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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

13th September 2020

Divine Office: Psalter Week 4 **Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)**

Entrance Antiphon Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

Responsorial Psalm The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.



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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.

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

Mass Times: 12th September – 20th September 2020

Sat 12 Feria in Ordinary Time

12.00noon Mass of Ordination to the Priesthood
of Revv. Clive Dytor
and Alexander Taylor

The Ordination Mass will be livestreamed.

No Public Mass at the Cathedral today

**Sun 13 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
'Education Sunday'**

*10.00am People of the Parish

*12.00noon Denis Tapparo RIP

Mon 14 Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

12.15pm Phyllis Murrey RIP

Tue 15 Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

*12.15pm Liam Duffy

Wed 16 Memorial of Ss Cornelius & Cyprian

*12.15pm Eileen Cheshire RIP

Thurs 17 Feria in Ordinary Time

9.30am School Mass
(Live Streamed)

*12.15pm Rita Barker

Friday 18 Feria in Ordinary Time

12.15pm Maura Minnock

Sat 19 Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am Margaret McGrath

Vigil for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

'Home Mission Sunday'

*12.00noon For all those in education

* 2.00pm For all those who are unemployed

Sun 20 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*10.00am People of the Parish

*12.00noon For those who have died of, or during, the
Coronavirus

3.00pm Mass of Ordination to the Priesthood
of Revv. Sean Gough
and Benedict Skipper

The Ordination Mass will be livestreamed.

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 your information, we have not reached our capacity for weekend or weekday Masses.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for September:

Respect for the Planet's Resources – We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner

Cathedral Prayers Lists

Recently Deceased: Jacob Billington (attack victim in Birmingham) Deacon Peter Kilgallon, Gerald McEvoy, Bridget Fernando, Deirdre Hilton and all those who have died.

Those who are ill: Deirdre McLeary, Mary Withers. We keep in our prayers all those affected by the recent stabbings in our City and 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 Peace, in the coming week.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Archbishop George Patrick Dwyer; Canons: Robert Nicholson, Peter McKenna, David Mellor; Frs.: Guy Coleman, Richard Dinnis, Patrick Meagher, William Alfred Oddie, John Lopes, Alan Holtham, Peter Lees and John Steward. Also, Mary O'Shea, Tina Ashe, Jimmy Mullen, Kate Shorthouse, Jamie Ferguson, James Harney, Kathleen Redmond and Frankie Boyle. **Eternal Rest grant unto them O, Lord; may they rest in peace. Amen.**

Advance Notice: Please note that due to **Priestly Ordinations in the Cathedral on Saturday 12th September, there will be NO public Masses on the 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. We might reach capacity this weekend. Thank you for your understanding.**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at St Chad's Cathedral each **Friday** (livestream) following the Mass at 12.15pm until 3pm

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

**Isaiah 55:6-9; Ps 144; Philipians 1:20-24, 27
Matthew 20:1-6.**

**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.

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 mid-September.

Time To Reflect

Please take the time to look at the latest 'Cathedral Corner – Time to Reflect' on the Cathedral website. It is an opportunity to reflect on the passage of time since lockdown began and how it has had an impact on your life and your faith.

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. 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.

Sponsored Walk to Raise Funds for the Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford and to help the cause of homelessness in that area. Fr Tim will join others on a 10-mile walk from Lichfield Cathedral to Hednesford on Saturday 26th September. There is an open invitation to those who wish to take part in the walk or to sponsor Fr Tim or the other walkers! Full details: <https://investmycommunity.com/our-lady-of-lourdes-hednesford-2312>

BIRMINGHAM JUSTICE & PEACE ASSEMBLY 2020:

The Climate Emergency: Listening to the 'Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor'. This year's Assembly will take place ONLINE, with one-hour sessions over 3 evenings at 7.30pm: Monday 28 September, Wednesday 30 September, Friday 2 October and culminating with an Evening Prayer with the participation of Archbishop Bernard on Sunday 4 October at 7pm. Details: and to book: <https://bit.ly/JPasssembly2020> or email bham.jandp@gmail.com

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

Diocesan Ministry for Young People – For details of all that is happening for young people in our Archdiocese, please visit: www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk

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Ordination of Priests for the Archdiocese of Birmingham

On Saturday 12th September at 12noon we celebrate the Ordination as Priests of Clive Dytor and Alexander Taylor.

On Sunday 20th September at 3.00pm we celebrate the Ordination as Priests of Sean Gough and Benedict Skipper.

Ordination of New Auxiliary Bishops for the Archdiocese of Birmingham

On Friday 9th October at 12noon, the Feast of St John Henry Newman, we celebrate the Ordination as Bishops of Canon David Evans and Canon Stephen Wright, for service as Auxiliary Bishops in our Archdiocese.

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. You can donate as individuals at cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal or as a parish community via your own parish coronavirus appeal.

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)

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

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>