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Third Sunday of Lent

'Dementia Care Week'

15th March 2020

Divine Office: Psalter week 3 Third Sunday of Lent (Year A)

- Entrance Antiphon** My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.
- Responsorial Psalm** O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your Hearts.
- Gospel Acclamation:** Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Lord, you are really the saviour of the world; Give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the word of God!
- Communion Antiphon:** For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.



Mass Times: 14th March – 22nd March 2020

Sat 14 Lent Feria
10.00am Homer Family
12.00noon Mass for Secular Institutes

**Vigil for Third Sunday of Lent (A)
Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi**

4.30pm People of the Parish

Sun 15 Third Sunday of Lent (A)
9.00am Henriqueta Nevesaimé Int.
11.00am Jack Renfrey RIP
12.30pm Baptism – Zaki Kand

Mon 16 Lent Feria
12.15pm Charmaine Peiris RIP

Tue 17 Feast of St Patrick
12.15pm Dom Kelly
12.30pm Mass in the Children's Hospital

Wed 18 Lent Feria
12.15pm Mary McGrath RIP

Thurs 19 Solemnity of St Joseph, husband of the Blessed Mary
12.15pm Bernard Clemson RIP

Friday 20 Lent Feria
7.45am Eileen & Pat Shortt RIP (Crypt)
9.15am St Chad's School Mass
11.30am Stations of the Cross
12.15pm Ann Barry RIP

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 5.00pm

Sat 21 Lent Feria
10.00am Cath Samuel Int.

Vigil for Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)

4.30pm Paul Harnett RIP

**Sun 22 Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)
'Mothering Sunday'**
9.00am People of the Parish
11.00am Rita & Micky Barker Sp. Int.

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 (and see special A4 booklet on St. John's Gospel). **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

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 April 2020**

Cathedral Collections Last Week

**Main £264.32 Restoration Fund £115.35
Gift Aid £212.58 CAFOD Family Fast Day
£412.23**

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 Peter Taylor. Fr. James McGloin and Fr Bob Wright. Deacon Michael Ainsworth, Irene Jones, Claire Meaney, Patrick Hanlon, Samuel Barker, Jim McGrillen, Antoine Socci, Maura Stone and Archbishop Peter Smith.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Archbishop Bernard Ullathorne. Mgr. Daniel Kelly. Frs.: William Madden, Patrick Maguire and Andrew Brennan. Deacon Thomas Ashcroft. Also: Charlie McGinley, Philip James, Libe Ibarra, Mary Scott, Mai Kilmaitin, Elizabeth McGrath and Stuart Imrie.

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.

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/>

Welcome: In addition to our regular meetings, this week we welcome the staff and children of Ss. Mary & John School, Erdington and Christ the King School, Coventry. They join us for a tour of the Cathedral which forms part of their Confirmation preparation. This Sunday at 11.00am Mass we welcome Fr Patrick Mileham to the Cathedral as guest preacher.

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.

Health Guidance Notice: In the light of the current health situation in our country and region and around the world, we have taken various steps to address the spread of the virus: Holy Water has been removed from the stoups at the main doors; we shall no longer offer a handshake at the Sign of Peace; Holy Communion will be offered under one kind. The more general considerations hold good all the year round: if you are aware of symptoms that could spread illness among those at Mass, you are advised that your Sunday obligation will not be affected by remaining at home on that Sunday. Similarly, if at Mass but with any symptoms of a cold or cough, you are respectfully asked to refrain from the reception of the chalice, for the sake of others.

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 (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!

St Matthew's Gospel On Thursday evenings in Lent (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 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.

Easter Monday Mass: Archbishop Bernard Longley will celebrate the Annual Men's Mass on Monday 13th April at 10.00am at St Chad's cathedral. All Welcome.

A New way of Giving: Please see the letter from the Dean. We will shortly be introducing a card payment machine that will be available to use at the back of the Cathedral and in Cathedral House reception. Like many other Cathedrals, we are not only experiencing pressure on covering the cost of keeping the Cathedral running, but also on the increasing cost of coin handling and the ever increasing cost of banking. We will regularly publish some of the key statistics to keep you all informed, but please do contact

Margaret.Regan@rc-birmingham.org in the finance office if you have any questions or speak to Fr Tim

Retreat for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers on Saturday 28th March from 1.30pm – 4.00pm. At St. Mary's Convent, 98 Hunters Road, Handsworth, B19 1EB
For further enquiries and bookings please email: sisters@mercyhandsworth.org.uk
0121 554 3271

Good Friday "Walk of Witness" – The Stations of the Cross form our "Walk of Witness" which begins at 10.00am on Friday 10th April at the Church at Carr's Lane, through High St., New St. to the Town Hall (Council House), St. Philip's Cathedral and finishes in St. Chad's Cathedral at around 12.00noon with the last 4 Stations. Archbishop Bernard Longley, Bishop David Urquhart along with a number of other Faith leaders in the City join us on this walk. All are welcome to join us. Refreshments and Hot Cross buns will be served in the Grimshaw Room afterwards.

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.

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

Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Saturday 9th May 2020

Led by Bishop David McGough –Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham

Please speak to Fr Tim if you are interested in going. If there is sufficient interest, we can arrange transport.

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

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

Tabor House, Birmingham's only permanent night shelter is looking for volunteers.

To find out more, come along to one of our open events:
Saturday 6th June 11.00am – 1.00pm
Tuesday 22nd September 6.00pm 8.00pm
For further information or to confirm your attendance, please contact Sharon McCall 07387 418319
sharonmccall@fatherhudsons.org.uk

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.

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!'

Sincere Thanks: The family of Irene Jones wish to thank everyone for their kind support and prayers at the time of Irene's death. Donations were gratefully received on behalf of Marys Hospice and will be forwarded to the Hospice, enabling them to continue with the wonderful work they do for people during their final days.

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>



PLEASE NOTE: Sri Lankan Catholic Chaplaincy Mass at St Chad's Cathedral - 6.00pm on Saturday 28th March 2020 –

Due to prevailing uncertainties regarding the Corona virus crisis, we have decided in the greater interest of all concerned to cancel this Mass.

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.

You, the Bible & God's Big Plan - The Big Picture.

An inspirational bible course. Taking place each Wednesday from 7-9 pm in the B12 Urban Village Hall, Ss. John and Martin's Parish, Balsall Heath B12 9RG. The entrance to the hall and car parking is via Mary Street. **For further information or to book a place, please call Catherine on 0121 440 3025**

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.

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

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'.

Pugin Society - Would you be interested in learning more about A.W.N. 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

British Summer Time: The move to British Summer Time (BST) means that the days are getting longer. The clocks go forward 1 hour at 1.00am on Sunday 29th March which means you get an hour's less sleep.

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.

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.

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. 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.

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 20th April 2020. £599.00 per person. Single supp £100.00. Flight with 10kg bag, 4 nights' Knock House Hotel with breakfast and dinner. All excursions included. Lunches on days out. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages ATOL T7613

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

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

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.

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.