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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5th July 2020

Divine Office: Psalter week 2

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Entrance Antiphon Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in 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 4th July.

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

Mass Times: 4th July – 12th July 2020

Sat 4 Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am Claire & Gerry O'Hara (Silver Wedding)

Public Mass resumes from the 12 noon Mass today.

*12.00noon Intentions of John & Wendy Fitzpatrick-Ellis

* 2.00pm Joseph Fee RIP

Sun 5 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*10.00am For the Health of our Nation

*12.00noon Pro Populo

Mon 6 Memorial of St. Maria Goretti

12.15pm In thanksgiving for staff of our Catholic Schools

Tue 7 Feria in Ordinary Time

*12.15pm Mary Ann Wallis

Wed 8 Feria in Ordinary Time

*12.15pm Patrick O'Keeffe RIP

Thurs 9 Feria in Ordinary Time

9.30am School Mass – Agnes Stevenson (Anniv.)
(Live Streamed)

*12.15pm Christy McGinley

Friday 10 Feria in Ordinary Time

12.15pm Margaret Docherty RIP

Sat 11 Feast of St. Benedict

10.00am Trish Kennedy

*12.00noon Michael Gately RIP

* 2.00pm Sarah Daly

Sun 12 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

'Sea Sunday'

*10.00am John De Valliere (80th Birthday)

*12.00noon Pro Populo

Re-Opening of the Cathedral for Public Mass – Thank you to those who have worked hard here as staff and volunteers to open the Cathedral for private prayer. As of Saturday 4th July, we are able to 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.**

The Year of the Word – The God Who Speaks Please try to look at next weekend's readings in the coming week.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Isaiah 55:10-11; Ps 64; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23 (Mt 13:1-9)

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: Barbara Davy, Margaret Pakes, Martin Butterfield and all those who have died in our families, parishes and community, and further afield.

Those who are ill: Deirdre McLeary. 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, Queen of Apostles in the coming week.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Mgr. Louis McRaye; Canon Francis Grady; Frs.: Michael Cullinan, Henry Hayward, Leo Joppe, William Rooney, Vincent Armishaw, Joseph Pires, Michael Gaffney, Bernard Maddox, Brendan Mary Donlon, Anthony Maguire, Seamus Hetherington, Gordon Hunter, John Molyneux, Plunkett Shannon and Deacon Anthony Bateman. Also, Janet Waterhouse, Michael Moyes, Mrs. O'Neill, Bernard Tehan, James Malynn, Patrick Forde, Matthew Ashe, Matthew O'Donnell Jnr., Mary Ann Wallis, Patricia, Teresa Woulfe and Nicholas O'Toole.

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

Mass in thanksgiving for staff of our Catholic Schools – on Monday 6th July at 12.15pm. The Catenian Association has requested a Mass of thanksgiving for all that has been achieved by our Catholic Schools during the Covid Pandemic, especially the staff of our schools. This Mass will be the normal weekday Mass. (For more information about the Catenians, www.thecatenians.com)

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!

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 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.

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 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/

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.

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.



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 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.

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.