00am Rosemary Cairns RIP
1.00pm Baptism of Adelina and Aurelio Bailey
Vigil for Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
4.30pm Moyley/Neilson Sp. Int.
- Sun 6 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9.00am People of the Parish
11.00am Patrick Bogan RIP
Followed by Meet & Greet
- Mon 7 Our Lady of the Rosary**
12.15pm Theresa Daly RIP
- Tue 8 Feria in Ordinary Time**
12.15pm Phillip James Wallis
12.30pm Mass in the Children's Hospital
- Wed 9 Feast of the Blessed John Henry Newman**
12.15pm Murphy, Colley & McClements Families
- Thurs 10 Feria in Ordinary Time**
9.15am St Chad's School Mass
12.15pm Sr Anne
- Friday 11 Feria in Ordinary Time**
12.15pm Joe Greene RIP
- Sat 12 Feria in Ordinary Time**
10.00am John Dliamyk RIP
12.30pm UCM Annual St Margaret Clitherow Mass
Vigil for Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4.30pm Kevin Kilmantin Sick
- Sun 13 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9.00am Michael O'Brien RIP
11.00am People of the Parish

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.

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.**

Seeking Meaning from the Catholic Faith? Are you – or somebody you know – interested in becoming a Catholic? We are looking to set up an opportunity to help people find this meaning in life, in conjunction with our neighbouring parish of St Catherine's, Bristol Street. If you are interested, please contact Fr Tim at dean@rc-birmingham.org

Cathedral Collections Last Week

Main £467.41 Restoration Fund £354.17

Gift Aid £207.00

Fr. Hudson's Care £905.46

Second Collection this week will be for **CAFOD Harvest Fast Day.**

Cathedral Site Statistics:

22nd September – 28th September 2019

Hours we were open	96
Liturgies & Meetings	125
Number of Visitors	3578

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for October: Evangelization –

A Missionary "Spring" in the Church - That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the church.

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.

Cathedral Prayer List

Lately Dead: Sean Regan, Susan Picano, Joyce Clarke, Sheila Ashe and Kathleen Redmond.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Canon: Anthony (Tony) Piercy. Frs.: Philip Casey, Thomas Power and Terence Whatmore. Deacons Patrick Selwood. **Also:** James Quirke, Kenneth Biggs, Kathleen Murphy, K Karunawathie, Senon O'Halleron, William Hone, Alex Houston, Matthew Dunne and Barry Holmes.
Eternal Rest grant unto them O, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

Sean Regan - RIP : It is with great sadness we inform to you that Sean (dearly beloved father of Margaret & John who are members of the Cathedral staff) was called to his eternal rest on Tuesday 24th September. Sean was a regular attendee at the 4.30pm Mass on Saturdays.
Reception of the body into the Cathedral on Thursday 17th October at 4.00pm. Requiem Mass on Friday 18th October at 10.00am followed by burial at Quinton Cemetery.

Vigil Praise – St. Mary's College, Oscott 8.00pm – 9.30pm October 12th, November 9th, December 7th. All welcome to attend a night of prayer, praise and adoration. Confessions available throughout the night.

Canonisation of John Henry Newman - Prayer, Meditation and Music Hour – St Mary's Church, Vivian Road, Harborne, B17 0DN on Sunday 13th October at 6.30pm. Refreshments available following the event. All 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 our St Joseph's, Banbury, St Theresa's, Wolverhampton and St Mary's, Harborne, who join us for a tour of the Cathedral. This forms part of their Confirmation preparation. 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.

A special welcome to the family and friends of Adelina and Aurelio Bailev who will be baptised on Saturday 5th October.

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. 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.

Seeking Meaning from the Catholic Faith - Are you – or somebody you know – interested in becoming a Catholic? We are looking to set up an opportunity to help people find this meaning in life, in conjunction with our neighbouring parish of St Catherine's, Bristol Street. We plan to start on Thursday 7th November at St Catherine's. If you are interested, please contact Fr Tim at dean@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.

The Archdiocese of Birmingham shares in the joy of the appointment as Cardinal of Michael Fitzgerald (M Afr / White Father) at the Vatican in the past week. As well as being a humble and dedicated servant of the worldwide Church in the field of interreligious dialogue and subsequently Apostolic Nuncio to Egypt, he is a native of Walsall in our Archdiocese. In these years of active retirement, he works in a parish in Liverpool. Being over the age of 82 he will be a non-voting Cardinal in a future Conclave. We pray for Cardinal Michael and we congratulate him.

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.

Cathedral Closure - Please be advised that the Cathedral will be closed from 9am on **Wednesday 9th October 2019** due to the preparation and set up for a Live Broadcast of the Rosary to our Diocesan Schools by His Grace, Archbishop Bernard Longley. **The 12.15pm daily Mass will be held in St Peter's Chapel in the Crypt.** We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your understanding.

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, the Lord Mayor, the Lord Lieutenant, as well as other ecumenical leaders, Inter-religious and civic guests. **The preacher is Mgr. Roderick Strange.** 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!'

Scaffolding - Work on replacing 2 of the canopies and the finial above the west doors (outside the front entrance) of the Cathedral have been continuing since early August. Most of the work relating to stone carving are being done off site. Scaffolding will begin to be erected on **Monday 14th October** to facilitate the completion of these works. While this could cause some inconvenience, access through these doors will be maintained throughout the works.


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'.

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

Job Vacancy - 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.

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.

Birmingham Schools Music Concert – St Chad's Cathedral in aid of The Denis Hurley Centre, South Africa. **Wednesday 16th October – 6.00pm.** Free admission, with retiring collection. All Welcome.

The CCTV System operates 24 hours a day. This is in place for the safety of people, protection of property and crime prevention.
Inquiries: 0121 230 6216 / 0121 230 6201 
<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/privacy-policy>

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.

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 the noticeboard.

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 Symonds 0121 249 1487.

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.

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 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 chat or to arrange a visit.

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.

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

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

Pro-Life are partnering with Life Charity to run a conference for 18-25s and/ or students in Birmingham, on November 2nd/3rd. The conference is open for all (pro-life, pro-choice), but particularly for those who are undecided/ not currently engaged in pro-life activities. Tickets are just £40 all inclusive, with an early bird rate (£30) is available until 02/10/2019. For further information, please check out our website, our facebook page.

<https://www.connectconference.co.uk/>, <https://www.facebook.com/events/444872666117041/>.