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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11th October 2020

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary

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

Entrance Antiphon **If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.**

Responsorial Psalm **In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among
us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children
of God. Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: **The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the
Lord lack no blessing.**




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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 : 10th October – 18th October 2020

Sat 10 Feria in Ordinary Time

First Holy Communion Mass for St Chad's Primary School Children – Year 4 (from last school year)

10.00am Bernard Naylor RIP

Vigil for the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

'Prisons Week'

*12.00noon Teresa McCabe

* 2.00pm Josie Condon RIP

Sun 11 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*10.00am Teresa O'Connor RIP

*12.00noon People of the Parish

Mon 12 Feria in Ordinary Time

12.15pm Thomas, Mary & Liam Flaherty RIP

Tue 13 Memorial St. Edward the Confessor

*12.15pm Roy & Phil Kendrick

(60th Wedding Anniversary)

Wed 14 Feria in Ordinary Time

*12.15pm Michael & Eileen Drugan

Thurs 15 Memorial of St. Teresa of Jesus

9.30am School Mass

*12.15pm Justin Veerasamy RIP

Friday 16 Memorial St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

12.15pm Dennis Menezes RIP

Sat 17 Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch

10.00am Mimi RIP

Vigil for the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*12.00noon Mgr. Paul Watson RIP

* 2.00pm Sue & James Judd

Sun 18 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

'World Mission Day'

*10.00am Holy Souls

*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.

Please help with Test & Trace. We have a QR code.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for October:

The Laity's Mission in the Church – We pray that by the virtue of Baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

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

Cathedral Prayers Lists

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

Those who are ill: 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 pray at this time for all healthcare workers. 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: Bishop Michael Glancey; Mgrs. Cyril L Fay, Paul Watson; Canon: William Withers; Frs.: Brian Whatmore, Seamus Gilroy, Edmund Cullen, Thomas L Rohan, Charles Friel, Gerald J Adams, John Francis Hughes, Aidan White-Spunner and Deacon Louis Kelly. Also, William Hone, Matthew Dunne, Barry Holmes and Patrick O'Neill.

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

CAFOD Fast Day – envelopes are available for your donations this weekend. We welcome Sylvester Mutsigwa who works for CAFOD in our Archdiocese to highlight the work of CAFOD. www.cafod.org.uk

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

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.

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) Isaiah 45:1, 4-6;

Ps 95; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5;

Matthew 22:15-21

**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 welcome Fr Tomas who has arrived and begun work here at the Cathedral.
We wish him a fruitful ministry here among us.

Time To Reflect

Please take the time to look at the latest 'Cathedral Corner – Time to Reflect' for October on the Cathedral website. This is a month of praying the Rosary and we think about the place of Angels in our life of faith and prayer.

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 and Andrew De Valliere completed the 10-mile walk from Lichfield to Hednesford two weeks ago). Thank you for the generous donations you have made and for your memories of associations with this wonderful shrine in our Diocese. There is still time to donate if you wish.

<https://investmycommunity.com/our-lady-of-lourdes-hednesford-2312>

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 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

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.



Road Closure , Shadwell Street – St. Joseph Homes have informed us of this road closure which will be on the weekend of 17th & 18th October. The reason for this is that they are taking down one of their cranes. They have assured us that they will station operatives by the road closures to assist our parishioners coming to Mass and direct them through the top end of Shadwell Street (though it will be sign posted as NO Entry). We will keep you updated.

Ordination of New Auxiliary Bishops for the Archdiocese of Birmingham

Congratulations to Bishops of Canon David Evans and Canon Stephen Wright who were ordained as Auxiliary Bishops in our Archdiocese last Friday.

Bishop Stephen Wright will serve the Deaneries of Staffordshire and the Black Country.

Bishop David Evans will serve the Deaneries of Birmingham and Worcestershire.

We continue to pray for them.

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 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)

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.