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Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

5th January 2020

Divine Office: Psalter week

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord (Year A)

Year A. Psalter Week 2

Entrance Antiphon Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

Responsorial Psalm All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.



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Mass Times: 4th January – 12th January 2020

Sat 4	Christmas Feria
10.00am	Venus Padu & Mark Simmons Sp. Int.
	Vigil for Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
4.30pm	Mark & Isobel Naylor Sp. Int.
Sun 5	Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
9.00am	Kay O'Reilly
11.00am	People of the Parish Followed by Meet & Greet
Mon 6	Christmas Feria
12.15pm	Theresa Ryan
Tue 7	Christmas Feria
12.15pm	Mass of Thanksgiving for colleagues of Pat Flanagan
12.30pm	Mass in the Children's Hospital
Wed 8	Christmas Feria
12.15pm	Sheila Fawcett RIP
Thurs 9	Christmas Feria
12.15pm	Herman Dhoot
Friday 10	Christmas Feria
12.15pm	Thomas, Mary & Liam Flaherty RIP
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 5pm.	
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
9.00am	Maureen Gabriel
11.00am	Madge Finan RIP
12.30pm	Baptism - Kyra Pillai

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 5th January 2020**

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.

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, 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 and Michael O'Connor.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Canon Martin Power. Frs.: Martin Cassidy, Philip Garrett, Francis Dwyer, Philip Smith, John Davis, Brian Harding, John Bentley, Charles Becker and Philip Wyles. Deacon: William Murphy. Also: Paul Bonham, Sheila Garry, Andrew Caffrey, Mary McGill, Breid Dillon, Michael Grealish, Lily Hurley, John Dadd, Francis Gillian, Herman Dhoot, Francis Moyna, Maria Do Ceu Da Purificacas, Elaine McGlynn, Patrick Burke and Sean Corcoran.
Eternal Rest grant unto them O, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

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.

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.

He will be living at St Chad's for the month of January but most of his placement will be in social outreach projects in and around Birmingham.
Please make Jithin welcome, pray for him, and show an interest in his formation during his time here.

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 the staff and children of Abbey Primary School, Birmingham, St Alban's Primary School, Birmingham and St Francis Primary School, Bedworth who all 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.

The Bible in Today's World January 9th 2020 at Newman University 13.30 – 19.30

Exploring these questions concerning the place and function of the Bible in today's world is the focus of the '***God who Speaks: The Bible in Today's World***'. The event forms the launch of the Birmingham 'The God who Speaks' programme for the Catholic '***Year of the Word (2020)***' that celebrates the 10th anniversary of Pope Benedict's Apostolic Exhortation ***Verbum Domini*** (The Word of the Lord) and the 1,600th of the death of St Jerome.

For further information and booking – please visit:
<https://biblesearchtoday.com/2019/12/17/the-bible-in-todays-world/>

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.

To those who contributed in any way to the ceremonies of Christmas and the beautiful decoration of the Cathedral: thank you.

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.

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.

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.



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 will resume on Thursday 9th January 2020. 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.thepuginsociety.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.

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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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.

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

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 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.

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.