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## Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of The Universe 'National Youth Sunday' 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

Divine Office: Psalter Week 2 Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of The Universe (Year A)

- Entrance Antiphon** How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.
- Responsorial Psalm** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
- Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David. Alleluia!
- Communion Antiphon:** To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.



  
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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.**

**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: 21<sup>st</sup> November – 29<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

- Sat 21**      **Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Abp Bernard)**  
*With Blessing of Holy Oils*  
**Day of Prayer for end of pandemic**  
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 (Year A)**  
**‘Civic Sunday’**  
**‘National Youth Sunday’**  
11.00am      People of the Parish
- Mon 23**      **Memorial of St Clement I**  
12.15pm      Kitty McGarrity RIP
- Tue 24**      **Memorial of St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions, Martyrs in Vietnam**  
12.15pm      Lisa McGrath
- Wed 25**      **Memorial of St Catherine of Alexandria**  
12.15pm      Michael McDermott RIP
- Thurs 26**      **Feria in Ordinary Time**  
9.30am      School Mass (Live Streamed)  
12.15pm      Thomas, Mary, Liam Flaherty RIP
- Friday 27**      **Feria in Ordinary Time**  
12.15pm      Mary Sheehy RIP
- Sat 28**      **Feria in Ordinary Time**  
10.00am      Queenie Mulvey  
Followed by the recitation of the Rosary  
*There will be no Saturday Vigil Mass during this time*
- Sun 29**      **First Sunday of Advent (Year B)**  
11.00am      People of the Parish

**Cathedral is open for Private Prayer Only** – There will be NO PUBLIC MASSES effective 5<sup>th</sup> 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 these days of November, of the Holy Souls, let us pray with gratitude for members of our families, our parish communities and all those who have been good to us in our lives May they know God’s reward.

**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 pray for all those whose skills are being used to develop vaccines to combat Covid 19.

**For those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Archbishop John McIntyre; Canons: Maurice Woulfe, Augustine Emery; Frs.: Gerry Jackson, David Higham, Michael Connolly, Edward Neary, Joseph du Moulin Browne CO and Deacon Pat Linthwaite. Also, Ann McCarthy, Juliana Donoghue, Mary Dugate, Nuala Mulholland, Pat Laughrey, Verda Gorton, Michael O’Connor, Tommy Hughes, Walter McDermott, Angela Pearson and James Madden.

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

**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:

**First Sunday of Advent (Year B)**  
**Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8; Psalm 79;**  
**1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37**

**The Year of the Word** has now officially concluded. As the year was so affected and events postponed, the *God who Speaks* initiative will continue. Let us continue to welcome the Word.

**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](mailto: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.

**Living our life of faith during Lockdown** – We are more ready than last time for what the weeks ahead will hold. That does not necessarily make them easier, but we can sense how our life of faith will look: livestream Mass and other devotions and the need to make our home a place where we are at one with God.

Sometimes people struggle to pray: don't know where to start, which words to begin to pray.

The surest way to begin prayer is with thanksgiving to God for his blessings, including the gift of life itself at a time when life is fragile for so many.

Then, the intention to pray for others which will always be easier than praying for ourselves. Let us pray for one another, for our families, for the Church and for the world.

### 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](mailto:annets103@hotmail.co.uk) or [david.dsace@outlook.com](mailto: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 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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/](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.kenelmyouthtrust.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.

The Christian Life Community invites you to our Virtual Information Evening by ZOOM on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.30 p.m. We are a world-wide organisation for lay people, who meet in small groups, currently virtually, for helping them with prayer, sharing their faith with others and exploring how to live their lives on a daily basis in the spirit of the gospel and for mutual support. We would like to offer the opportunity to Christians to experience this way of life by setting up new virtual groups by Zoom for the Midlands area. For more information, or for the Zoom link, contact:-

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