



# Metropolitan Cathedral & Basilica of St Chad

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## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 19<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Divine Office: Psalter week 4

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

**Entrance Antiphon** See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

**Responsorial Psalm** O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.



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**We are pleased to inform you all Masses at the Cathedral will be live streamed. Please visit our website for details.**

**Public Mass begins again here from Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July.**

**All Public Masses will have a (\*) alongside the time.**

**Mass Times: 18<sup>th</sup> July – 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

**Sat 18 Feria in Ordinary Time**

10.00am Fr. Liam O'Connor (Anniversary)

**Vigil for Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

\*12.00noon Intentions of Menezes & D'Souza Families

\* 2.00pm Irene Jones RIP

**Sun 19 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Praying this weekend for the Catholic Fellowship**

\*10.00am Intentions of Catholic Fellowship

\*12.00noon Pro Populo

**Mon 20 Feria in Ordinary Time**

12.15pm Burke & Lawless Family Intentions

**Tue 21 Feria in Ordinary Time**

\*12.15pm Peter Adcock RIP

**Wed 22 Feast of St. Mary Magdalene**

\*12.15pm Intentions of Mary Withers

**Thurs 23 Feast of St. Bridget**

9.30am Family Mass  
(Live Streamed)

\*12.15pm Thomas, Mary, Liam Flaherty RIP

**Friday 24 Feria in Ordinary Time**

12.15pm Catherine Dillon

**Sat 25 Feast of St. James**

10.00am Danny Sheehan RIP

**Vigil for Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

\*12.00noon For Family Life

\* 2.00pm Pro Populo

**Sun 26 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Praying this weekend for the Young People of our Archdiocese**

\*10.00am Mary Cotterill

\*12.00noon Young People of the Archdiocese of Birmingham

**Re-Opening of the Cathedral for Public Mass** –The Cathedral is now open again for public Mass – under some clear guidelines and conditions. **Please see the Cathedral website for opening times, conditions of visiting and please note that the Cathedral will now remain closed on Fridays and Mondays.**

Please do all you can to share this information with those who might not have access to a computer. Live stream might remain the best way for many to access Mass.

We welcome those who are returning but please always check the times of Masses. **There are no toilets available because of the virus, and you are asked to bring a face covering with you for Mass. No booking required. Our capacity for individual visitors is 50.** For information, we have not reached anywhere near our capacity for weekend or weekday Masses.

**Holy Father's Prayer Intention for July:**

Universal Prayer Intention: **Our Families** –

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

**Cathedral Prayers Lists**

**Recently Deceased:** Martin Butterfield and all those who have died in our families, parishes and community, and further afield.

**Those who are ill:** Deirdre McLeary, Mary Withers. We keep in our prayers at this time all those affected by the pandemic. We pray for our parishioners, family and friends who are sick. We commend them all to the intercession of Our Lady of Grace in the coming week.

**For those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Mgr. Peter Joseph Ryall; Canon Laurence Kelly; Frs.: Liam O'Connor, Thomas Rock, Albert Leo Kelly, Anthony Owen, Euan Henderson, Denis O'Shea, Basil Wrighton and Deacon Ernie Titchmarsh. Also, Tony William, Claude Ndayisenga, Mary O'Brien, Dr. McCabe, Mary Harris, Thomas Collins, Ann Byrne, Peter Adcock, Tim Maguire, William Mulligan, Joseph Burke, Martin Larkin, Winifred & Joseph Rondo, Danny Sheehan, Robert Smith, Kate Walsh, Catherine Gallagher and Pauraic Sweeney.

**Eternal Rest grant unto them O, Lord; may they rest in peace. Amen.**

**The Year of the Word – *The God Who Speaks***

Please try to look at next weekend's readings in the coming week. **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)**

**1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Ps 118; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52**

**Sundays in July** – This weekend and next, there will be a special focus on areas of Diocesan Life: Today: the Catholic Fellowship, Next weekend we shall focus on the work of the Kenelm Youth Trust, youth ministry.

**Diocesan Events for Young People** – For details of all that is happening for young people this summer, please visit:

[www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk](http://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk)

Summer events include It's a Knockout and Summer Camp. Do spread the word!

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

**THIS CATHEDRAL LIVE STREAMS MASS AND OTHER EVENTS**



**The Cathedral Site** is committed to remaining a place of safety for people coming to visit. We understand the difficulties that people face in returning to life's routines.

The Cathedral offices are not yet open again and the experience of coming to Mass will be very different and we ask for your patience with this.

We are not yet in a position to offer the use of the Grimshaw Room or any other meeting rooms or facilities on site.

**The Power of Prayer** – Among the many sadnesses of the past few months, in our own families and community but also nationally and around the world, we have been called to pray. We have had more time to reflect on the Word of God and we have come to understand Spiritual Communion. Let us continue to be a people of hope!

**New Features on the Cathedral Website –**

Please take the time to look at the new items on the website: Time to Reflect (a blog on recent and future events at the Cathedral) and the video assemblies for our parish primary school on subjects like Faith and Football, Faith and Food... we're running out of Fs!

