



# Metropolitan Cathedral & Basilica of St Chad

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## First Sunday of Lent

### 'Day of prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments'

### 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020

Divine Office: Psalter week 1

First Sunday of Lent (Year A)

- Entrance Antiphon** When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.
- Responsorial Psalm** Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.
- Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!
- Communion Antiphon:** One does not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.



  
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**Mass Times: 29<sup>th</sup> February – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**Sat 29 Saturday after Ash Wednesday**

10.00am Lucy Sp. Int.

**Vigil for First Sunday of Lent(A)**

4.30pm Eileen Keily RIP

**Sun 1 First Sunday of Lent (A)**

9.00am People of the Parish

11.00am Paul McKenna

Followed by Meet & Greet

3.00pm Rite of Election

**Mon 2 Feast of St Chad**

**12.00noon** Chapter Mass

6.00pm St Chad's School Y6 Confirmations

**Tue 3 Lent Feria**

12.15pm Margaret O'Reilly

12.30pm Mass in the Children's Hospital

**Wed 4 Lent Feria**

12.15pm Philip Clay Sp. Int.

**Thurs 5 Lent Feria**

9.15am St Chad's School Mass

12.15pm Cornelius Callahan Sp. Int.

1.15pm Monthly Organ Recital

**Friday 6 Lent Feria**

7.45am Louise Tehan RIP

12.15pm Derek Lawton RIP

**Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 5.00pm**

**Sat 7 Lent Feria**

10.00am Special Intention

12noon Guild of St Stephen Mass

**Vigil for Second Sunday of Lent (A)**

4.30pm Ellen Stapleton & Family Int.

**Sun 8 Second Sunday of Lent (A)**

9.00am Stacy Houston Sp. Int.

11.00am People of the Parish

12.30pm Baptism – Zara Choto

**The Year of the Word – *The God Who Speaks*** This is an important year in the Catholic Church in England and Wales. 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 weekend's readings in the coming week. **Second Sunday of Lent**

**Genesis 12:1-4**

**2 Timothy 1:8-10**

**Matthew 17:1-9**

**Installation of our new Chapter Canon:** We are delighted to tell you that Fr. Stephen Wright will be installed as a Chapter Canon during the Mass at 12 noon on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020.

**Cathedral Collections Last Week**

Main £426.11 Restoration Fund £60.30

Gift Aid £187.00

**SECOND COLLECTION 29<sup>th</sup> February & 1<sup>st</sup> March: This weekend the second collection will be for Cathedral Maintenance.**

Next weekend there will be a second collection for CAFOD – Lent Fast Day.

**Holy Father's Prayer Intention for March: Evangelisation – Catholics in China** We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

**Those who are ill:** The list for those who are ill, very quickly becomes out of date. Therefore, periodically we shall begin a new list. Should you know of someone who may be thankful of prayers and only if 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 and Edward (James) Martin.

**Cathedral Prayer List**

**Recently Deceased:** Canon Gerry Breen. Fr. Brian Doolan, Kathleen Hall, Michael O'Connor and Fr. James McGloin. Deacon Michael Ainsworth, Irene Jones, Claire Meaney, Patrick Hanlon, Samuel Barker, Jim McGrillen, Antoine Socci, Maria Garafalo and Maura Stone.

**For those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Bishop Kevin Dunn. Canon Anthony Allport. Frs.: William Diver, Denis Murphy, Douglas Carter, John Pinkman, Humphrey Crookenden and Terrance Luxon. Also: Paul Brown, Irene Ashford, Jim Conroy, Lily O'Connor, Patrick Kensen Chiang, Joey Carey, Dylan Booth, Winifred Rondo, Mary Conroy, Alan Thome and Christina Chiang. **Eternal Rest grant unto them O, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.**

**Rededication of England to Mary.** Last year, our Cathedral hosted the Dowry Tour and the Statue of Our Lady of Walsingham and the Holy House of Nazareth.

It has toured every Catholic Cathedral in England and Wales leading to 29th March this year where Catholics are asked to take part in an act of Rededication of our country to Our Lady. On Sunday 29th March (5th Sunday of Lent), Archbishop Bernard will celebrate the 11am Mass in the Cathedral and lead this Act of Prayer. All welcome.

