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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

26th July 2020

Divine Office: Psalter week 1 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

- Entrance Antiphon** God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.
- Responsorial Psalm** Lord, how I love your love!
- Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!
- Communion Antiphon:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.



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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 have now resumed.

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

Mass Times: 25th July – 2nd August 2020

Sat 25 Feast of St. James
10.00am Danny Sheehan RIP

Vigil for Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Praying this weekend for the Young People of our Archdiocese

***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

Mon 27 Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm Agnes O'Driscoll RIP

Tue 28 Feria in Ordinary Time
***12.15pm** Kazik Wagstyl RIP

Wed 29 Memorial of St. Martha
***12.15pm** Mrs. Alice Meagher

Thurs 30 Feria in Ordinary Time
9.30am Family Mass -
(Live Streamed)

***12.15pm** Eileen Lawton

Friday 31 Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola
12.15pm Marlon Wong

Sat 1 Memorial of St. Alphonsus Ligouri
10.00am Kevin Byrne

Vigil for Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

***12.00noon** P J Riordan

*** 2.00pm** Michael Drugan

Sun 2 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

***10.00am** Martin Garvey RIP

***12.00noon** Pro Populo

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 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.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for August:

The Maritime World – We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

Cathedral Prayers Lists

Recently Deceased: Martin Garvey, 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 Knock in the coming week.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Canon Arthur Diamond; Frs.: Euan Henderson, Denis O'Shea, Basil Wrighton, Thomas Michael Duffy, Richard Philip Lynch CO and Deacon Ernie Titchmarsh. Also, Danny Sheehan, Robert Smith, Kate Walsh, Catherine Gallagher, Padraic Sweeney, Mary White, Michael Cassidy, Eddie Goggin, Esther Furlong, Matthew O'Donnell Snr, Stanley Smith, Molly Jones, Ruth and Marie Rogers.

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

RIP - It is with great sadness we announce that **Martin Garvey** was called to his eternal place of rest on Monday 20th July. Martin has been a longstanding parishioner of ours here at the Cathedral and regularly attended the 9am Mass on Sundays as well as weekday Masses. His grandson Martin Hall is part of our Cathedral Staff. Our heartfelt condolences go to Martin's family and friends. We will update you with details of Martin's funeral arrangements.

The Year of the Word – The God Who Speaks
Please try to look at next weekend's readings in the coming week. **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)**

Isaiah 55:1-3; Ps 144; Romans 8:35, 37-39; Matthew 14:13-21

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, Faith and God's Creation; Faith and Fitness!

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 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/> 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'.

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.

Diocesan Events for Young People – For details of all that is happening for young people this summer, please visit: www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk Summer events include It's a Knockout and Summer Camp. Do spread the word!

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
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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.



Sundays in July – This weekend there will be a special focus on the work of the Kenelm Youth Trust, youth ministry throughout the Archdiocese of Birmingham. We ask God's blessing on all young people: on their life, their education, this work and their future.

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

Bishops' Conference of England and Wales - 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>

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

Matthew Tehan - St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

– 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.

Track & Trace System - We ask those coming to Mass to bring a piece of paper with their name and phone number written on it and place it in the container provided for this purpose. If someone wishes to attend Mass and has not written down their details but is happy to provide them, a steward may (while observing social distancing) write those details down and put them in the container.

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)

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

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 presents 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:

dean@rc-birmingham.org

0121 230 6209

May God bless you.

SAFEGUARDING ADVISOR -Full-time (35 hours per week)/Permanent - £30,750 to £35,875 p.a. Central Birmingham - The Birmingham Diocesan Trust (BDT) is looking to appoint an experienced and qualified social worker or an alternatively qualified professional with significant multiagency safeguarding experience, to its Safeguarding Team. For an informal discussion about this role please call Alan Hassall, Head of Safeguarding on 0121 230 6275.

Please email gerry.dryden@rc-birmingham.org for a copy of the job description and details on how to apply for this role. Interviews for this role are likely to take place late August or early September.

Closing date for receipt of applications: (noon) Monday 10th August 2020.