**New Ways of Giving:** We are grateful for the donations that you have made during the time of lockdown. We also acknowledge that these have been times of uncertainty and hardship for some. We have introduced a **card payment machine** 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. If you wish, you may also set up a standing order. If you would like more details about how to set up a **Standing Order** in place of the weekly collection, please email [Margaret.regan@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:Margaret.regan@rc-birmingham.org) We will regularly publish some of the key statistics to keep you all informed, but please do contact Margaret in the finance office if you have any questions or speak to Fr Tim.

**Diocesan e-newsletter** - Please subscribe via the website <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

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**St. Paul's Book Shop** at the Cathedral has now reopened. Please call before visiting: 0121 236 6336. Currently it is open from Monday – Saturday from 9.00am – 4.00pm.

**Voluntary part time Trust Secretary** - The Archdiocese is seeking a voluntary part time Trust Secretary to assist the Trustees in good "corporate practices". Details can be found on [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs) and on the parish website.

**Please keep in touch with developments over the weeks ahead on the following websites:**

Bishops' Conference of England and Wales - [cbcew.org.uk/](http://cbcew.org.uk/)

Archdiocese of Birmingham -

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

St Chad's Cathedral -

<https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/>

**Pray with:** Universalis:

<https://www.universalis.com>

Sacred Space - <https://sacredspace.ie/>

God who speaks UK-

<https://thegodwhospeaks.uk>

**St. Chad's Catholic Primary School** – A word of appreciation for the staff of our parish school who have worked right through the lockdown period and have embraced the opportunity to welcome back any pupils who wish to return to school. They have shown great dedication not only to educating but also feeding children and their families. Thank you.

**Matthew Tehan - St. Chad's Catholic Primary School**

– This week, it has been announced that our Head Teacher, Matt Tehan has been appointed Head Teacher of St Dunstan's Catholic Primary School in Kings Heath. We are sad that Matt will be leaving our school and parish and we thank him and all of the staff for the contribution that the school has made to the life of the Cathedral. He will be with us when we return in September and we shall have an opportunity to express our gratitude to him as a school and parish.

**Alton Castle – Staycations & Adventure Holidays this year**

– If you were hoping to go away this summer but your plans have not materialised, our Diocesan Youth Retreat Centre is offering opportunities closer to home, in the beautiful surroundings of North Staffordshire.

[www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/adventure-holidays.html](http://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/adventure-holidays.html)

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Please switch off mobile phones when in Church.



**An Induction Loop System** is provided. Please switch your hearing aid to the 'T' position.



**The programme for public Masses will be:**

**Saturday 12 noon & 2.00pm (both of these will be Masses of Sunday)**

**Sunday 10am & 12 noon**

These times have been chosen to enable people to reach the Cathedral on public transport, and so that people can come safely always in the hours of daylight.

***The Cathedral will be open half an hour before each weekend Mass and will close soon after the conclusion of Mass.***

Tuesday 12.15pm (Cathedral open from 11.30am to 1.30pm)

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Thursday 12.15pm (Cathedral open from 11.30am to 1.30pm)

The Bishops of England and Wales wish to make it clear that there remains no obligation for your attendance at Mass on Sunday. Therefore, you are most welcome at Mass on any day of the week.

This being the case, you are asked to attend no more than one public Mass at the weekend, to allow for anybody who wishes to attend Mass to do so, with our reduced capacity.

We shall not operate any booking system. Please come to Mass if you wish to and feel safe to. We apologise in advance if you come to the Cathedral and we have already reached capacity. However, we hope that the number of Masses across the week will enable anybody who wishes to come, to be present at least once a week as everybody who wishes can hope to make a safe return to the celebration of Mass.

To facilitate this programme of public Masses and cleaning of the Cathedral, and recognising the need for our staff to have rest days, the Cathedral will remain closed on Monday and Friday.

**ALL THOSE COMING TO PUBLIC MASS MUST WEAR SOME FORM OF FACE COVERING WHICH YOU BRING YOURSELF.**

**At present, we must inform you that the following conditions remain in place at the Cathedral:**

**No toilet facilities**

**No Confessions**

**No lighting of votive candles**

**No distribution of Holy Water at doors or for home**

**No signing of Mass cards**

**No gathering for conversation before or after Mass**

You are asked to cooperate fully with the staff and stewards who will show you to a designated seat in the Cathedral.

The capacity for seating in this new arrangement in the Cathedral is **50 individual seats**.

The safety of those who come as well as the safety of our staff is our highest priority at this time.

**Please do not come to the Cathedral if you present any symptoms of the coronavirus or are living in a house with anybody who present symptoms.**

Every person entering the Cathedral will be asked to take personal responsibility for respecting social distancing and the wellbeing of others as well as themselves.

In the absence of test, track and trace, we request those who fall ill after worshipping at our Cathedral (or their representative) to inform us of their circumstances (giving details, if possible, of the time and date of their visits to the Cathedral). We would then be responsible for posting on social media and in church a notice encouraging those who have been on the premises on those days to seek a test and not to attend the church. This will be done without disclosing any personal information.

We continue to pray for the health of our Cathedral congregation and the health of the people of our Archdiocese. Let us continue to pray for each other.

For any enquiries about any of the above information, please contact:

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May God bless you.