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Solemnity of All Saints

1st November 2020

Divine Office: Psalter Week 3 Solemnity of All Saints (Year A)

- Entrance Antiphon** Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.
- Responsorial Psalm** Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.
- Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!
- Communion Antiphon:** Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.




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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 : 31st October – 8th November 2020

Sat 31 Memorial of Our Lady
10.00am People of the Parish
(Rosary Whirlwind of Prayer)

Vigil for the Solemnity of All Saints

*12.00noon Wiktoria & Karol
* 2.00pm Cuthbert & Christobel De Valliere

MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Sun 1 Solemnity of All Saints
'All Saints Day'

*10.00am Michael O'Driscoll RIP
*12.00noon Diocesan Mass in Thanksgiving
for Marriage
3.00pm Diaconate Ordinations – Dominic Kerr,
Dirk Hermans & John Garvey

Mon 2 The Commemoration of All the
Faithful Departed
'All Souls Day'

*12.15pm Christian Jude Le Blanc RIP
7.00pm All Souls (Live Stream Mass Only)

Tue 3 Memorial of St Martin de Porres

*12.15pm K A D Samarasinghe RIP

Wed 4 Memorial of Charles Borromeo

*12.15pm Patrick Finn RIP

Thurs 5 Feria in Ordinary Time

*12.15pm Michael Drugan

Friday 6 Feria in Ordinary Time

12.15pm Imelda James RIP

Sat 7 Memorial of Our Lady

10.00am Intentions of Pat & Peter Harrington

Vigil for Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

*12.00noon Catenian Mass for Deceased Brothers

* 2.00pm Keith Marmoin

Sun 8 Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
'Remembrance Day'

*10.00am John Scully RIP

*12.00noon People of the Parish

Public Mass – The Cathedral is open 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.**

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.

We would like to inform you that our 2 Masses on Sunday are now reaching capacity. So that we do not need to turn people away and as there is currently no Sunday obligation, please come to Mass on a weekday instead of Sunday if you are able, and for those who can only come at weekends.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for November: Artificial Intelligence – We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

Look out for the Pope's new letter: **Fratelli Tutti.**

Cathedral Prayers Lists

Recently Deceased: May the souls of the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Those who are ill: Mary Withers. We pray for our parishioners, family and friends who are sick. We pray at this time for all healthcare workers. We commend them all to the intercession of Our Lady of Compassion, in the coming week.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Archbishop Maurice Couve de Murville; Bishop John Barrett; Mgr. Bertram Gould; Canons: Denis Toplass, Patrick Smith, Eugene O'Sullivan, John Redford (Southwark); Frs.: James Faulconer-Morgan, Henry Taylor, Louis Moore, James Curtin, Aengus Gabriel Donlon, James Francis Broomfield, John Brisland, Francis Stanbridge, Francis Dawson, Derek Edwards and Deacon Paul Grosvenor. Also, Mela Kauders, Anne Mooney, Harry Thorpe, Rosie Bartle, Morgan Hehir, John Walsh, Stevan Haret, Joe Farley, Jean Patricia Shakespeare, Christian Jude Le Blanc, K A D Samarasinghe, Brian May, Brendan Wall, Pat Campbell, P J Shanahan, Winnie Walshe, John Scully and Pat Dalton.

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

Please note the 12.15pm Mass on Monday 2nd November - All Souls Day is open to public. There will be NO PUBLIC MASS on Thursday 5th November.

Mass Cards –

You are now able to have Mass cards signed at Cathedral House Reception for your Mass intention requests between Tuesday – Thursday from 10am – 4pm.

The God Who Speaks

Please try to look at next weekend's readings in the coming week:

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) Wisdom 6:12-16; Psalm 62;

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Next weekend (7 / 8 November) we shall highlight the work of the Catenian Association.

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



Time To Reflect

Please take the time to look at the latest 'Cathedral Corner – Time to Reflect' for November on the Cathedral website. This is a month of praying for the Holy Souls and looking forward with hope.

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.

Diocesan Mass in Thanksgiving for Marriage at 12.00noon on Sunday 1st November – Solemnity of All Saints. This Mass will be celebrated by the newly ordained Bishop David Evans. All those celebrating significant wedding anniversaries this year (whether 1, 5, 10, or anything up to 70 years) are invited to join the livestream for this Mass and renew their marriage vows. It will be open to parishioners (capacity 50). Please download the two participation sheets for this Mass from the St Chad's Cathedral website: one with music for the Mass and the other which lists those celebrating significant anniversaries and the prayer of Renewal of Vows for you to respond.

