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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

12th January 2020

Divine Office: Psalter week 1

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Year A)

- Entrance Antiphon** After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.
- Responsorial Psalm** The Lord will bless his people with peace.
- Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Alleluia!
- Communion Antiphon:** Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.



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Mass Times: 11th January – 19th January 2020

Sat 11 Christmas Feria

10.00am Mary Houston Sp. Int.

Vigil for Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

4.30pm People of the Parish

Sun 12 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (A)

9.00am Maureen Gabriel

11.00am Madge Finan RIP

12.30pm Baptism - Kyra Pillai

Mon 13 Feria in Ordinary Time

12.15pm Canon David Oakley Sp. Int.

Tue 14 Feria in Ordinary Time

12.15pm Celine Greaves RIP

12.30pm Mass in the Children's Hospital

Wed 15 Feria in Ordinary Time

12.15pm Mrs D Thomas Sp. Int.

Thurs 16 Feria in Ordinary Time

12.15pm Bernadette & Nancy Redmond

Friday 17 St Anthony

12.15pm John Maunsell RIP

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 5pm.

Sat 18 Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am Mary & Michael Naylor Sp. Int.

Vigil for Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

4.30pm John Patrick Coogan

Sun 19 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

9.00am Thomas Joseph Kerins RIP

11.00am Chris Lynch RIP

The Year of the Word – *The God Who Speaks* This is an important year in the Catholic Church in England and Wales: a Year of the Word. As the Church's focus turns to Year A, St Matthew's Gospel, we are asked to consider the many ways in which God speaks to us: through the Bible, through Prayer, through other people.

NEXT EVENT: The God who Speaks through song

A day for everybody interested in parish music. Come along and be encouraged in your ministry. Learn new music.

Saturday 25th January at 10.30am, concluding with the 4.30pm Vigil Mass. To register, please contact Martin Barry on 01926815058 or martin.c.barry@gmail.com

Second Collection: Next Sunday there will be a second collection for Pax Christi.

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 2nd February 2020.**

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January: Promotion of World Peace - We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

Those who are ill: The list for those who are ill, very quickly becomes out of date. Therefore with the coming of the New Year, we shall begin a new list. Should you know of someone who may be thankful of prayers and only with the person is happy for their name to be added, please inform one of the Cathedral Team who will be happy to help.

Cathedral Prayer List

Recently Deceased: Canon Gerry Breen, Fr Brian Doolan, Fr John Ellis, Fr John Dewis, Sr Sabina Staff, Kathleen Hall, Anthony Roger Murphy, Michael O'Connor and Irene Jones.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Mgr. John Cregg. Frs.: James Bromley, Patrick McSwiney, Peter Tuite, Robert Kirby, Benedict O'Gorman, Gerard Peuleve, Cyril Bennett, Archibald Snell, Timothy Dinan, Cecil Keane, Bernard Robertson and C J Winterton. Deacon: Thomas Carter and Brian Dockerty. Also: Michael Henry King, Thomas Madden, Peggy Breen and Carole Smith.
Eternal Rest grant unto them O, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

Funeral Arrangements for Canon Gerald Breen

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Canon Gerald (Gerry) Patrick Breen who died on Sunday 22nd December at Good Hope Hospital.

Reception of Body & Mass will be at St Chad's Cathedral on **Wednesday 22nd January at 7.00pm. All Welcome.**

The Funeral Mass will be at St Chad's Cathedral on **Thursday 23rd January 2020 at 12 noon.** Buffet to be served in the Grimshaw Room after the Funeral Mass. **All welcome.**

Burial at Oscott Cemetery at 2.30pm

Congratulations to Canon David Oakley

Pope Francis has appointed Canon David Oakley, Rector of our Diocesan Seminary, St Mary's College, Oscott, as the new Bishop of the Diocese of Northampton.

We congratulate Canon David, a priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham for almost 40 years. Please keep him in your prayers.

Welcome: In addition to our regular meetings, this week we welcome the staff and children of Holy Cross, Walmley, Hamd House Secondary School, Birmingham and Our Lady's School, Tile Cross who all join us for a tour of the Cathedral. For the Primary Schools, this forms part of their Confirmation preparation. Secondary schools visit as part of their GCSE studies. 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 word of Welcome to the Cathedral Parish Jithin Thomas Titto, a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Birmingham who is currently in formation at the Royal English College, Valladolid, Spain.

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.

Vacancy: Principal – Bishop Walsh School. Required for September 2020. For further information and an application pack please see the school website: <http://www.bishopwalsh.net>

Seeking Meaning from the Catholic Faith – (RCIA) Are you – or somebody you know – interested in becoming a Catholic? We have 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 and would like to know more, please contact Fr Tim at dean@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.

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.

A Word of Thanks: Christmas 2019 Fr Tim thanks his fellow clergy, Fr Gerry Lennon and Fr Chris Marshall, the Cathedral Staff and to all those volunteers who support the life and mission of the Cathedral all the year round. Thank you for your Christmas offerings, gifts and Christmas greetings. Most of all thank you for your prayers and support as look with hope to the blessings of the year ahead. May God bless you and your families.

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

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 Recitation of the Angelus

The Angelus Prayer will be prayed after the Sign of the Cross and Greeting at 12.15pm Mass.

The traditional Angelus bell will still ring at 12 noon, but as the Angelus is going to be prayed at the beginning of Mass, there is no reason for anybody to stand or to pray the prayer at 12 noon.

New Candle System – We have had new candles at our Cathedral. St. Killians is a revolutionary Candle Burning System that was invented to stop ongoing problems such as smoke damage to walls, ceilings and artwork and the more alarming issue of fire hazard in Cathedrals, Shrines and Churches. With this Patented Glass System, the flame is protected at all times. These candles are made from the highest quality of paraffin wax with all of the impurities removed leaving just 100% refined paraffin.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at St Chad's Cathedral each Friday following the Mass at 12.15pm until 5.00pm.

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

Missionary Appeal: The Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver will be here on 1st & 2nd February to make an annual mission appeal on behalf of the Sisters Mission Committee of England and Wales. They will tell us about their Missionary work and will be grateful of your support.



For more information on the Year of the Word - please visit:

<http://www.cbcew.org.uk>

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!'

Oscott College, the diocesan seminary for the formation of our future priests, 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.

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

St Chad's Junior Choir - The choir has grown out of our Choral Outreach Programme. Rehearsals have now resumed. For more information please contact David and Alexander Wynne at 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.thepuginociety.co.uk

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.

CBC Distributions Exhibition – 28th to 30th January 2020 – Showing complete range of religious supplies as well as Communion, Confirmation and Easter Range. Goods will be available for you to browse in the Grimshaw Room at Cathedral House on Tuesday 28th 9.30am – 6pm Wednesday 29th 9.30am – 6pm Thursday 30th - 9.30pm – 5pm.

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 **Basilican Magazine** is now on sale at the back of the Cathedral. It contains some very interesting articles the first of which is by Archbishop Bernard Longley. There are also articles by two of the youth who spoke in the Cathedral about their experiences at the World Youth Day in Panama earlier this year, two historical pieces and coverage of this year's flower festival. The cost of the Magazine is £5, which all goes towards supporting the Cathedral, and there is a box on the back wall for your money.


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 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. 

Shadwell Street Development: The one way system on Shadwell Street is 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.

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.

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, on 0121 230 6208 or email: margaret.regan@rc-birmingham.org

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

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.