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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

'World Day of the Poor'

15th November 2020

Divine Office: Psalter Week 1 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Entrance Antiphon The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead
back your captives from every place.

Responsorial Psalm O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep
faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the
Lord.



We are pleased to inform you all Masses at the Cathedral will be live streamed. Please visit our website for details.

There will be NO Public Masses during this lockdown period. And please note changes to weekend Mass times. Please check the Cathedral website homepage for changes and if in doubt refresh the page to see most up to date notices.

Mass Times: 14th November – 22nd November 2020

Sat 14 Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Knights of St Columba Mass for Deceased Brothers (Livestream only)

Followed by the recitation of the Rosary

There will be no Saturday Vigil Mass during this time

Sun 15 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
'World Day of the Poor'
11.00am People of the Parish

Mon 16 Memorial of St Margaret of Scotland
12.15pm Mary & John Thomas
Followed by Exposition

Tue 17 Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm Angela McDaid RIP

Wed 18 Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul
12.15pm James Madden RIP

Thurs 19 Feria in Ordinary Time
9.30am School Mass (Live Streamed)
12.15pm Anthony Bambrick RIP

Friday 20 Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm Patrick O'Donnell

Sat 21 Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10.00am Bernard Clemson RIP

Followed by the recitation of the Rosary

There will be no Saturday Vigil Mass during this time

Sun 22 Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of The Universe
'Civic Sunday'
'National Youth Sunday'
11.00am People of the Parish

Cathedral is open for Private Prayer Only – There will be NO PUBLIC MASSES effective 5th November until the end of the present lockdown period as per government guidance. We are pleased to inform you the Cathedral will be open for Private Prayer only from Tuesday to Saturday each week between 1.30pm – 4.00pm 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 Sundays and Mondays.**

We welcome those who are returning but please always check the times. **There are no toilets available because of the virus, and you are asked to bring a face covering with you for Mass. Our capacity for individual visitors is 50. Please help with Test & Trace. We are using a QR code.**

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:

Angela McDaid; May the souls of the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen. During this month of the Holy Souls, let us reflect not only on death but on the precious gift of life at every stage, a free gift of God.

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, Health of the Sick, in the coming week.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Archbishop John McIntyre; Canons: Joseph William Dunne, Philip Coyne; Frs.: Petroc Howell, Laurence Smith, Thomas Stanislaus O'Connor, William Matthew Boyle, Joseph Ryan, James O'Sullivan, Raymund Jones, Bernard Boulton, Thomas Havekin, Francis Lockett, Gerry Jackson, David Higham; Deacons: John Burton and Pat Linthwaite. Also, Curnal Moltan Duncan, Maria Kameni, Catherine Connelly, Hughie Malone, Ann McCarthy, Juliana Donoghue, Mary Dungate and all the children & their teacher who died in the Hagley High School minibus crash.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at St Chad's Cathedral Tuesday – Saturday from 1.30pm – 4.00pm (Cathedral open).

An extra period of Exposition that is livestreamed will follow Monday Mass in the Cathedral as the Cathedral remains closed on that day.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - On the days when church is open for private prayer, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available from 1.30pm – 2.30pm or by request.

The God Who Speaks

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

Solemnity Of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of The Universe (Year A)

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; Psalm 22;

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46

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.

November Booklet on Liturgy and Scripture

Please look at the booklet that is on the St Chad's Cathedral website and which you may download, especially looking at themes of the month and patterns within the Scriptures.

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.

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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 as are the recitals from previous months – now we have the time!

The Month of November – 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. Even the ability to talk about death as a reality rather than avoiding it is a grace and a blessing to pray for.

The Season of Advent and the new Church year begins on Sunday 29th November.

St. Paul's Book Shop will remain closed during this lockdown. We are pleased to inform you they continue to handle web and mail order requests/business.

Email Birmingham@stpauls.org.uk

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 Private Prayer in the Cathedral will be:

Tuesday – Saturday - From 1.30pm – 4.00pm.

Recognising the need for our staff to have rest days, the Cathedral will be closed on Sundays and Mondays.

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 lighting of votive candles

No signing of Mass cards

No distribution of Holy Water at doors or for home

No gathering for conversation

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 any further 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 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.net/>

Sacred Space - <https://sacredspace.ie/>

God who speaks UK- <https://thegodwhospeaks.org.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 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 need. You can donate as an individual via cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal or as a parish or group via your own parish coronavirus appeal.

Diocesan e-newsletter – Please subscribe via the <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.kenelmeyouthtrust.org.uk

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.

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