

SUNDAY BULLETIN

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 24 FEBRUARY 2019

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MASS TIMES	Sacred Heart	Saint Joseph's		Mass Intention
<i>Saturday for Sunday</i>		----	NO MASS	
SUNDAY Sixth in Ordinary Time	9.00am 9.30am	11.30am	Confessions Solemn Mass Solemn Mass	James Harding Winnie Hall
Monday 25 Feria				
Tuesday 26 Feria				
Wednesday 27 Feria				
Thursday 28 Feria	9.30am 10.00am – 11.00am		Service of the Word & Communion Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Friday 1 March St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales				
Saturday 2 St Chad, Bishop, Patron of the Diocese	----		NO MASS	
SUNDAY 3 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am 9.30am	11.00am 11.30am	Confessions Solemn Mass Confessions Solemn Mass	John Watton, Peter Williams Loretta Barnett



St Chad (634- 673), Bishop, Feast Day 2 March

St Chad, the Apostle of the Midlands, was born in Northumbria, one of four brothers, all of whom became priests. He was educated partly at Lindisfarne under St Aidan and partly in Ireland. He succeeded his brother St Cedd as Abbot of Lastingham in Yorkshire in 664. He became Bishop of Mercia in 669 and Wulfhere, first Christian king of Mercia, gave him land to establish his see at Lichfield. Chad was outstanding for his humility and simplicity of life. He died of the plague on 2 March 672. He is Patron of the Archdiocese of Birmingham and its Cathedral.

The Cathedral is home to the relics of St Chad, which were originally interred in a shrine at Lichfield Cathedral in the year 672 AD.

The Cathedral celebrated its centenary in 1941 and was designated a Minor Basilica by Pope Pius XII.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Please remember in your prayers Bishop Joseph Cleary, Bishop Kevin Dunn and all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Confessions

Sacred Heart

Sundays 9.00am – 9.20am

Saint Joseph's

Sundays 11.00am – 11.20am

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

PRAYER A DAY FOR VOCATIONS

The list for March is in the porch. Please volunteer to pray for vocations on one day during the month on behalf of the parish.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 1 March 7.30pm at Holy Trinity, Hamil Road, Burslem, ST6 1AP (next to The Vale Café). All welcome to share this service of prayer followed by refreshments.

DIOCESAN LOURDES

PILGRIMAGE 2019 25th to 31 May/1

June Travel by coach from various points in the Diocese to Lourdes via the short sea crossing Dover/Calais or by air from Birmingham International. Fares from £444.00 Full details on the Diocesan website www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

CHRISTIAN AID SPONSORED WALK 23rd MARCH

The annual sponsored walk at Tittesworth Reservoir will take place on the morning of Saturday 23 March. Christine & Anthony from the Sacred Heart will be taking part, please do support this appeal by sponsoring them, forms in the porch. Other walkers from either parish would be most welcome – ask for a letter and sponsor form.

OFFERTORY and FUNDRAISING The Sacred Heart

Offertory gift aid £170.50 non gift aid £323.05 Total £493.55 200 club winner no. 1

St Joseph's

Offertory gift aid £117.00 non gift aid £145.92 Total £262.92

Second Collection next weekend for Cathedral Maintenance

PARISH DIARY 2019

February 28	Deanery Mass for Vocations, St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Trent Vale, 7.00pm
February 28	About Being Catholic 7.15pm with Fr Craig Szmidt
March 6	ASH WEDNESDAY Lent begins 9.30am The Sacred Heart, Holy Mass 11.30am St Joseph's, Holy Mass
March 19	Day of Prayer for Vocations St Joseph's
June 21	Day of Prayer for Vocations at the Sacred Heart

WELCOME

This weekend we welcome back Fr Chris Cann to celebrate Holy Mass for us. Please remember him and all the priests who are helping us at this time in your prayers.

THE PROTECTION OF MINORS IN THE CHURCH 21-24 FEBRUARY

Please pray for all those involved in this important meeting taking place in the Vatican this weekend. Cardinal Vincent Nichols will be travelling to Rome to take part in this. He writes:

“Tomorrow, Wednesday, I travel to Rome to take part in the meeting called by Pope Francis to address the protection of minors within the Catholic Church worldwide in the light of the abuse suffered by them within the communities of the Church. I write to ask for your prayers and those of your people, for the positive outcome of this meeting and for all survivors of such abuse who will find these days particularly difficult as so much public attention is given to this reality.

On Saturday evening there will be a Penitential Liturgy. I ask that at Mass on Saturday evening, you add a prayer or a comment uniting your parish to Pope Francis and all taking part in that liturgy so that together we ask the Lord's pardon for our failings. On Sunday morning, at 8.30 UK time, we will gather in Rome for the celebration of Holy Mass, seeking the Lord's blessings on the work accomplished and for the challenges ahead. Please do unite your parish celebration of Mass with this intention.

Finally, at a very personal level, please do keep me in your own prayers. These will be difficult and painful days and I need your prayers.”

PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENTS – CHILDREN NOT IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

There will be instruction for those who have enrolled for the Sacraments but are not in Catholic schools, on Sunday mornings after 9.30am Mass in the new Crypt meeting room at the Sacred Heart. Would parents please accompany their children to these short instruction classes.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Instruction sessions

March 3rd,
March 17th,
March 31st,
May 5th

after 9.30am Mass in the Crypt meeting room.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place at a special celebration on

Saturday 11th May at 11.00am in the Sacred Heart.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Instruction sessions

March 10th,
March 24th,
April 7th,
May 12th

after 9.30am Mass in the Crypt meeting room.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred by His Lordship Bishop David McGough on **Sunday 19 May at 11.30am at the Sacred Heart.**