



# Metropolitan Cathedral & Basilica of St Chad

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## Second Sunday of Lent

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

### 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Divine Office: Psalter week 2

Second Sunday of Lent (Year A)

- Entrance Antiphon** Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.
- Responsorial Psalm** May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.
- Gospel Acclamation:** Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Glory and praise to you, O Christ.
- Communion Antiphon:** This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.



  
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**Mass Times: 7<sup>th</sup> March – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**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

**Mon 9 Lent Feria**

12.15pm Sr. Marie Int.

**Tue 10 Lent Feria**

12.15pm Mary Shanahan Int.  
12.30pm Mass in the Children's Hospital

**Wed 11 Lent Feria**

12.15pm Anne Rodger RIP

**Thurs 12 Lent Feria**

9.15am St Chad's School Mass  
12.15pm Anna Norris RIP

**Friday 13 Lent Feria**

7.45am Intentions of the Torri Family  
11.30am Stations of the Cross  
12.15pm James & Margaret McGrath RIP

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

**Sat 14 Lent Feria**

10.00am Homer Family  
12.00noon Mass for Secular Institute

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

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

**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. **Third Sunday of Lent**

**Exodus 17: 3-7**

**Romans 5:1-2. 5-8**

**John 4: 5-42**

**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 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

**Cathedral Collections Last Week**

**Main £355.82 Restoration Fund £481.43 includes 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Cathedral Maintenance. Gift Aid £186.00**

**CAFOD Family Fast Day – Friday 6<sup>th</sup>**

**March 2020:** On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March there will be a second collection for CAFOD.

**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, Maria Garafalo and Maura Stone.

**For those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Bishop David Cashman. Canon Raymond Walsh and Gerard Hanlon. Frs.: Ernest Jarvis, Thomas Fullerton, Francis Johnson, Joseph Purcell, Ralph Sheppey-Greene, Christopher Thornton, Connell Harkin, Vaughan Lloyd and Anthony Simms. Deacons: James Rowe and Philip Prince. Also: Christina Chiang, Kitty O'Neil, John Thomas, Alan Thorne, Patrick Benton, Paddy Green, Martin O'Donnell and Ted Kingswell.  
**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 Patrick's, Leamington Spa. They join us for a tour of the Cathedral which forms part of their Confirmation preparation. Welcome also to the pupils of Hazrat Khadijatul Kubra Secondary School who join us for a tour of the Cathedral as part of their GCSE studies of comparative religions. We also extend a warm welcome to the family of Zara who is to be baptised on 8<sup>th</sup> March and those of Zaki who will be baptised on 15<sup>th</sup> March. We are pleased to welcome the members of the Secular Institute who will celebrate Mass here on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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**

**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 (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!

**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.

**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**

**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.

**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.

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

### **Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

Led by Bishop David McGough –Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham

For further details, please contact your Parish Priest or The Pilgrimage Director, Fr Craig Szmids at:

Walsingham.pilgrimage.rcaob.org.uk  
01902 842891

**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)

**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.


**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 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)

**Lenten Retreat Day – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020**  
**10.00am to 3.30pm** at St. Mary's Convent, 98 Hunters Road, Handsworth, B19 1EB  
**For further enquiries and bookings please email:**  
[sisters@mercyhandsworth.org.uk](mailto:sisters@mercyhandsworth.org.uk) 0121 554 3271  
**ALSO:**  
**Retreat for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers on**  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March from 1.30pm – 4.00pm.  
**Further Information/Bookings as above.**

**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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**Sri Lankan Catholic Chaplaincy** – Stations of the Cross followed by Holy Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Sudham Perera in Sinhalese at **6.00pm on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020** at St. Chad's Cathedral. Please bring family & friends to join us in celebrating Holy Mass. All are welcome. Please contact **Saliva** on **07415 517277** for further information.

**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.

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](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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**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  
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**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.thepuginociety.co.uk](http://www.thepuginociety.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.

**Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com). Knock Pilgrimages ATOL T7613