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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

'Day for the Unemployed'

23rd February 2020

Divine Office: Psalter week 3

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Entrance Antiphon O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

Responsorial Psalm The Lord is compassion and love.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.



Mass Times: 22nd February – 1st March 2020

Sat 22 Feast of the Chair of St Peter

10.00am David Pugh RIP

Vigil for Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

4.30pm People of the Parish

**Sun 23 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
'Day for the Unemployed'**

9.00am Thomas Flaherty RIP

11.00am Catherine Brennon

Mon 24 Feria

12.15pm Karina Jordan Int.

Tue 25 Feria

12.15pm Maurice Weir RIP

12.30pm Mass in the Children's Hospital

Wed 26 Ash Wednesday

7.45am Intentions of the Davies & Scully Families

12.15pm Sylvia, Vic & Family Int.

6.00pm Maura Stone RIP

Thurs 27 Thursday after Ash Wednesday

12.15pm Anna Kennedy

Friday 28 Friday after Ash Wednesday

12.15pm Bill Sheeran RIP

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 5.00pm

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

The Year of the Word – *The God Who Speaks* This is an important year in the Catholic Church in England and Wales: 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 weekends readings in the coming week.

First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

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 1st March 2020.**

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

Cathedral Collections Last Week

Main £175.84 Restoration Fund £79.66

Gift Aid £326.00 Pro Life £242.05

SECOND COLLECTION 29th February &

1st March: Next weekend the second collection will be for Cathedral Maintenance.

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, periodically 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 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 Joseph Cleary. Frs.: Michael McCabe, Martin Meagher, John Collins, Vincent Kennedy, George Brewster, George Henry Tarrant and John Flynn. Also: Ray Collier, Angelina Thuraisingham, Martha Donaghey, Paul Brown, Irene Ashford, Jim Conroy, Paul Brown, Irene Ashford and Jim Conroy.

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 Columba's School, Rednal and those from Our Lady of the Wayside School, Shirley. They join us for a tour of the Cathedral which forms part of their Confirmation preparation. Welcome also to members of the Refugee Support Network group. We also extend a welcome to those attending the Rite of Election on 1st March.

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

Ash Wednesday - 26th 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.

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

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

Rite of Election, 1st Sunday of Lent, 1st 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 2nd 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) will give a talk on St Matthew's Gospel in the chapel at Oscott. More details to follow but 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 3rd, 4th and 5th 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 15th March - Fr Patrick Mileham

Sunday 22nd March - Fr Andrew Robinson

Sunday 29th March - Archbishop Bernard Longley.

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

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. **This weekend the flowers will be dedicated to Ethel Hull.**

Guild of St Stephen Mass: St Chad's Cathedral Saturday 7th 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 6th

March 2020: During the weekend Masses on Saturday 29th February and Sunday 1st 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 1st 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.

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

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.



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

Celebration of Marriage – Two dedicated Masses for 2020 on Saturday 9th May and Saturday 16th 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

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>

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

Further details:- Email: info@northernstartravel.com
Tel.: 0161 773 2115 www.northernstartravel.com or
Speak with Andrew Oldnall 0121 420 1778
07733 226063 (mobile) 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 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.

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.

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

St John Henry Newman and Contemporary Catholic Theology 18th/19th September 2020.

An international conference to mark the 10th 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

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

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

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
Main scale/UPS + TLR 2

An application pack can be downloaded from our website, 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