**Welcome:** In addition to our regular meetings, this week we welcome the staff and children of St Margaret Mary, Birmingham. They join us for a tour of the Cathedral which forms part of their Confirmation preparation. Welcome also to the children from our Parish School who are to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. We also extend a welcome to the family of Zara who join us to celebrate her Baptism. We are pleased to welcome the Altar Servers of our diocese who join us in thanksgiving at the Mass of St Stephen's Guild.

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.

### **Lent & Holy Week Notices**

**Additional Mass:** There will be an extra Mass in the Cathedral at 7.45am each Friday during in Lent.

**Stations of the Cross during Lent** There will be Stations of the Cross at 11.30am each Friday during Lent (Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 13<sup>th</sup> March, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 27<sup>th</sup> March and 3<sup>rd</sup> April). All Welcome.

**Holy Week:** Palm Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April; Chrism Mass Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April; Holy Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April; Good Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April; Easter Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April – please mark Holy Week in your diary now and keep it as Holy as you can!

### **Rite of Election, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent, 1<sup>st</sup> March – 3.00pm**

Archbishop Bernard welcomes to the Cathedral all those from across our Diocese who seek adult baptism or the Reception of the Sacraments of Initiation this Easter.

### **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 6.00pm Mass of Confirmation celebrated by Bishop David McGough.

**St Matthew's Gospel** Over 4 Thursday evenings in Lent (12, 19, 26 March and 2 April), Fr Andrew Robinson (our link priest with St Mary's College Seminary, Oscott, Sutton Coldfield, B73 5BB) will give a talk on St Matthew's Gospel in the chapel at Oscott at 8.00pm. These are sure to be excellent talks from Fr Andrew who is a wonderful communicator of the Word of God, and an opportunity to visit Oscott College.

**Guest Preachers:** The 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Lent in Year A have special significance for baptism and the sacraments.

To highlight this, on these Sundays we shall welcome guest preachers at the 11am Mass:

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Fr Patrick Mileham

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - Fr Andrew Robinson

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Archbishop Bernard Longley.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> March 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](mailto:dean@rc-birmingham.org)

### **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.

**Guild of St Stephen 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

**CAFOD Family Fast Day – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020:** During the weekend Masses on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February and Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March we will hear about the work of CAFOD and how monies raised through Family Fast Day help CAFOD in their mission to help the disadvantaged. Envelopes will be available at the back of the Cathedral which you can use for donations during the weekend of 1<sup>st</sup> March.

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

**Tabor House, Birmingham's only permanent night shelter is looking for volunteers.** To find out more, come along to one of our open events:  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 6.00pm – 8.00pm  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 11.00am – 1.00pm  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 6.00pm 8.00pm  
For further information or to confirm your attendance, please contact Sharon McCall 07387 418319  
[sharonmccall@fatherhudsons.org.uk](mailto:sharonmccall@fatherhudsons.org.uk)

**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.

**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.

**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.

For further information contact **Lianne Pap: 0121 360 8118 ex 166** or email: [lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org)

**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)

**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.

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**Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Northern France & Belgium Monday 7 – Monday 14 September 2020**

Further details:- Email: [info@northernstartravel.com](mailto:info@northernstartravel.com)

Tel.: 0161 773 2115 [www.northernstartravel.com](http://www.northernstartravel.com) or

Speak with Andrew Oldnall 0121 420 1778

07733 226063 (mobile) [andrewsoldnall@gmail.com](mailto:andrewsoldnall@gmail.com)

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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**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.

**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)

**St John Henry Newman and Contemporary Catholic Theology 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> September 2020.**

An international conference to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Newman's beatification and the visit of Pope Benedict XVI to St Mary's College, Oscott.

Further details and booking visit [www.oscott.net](http://www.oscott.net)

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**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.

**St Paul's School for Girls are looking to appoint an Religious Education Co-ordinator**  
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An application pack can be downloaded from our website, [www.stpaulgl.bham.sch.uk](http://www.stpaulgl.bham.sch.uk) Please return your completed application form and one side of A4 stating your suitability for the post.

**Application deadline: Monday 02 March at noon**

**Interview: Wednesday 04 March 2020**