



# Metropolitan Cathedral & Basilica of St Chad

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## Presentation of the Lord

### 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020

Divine Office: Psalter week 4                      Presentation of the Lord  
& week 4 in Ordinary Time (Year A)

- Entrance Antiphon**                      Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.
- Responsorial Psalm**                      Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord.
- Gospel Acclamation:**                      Alleluia, alleluia! The light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people. Alleluia!
- Communion Antiphon:** My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.



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**Mass Times: 1<sup>st</sup> February – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

**Sat 1 Feria**

10.00am Eileen Sheehy  
12noon Mass for Day for the Religious

**Vigil for Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**

4.30pm Barbara Donnellan RIP

**Sun 2 Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**

9.00am Richard Mullen RIP  
11.00am Elsie Head (Nee Wallis)  
Followed by Meet & Greet in Grimshaw Room.

**Mon 3 Feria**

12.15pm Clare Lune RIP

**Tue 4 Feria**

**12 noon** Funeral Mass Fr. Brian Doolan  
12.30pm Mass in the Children's Hospital

**Wed 5 St Agatha**

12.15pm Jerry Kelleher (90<sup>th</sup> Birthday)

**Thurs 6 St Paul Miki**

12.15pm Louisa R Blancahor  
1.15pm Organ Recital  
4.30pm Reception of James Patrick Hanlon RIP

**Friday 7 Feria**

7.45am Mary McDermott Sp. Int. (in the Crypt)  
9.15am St Chad's School Mass  
**12 noon** Funeral Mass of James Patrick Hanlon  
**Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 5pm.**

**Sat 8 Feria**

10.00am Tony Imbimbo RIP

**Vigil for Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

4.30pm Lourdes Hospitalite Mass

**Sun 9 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)  
'Racial Justice Sunday'**

9.00am Bill Sheeran RIP  
11.00am Mary Kenny 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. Please try to look at next week ends readings in the coming week.  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Isaiah 58:7-10**

**1 Corinthians 2:1-5**

**Matthew 5:13-16**

**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> February 2020.**

**Cathedral Collections Last Week**

Main £458.09 Restoration Fund £69.06  
Gift Aid £154.22

**Second Collection:** This weekend there will be a **Missionary Appeal for Sisters of St Peter Claver**. Next weekend there will be a second collection for Racial Justice Sunday.

**Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February: Universal Prayer – Listen to the migrants' cries.** We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

**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. Please pray for Bernie McKenna, Maria Garafalo and Edward (James) Martin.

**Cathedral Prayer List**

**Recently Deceased:** Canon Gerry Breen, Fr Brian Doolan, Fr Patrick Farrelly, Fr John Dewis, Fr John Ellis, Kathleen Hall, Anthony Roger Murphy, Michael O'Connor, Irene Jones, Claire Meaney, Patrick Hanlon, Samuel Barker and Jim McGrillen.

**For those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Archbishop Frederick William Keating. Frs.: Denis Clancy, Joseph Connelly and Thomas O'Carroll. Also: Fred Longley, Vera Cronin and Patrick Roche  
**Eternal Rest grant unto them O, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.**

**Funeral Arrangements for Fr. Brian Doolan**

Repose of the Soul of Rev. Brian Doolan – retired Priest of the Archdiocese who died on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at Horton Hospital, Banbury.  
Reception of Body & Mass will be at Our Lady & St Michael, Shipton-On-Stour on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 7.00pm. All Welcome.**  
The Funeral Mass will be at St Chad's Cathedral on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 12 noon.** Refreshments in the Grimshaw Room after the Funeral Mass. **All welcome.**  
**Private Cremation.**

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

**Welcome:** In addition to our regular meetings, this week we welcome the staff and children of John's, Banbury who join us for a tour of the Cathedral. This forms part of their Confirmation preparation. Welcome to those attending the funeral mass of Fr Brian Doolan which will take place at 12 noon on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February. Also to the family and friends of James Patrick Hanlon (RIP) who will be received into the Cathedral on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 4.30pm. His Funeral Mass will take place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 12 noon. Welcome to those attending the Lourdes Hospitalite Mass on Saturday. 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.

**Farewell:** Our seminarian, Jithin Thomas Titto completes his month with us on placement and returns to his Formation in the setting of the pre-seminary year at the Royal English College, Valladolid, Spain. We pray for him and thank him for his contribution to Cathedral life alongside the main purpose of his placement: social outreach to projects of our Diocese for the welfare of those most in need, organised by Fr Hudson's Care.

**Membra Jesu Nostri – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020 at 7.00pm:** Join us at St Chad's Cathedral for a concert of beautiful organ and sacred music, composed by Dietrich Buxtehude – centered around Jesus Christ. Directed by Dylan McCaig – our very own Organ Scholar. Admission on the door £8.00 (£5.00 Concessions). All profits to be donated to Birmingham Children's Hospital and funding youth volunteers to visit Lourdes. Tickets can be reserved via Eventbrite. Please support this event.

**Ash Wednesday - 26<sup>th</sup> February** Masses with imposition of Ashes: 7.45am, 12.15 and 6.00pm – all in the Cathedral  
**There will be a Friday morning Mass at 7.45am – every week during Lent in the Cathedral Crypt.**

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

**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 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.

### **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.

**Knights of Malta - The Midlands Lourdes Reunion** At the Oratory, Hagley Road, B16 8UE - **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Solemn Mass at 11.00am** with anointing of the sick. Further information from Adrian de Redman 01216085496 or [blue.candle2@hotmail.com](mailto:blue.candle2@hotmail.com)

### **St Chad's Feast Day**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March is our Diocesan, Parish and School Solemnity of St Chad. Masses in the Cathedral: 12 noon celebrated by Archbishop Bernard and an evening Mass of Confirmation celebrated by Bishop David McGough.

**Rite of Election, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent, 1<sup>st</sup> March** – Archbishop Bernard welcomes to the Cathedral all those who seek adult baptism or the Reception of the Sacraments of Initiation this Easter.

**Guild of St Stephens Mass:** St Chad's Cathedral Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 12 noon. Celebrant: Bishop David McGough. For further information or further enquiries please contact Kathryn Bayliss at the Diocesan Vocations Office – 0121 321 5144

### **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.

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



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](mailto: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](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)

### **Celebration of Marriage – Two dedicated Masses for 2020 on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May and Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

The two Masses for those celebrating significant wedding anniversaries this year, whether 1 year, 5 years, 10, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60+ or those preparing for marriage. There are two because one was not enough last year. It will be on Saturdays so as to allow more capacity rather than combined with Sunday Mass. All welcome and spread the word.

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

**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.

**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>

**St Chad's Junior Choir** - The choir has grown out of our Choral Outreach Programme. Rehearsals are held at St Chad's each Thursday during term time. For more information please contact David and Alexander Wynne at [choraloutreach@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:choraloutreach@rc-birmingham.org)

**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.

### **SECOND COLLECTION FOR LIFE, 16 FEBRUARY 2020**

The annual Archdiocesan Second Collection for the national prolife charity Life is on Sunday 16 February. Life saves lives and advances the Gospel of Life by lovingly supporting those in crisis pregnancy in a way that upholds the utmost respect for human life. Their support includes giving counselling, housing, free mum and baby supplies, and financial assistance to anyone affected by abortion or pregnancy loss in any way. Their Pregnancy Matters service helps 70 people every single day. You are making this vital work possible, so thank you for helping Life through this Second Collection.

#### **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.

**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.

**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. 

**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 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 **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.

**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](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or email [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk)

**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)

**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.