Commemoration of All Souls - Monday 2nd November at 7pm – Archbishop Bernard will celebrate a Mass (**livestream only**) from the Cathedral for the repose of the souls of all those who have died in the past year, mindful of the number of deaths associated with the coronavirus or the many others who have died but whose Funerals have not been celebrated in the way that families would have wished. Please download sheet.

The Basilican - the magazine of the St Chad's Cathedral Association - The Autumn bumper edition is now available to buy. Our magazine is packed full of interesting articles, including an opening introduction by Archbishop Bernard Longley and others by Mgr. Timothy Menezes, Cathedral Dean, and Professor David Saint, Organist and Director of Music. In this edition we have a number of super articles by some of our young people and adults who are particularly interested in St Chad's Cathedral and its history. As we are no longer able to display the magazine at the back of the Cathedral, due to the Covid 19 restrictions, please contact the Editor, Anne Symonds, on 0121 249 1487 or **email Anne** on annets103@hotmail.co.uk or david.dsace@outlook.com. It costs £5 plus £2 postage and packing.

Thursday Live Organ Recital - Livestream only for now on the 1st Thursday of the month. See the Cathedral website for the YouTube link. Available any time from Thursday lunchtime this week. Well worth taking the time!

The Month of November – This weekend marks the beginning of the month of November when we focus in a special way on prayer for the Holy Souls. Prayer for those who have died forms an important part of our prayer.

Ordination of Permanent Deacons for the Archdiocese of Birmingham

On Sunday 1st November at 3pm, in St Chad's Cathedral, the Solemnity of All Saints, Archbishop Bernard will ordain Dominic Kerr, Dirk Hermans & John Garvey as Permanent Deacons. The Mass will only be available via the livestream due to restrictions on capacity. Please pray for the candidates and their families as they prepare for this important day in their lives. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and the diaconate.

Official NHS QR Poster for Test & Trace

We have now displayed our official NHS QR Code poster at the entrance doors into our Cathedral. Maintaining records of staff, parishioners and visitors, and displaying an official NHS QR poster, helps NHS Test and Trace to identify and notify people who may have been exposed to the virus. The NHS COVID-19 app has a feature that allows users to quickly and easily 'check in' to any venue by scanning the code and you then do not have to write down your details. If there is an outbreak associated with our Cathedral, a message will be sent to the relevant app users with the necessary public health advice. This will help to avoid the reintroduction of lockdown measures and support the country to return to, and maintain, a more normal way of life. For those who do not have the NHS COVID-19 app, please continue 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 when you come to Mass. 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 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



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 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 is asked to take personal responsibility for respecting social distancing and the wellbeing of others as well as themselves. Please cooperate with the test & trace procedures when coming to the Cathedral. **NHS Test and Trace** is a key part of the country's ongoing COVID-19 response. If we can rapidly detect people who have recently come into close contact with a new COVID-19 case, we can take swift action to minimise transmission of the virus. **The NHS COVID-19 app** has a feature that allows users to quickly and easily 'check in' to your venue by scanning the code. The information stays on the user's phone. In England, you do not have to ask people who choose to 'check in' using the official NHS QR code to provide their contact details. If there is an outbreak associated with a venue, a message will be sent to the relevant app users with the necessary public health advice. By maintaining records of staff, customers and visitors, and displaying an official NHS QR poster, you will help NHS Test and Trace to identify and notify people who may have been exposed to the virus. This will help to avoid the reintroduction of lockdown measures and support the country to return to, and maintain, a more normal way of life. You can read further information on [how NHS Test and Trace works](#).

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>

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.

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'.

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

St. Paul's Book Shop at the Cathedral is open. Please call before visiting: 0121 236 6336. Or email Birmingham@stpauls.org.uk. Currently it is open from Monday – Saturday from 9.00am – 4.00pm.

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.

St Chad's – our Parish Primary School

We bid farewell to Mr Matthew Tehan who has been appointed Head Teacher of St Dunstan's Catholic Primary School, Kings Heath. **Our Deputy Head**, Mrs Parker will now lead the school as Acting Head Teacher.