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Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 16th August 2020

Divine Office: Psalter week 4

**Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin
Mary (Year A)**

Entrance Antiphon

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

Responsorial Psalm

On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Mary has been taken up into heaven; all the choirs of angels are rejoicing. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me.



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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: 15th August – 23rd August 2020

Sat 15 Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Elsie Helena Head

Vigil for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*12.00noon Catherine Brennan RIP

* 2.00pm All volunteers of our Cathedral

Sun 16 Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*10.00am Pro Populo

*12.00noon Dennis Menezes RIP

Mon 17 Feria in Ordinary Time

12.15pm In thanksgiving for Marriage

Tue 18 Feria in Ordinary Time

*12.15pm Thomas, Mary & Liam Flaherty

Wed 19 Feria in Ordinary Time

*12.15pm John, Jim & Gerard Byrne

Thurs 20 Memorial of St. Bernard

9.30am Family Mass -
(Live Streamed)

*12.15pm Intentions of Archbishop Bernard

Friday 21 Memorial of St. Pius X

12.15pm Leslie O'Driscoll RIP

Sat 22 Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10.00am James Shields

Vigil for the Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

*12.00noon Canon Gerry Breen RIP

* 2.00pm Holy Souls

Sun 23 Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

*10.00am Pro Populo

*12.00noon Mary Baines RIP

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. Holy Communion is currently on the hand only** For information, we have not reached our capacity for weekend or weekday Masses.

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: Dennis Menezes, Fr. Joe Tynan, Deacon Frank Lockett, Martin Garvey 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 Walsingham in the coming week.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: HE Bernard William Cardinal Griffin; Canon Bernard Cusworth; Frs.: Leslie McCallum, Kevin Keaney, Terence Smith, Patrick Cooney, Alan Smith and Deacon Douglas Taylor. Also, Peggy Roper, Sandra Morgan, Martin Morley, Bryan Holden, Trisha Harper, Anthonia Uwah, Baby Rowan Eager, Julie Chapman, Paddy Dineen, Theresa Boyle, James Foley, Simon Richards, Bridget Courtney, Bernadette Realf, Ann Hoban, Tom Coyne, Dave Creswell, Johane Monaghan, Linda Prestidge and Mary Baines.

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

RIP – Dennis Menezes was called to his eternal place of rest on Saturday 1st August 2020. Dennis is the father of Fr. Timothy Menezes. Please keep Dennis' wife, Catherine, and their children Anthony, Fr. Timothy, Anna and her husband Brendan, and the grandchildren in your prayers. The Funeral Mass of Dennis Menezes will take place at St. Dunstan's Church, Kings Heath on Thursday 27th August. Due to the current restriction of 30 people, this is restricted to family only. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated by the family.

Advance Notice: Please note that due to **Priestly Ordinations in the Cathedral on Saturday 12th September, there will be NO public Masses on that day. The Ordination Mass will be broadcast via the livestream and it will be a wonderful Mass for people to join in that way. The Masses on Sunday 13th September will be as normal at 10am and 12 noon. Thank you for your understanding.**

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.

Fr Tomas Zuna – We are delighted to share the news that Archbishop Bernard has appointed Fr Tomas, currently Assistant Priest in Acocks Green, to work alongside Fr Tim at the Cathedral. We pray for Fr Tomas and we look forward to welcoming him in September.

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

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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The Year of the Word – The God Who Speaks
Please try to look at next weekend's readings in the coming week. **Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)**
Isaiah 22:19-23; Ps 137; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16: 13-20

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

CAFOD launched its coronavirus emergency appeal on 30 April. The effects of coronavirus on developing countries where CAFOD works are likely to be devastating. Families without enough to eat and without access to clean water and healthcare are particularly vulnerable to coronavirus. The poorest and most marginalised communities will be pushed further into poverty. Your prayers and gifts are needed now more than ever to help protect the lives of those in poor communities. While we are not able to hold physical collections in our church, you can donate as individuals at cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal or as a parish community via your own parish coronavirus appeal.

Birmingham Roman Catholic Charismatic Conference – We are most grateful to the members of the Conference Committee for donating the flowers which were arranged for the past week's Conference. The two-day Conference, talks, praise and worship and Mass is available on YouTube via the Conference's own website: www.bccrc.weebly.com

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.

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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Holy Communion is currently on the hand only.

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.

WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED IT IS COMPULSORY FOR ALL THOSE COMING IN TO THE CATHEDRAL TO 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.

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