



# Metropolitan Cathedral & Basilica of St Chad

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## Feast of the Baptism of The Lord



### 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Divine Office: Psalter Week 1      Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Year B)

**Entrance Antiphon**      After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

**Responsorial Psalm**      The Lord will bless his people with peace.

**Gospel Acclamation:**      Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'  
Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.



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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 Masses are open to the public.

Please check the Cathedral website homepage for changes and if in doubt refresh the page to see most up to date notices.

**Despite the National Lockdown, places of worship are recognised as necessary for our spiritual health and so our schedule of Masses continues. Please come if you can and know that we are praying for you and with you, if you can't.**

### Mass Times: 9<sup>th</sup> January – 17<sup>th</sup> January 2021

#### **Sat 9 Christmas Feria**

10.00am Burke Family  
Followed by the recitation of the Rosary

#### **Vigil for The Baptism of The Lord**

2.00pm Patrick McGuire RIP

#### **Sun 10 The Baptism of The Lord**

10.00am People of the Parish  
12.00noon Mary Cotterill RIP

#### **Mon 11 Feria in Ordinary Time**

12.15pm Private Intention

#### **Tue 12 Feria in Ordinary Time**

12.15pm Gerard Doherty

#### **Wed 13 Feria in Ordinary Time**

12.15pm Veronica Vanalli RIP

#### **Thurs 14 Feria in Ordinary Time**

9.30am Live Stream School Mass  
12.15pm Bernard Clemson RIP

#### **Friday 15 Feria in Ordinary Time**

12.15pm Tom Kavanagh RIP  
7.00pm Offered for Priests (Live Stream)

#### **Sat 16 Feria in Ordinary Time**

10.00am For the Little Sister of the Poor (Harborne)  
*Followed by the recitation of the Rosary*

#### **Vigil for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

2.00pm For all School Staff at this time

#### **Sun 17 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

**'Peace Day'**

10.00am Patrick Hanlon RIP  
12.00noon People of the Parish

### **We are now open for Mass every day.**

We welcome those who are returning but please always check the times.

We have kept one Vigil Mass at 2pm on Saturday.

Sunday Mass times for the time being will be at 10am and 12.00noon.

**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 January:**

**Human Fraternity** – May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

**Year of St Joseph:** Pope Francis has declared a year of special devotion to St Joseph beginning immediately. Look up 'With a father's heart'.

### **Cathedral Prayers Lists**

#### **Recently Deceased:**

Patrick Horsfield KHS, Clemence Douglas and all victims of COVID in the past week.

As we begin a new year, despite the obvious frustrations of the present moment, let us cherish the gift of life in ourselves and in others. There are many people who did not live to see 2021 and we are called to accept the gift daily.

**Those who are ill:** 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:**

Mgr. John Cregg; Canon Matthias Corrigan; Frs: Charles Becker, Philip Wyles, Patrick Farrelly, James Bromley, Patrick McSwiney, Peter Tuite, Robert Kirby, Benedict O'Gorman, Gerard Peuleve, Cyril Bennett, Archibald Snell; Deacons; William Murphy, Brian Dockerty & Thomas Mark Carter. Also, Francis Gilligan, Francis Moyna, Herman Dhoot, Maria Do Ceu Da Purificacao, Elaine McGlynn, Patrick Hanlon, Patrick Burke, Sean Corcoran, Michael Heffernan, Michael Henry King, Thomas Madden, Peggy Breen and Carole Smith.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** – Monday to Friday, from 11.30 – 12noon; and after both 10am and 2pm Masses on Saturdays.

Come and experience the Lord's Mercy in this rich sacrament.

#### **The God Who Speaks**

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

#### **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

**1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19; Psalm 39; Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20; John 1:35-42**

**The Year of the Word** has now officially concluded. 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

Did you make a New Year's Resolution? It is not too late and there are some ideas about how this can be approached differently this year. This year is also dedicated to St Joseph and Pope Francis has asked us to hold with the theme of the Family.

### Booklet on Liturgy and Scripture

Try to make time to learn about the Word of God and the shape of the Liturgy.

### The Sower Magazine

The latest edition of the Diocesan Magazine is available. Paper copies are available from the Cathedral and online, please visit:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/diocesan-magazine>

The Editors welcome your feedback.

**A Word of Thanks: Christmas 2020** - Fr Tim and Fr. Tomas thank the Cathedral Staff and all those volunteers who support the life and mission of the Cathedral all the year round but specially during these difficult periods of lockdowns/restrictions. You have made it possible for us to open our Cathedral to welcome people in a COVID secure manner.

To those who contributed in any way to the ceremonies of Christmas and the beautiful decoration of the Cathedral: thank you.

Thank you for your Christmas offerings, gifts and Christmas greetings. Most of all thank you for your prayers and support as look with hope to the blessings of the year ahead.

May God bless you and your families.

**Although we are still not in a position to welcome events and meetings at the Cathedral until the safety of participants can be better gauged, you are remembered daily in prayer at the Cathedral.**

**The Basilican - the magazine of the St Chad's Cathedral Association** - The Autumn bumper edition is still 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!

**Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) Year of the Family – announced by Pope Francis.** In addition to the Year of St Joseph (and not in any way unrelated to it) Pope Francis has asked that from March of 2021 until the next World Meeting of Families to be held in Rome in June 2022, we continue to focus on the theme of Family Life, as outlined in his teaching document of 5 years ago, *The Joy of Love*. There is more information about this in the January *Time to Reflect* column on the Cathedral website.

**St Chad's Sanctuary** – charity begins at home and we are privileged to have the Corporal Works of Mercy on our doorstep at St Chad's in terms of help for those who have left their homelands sometimes in great distress and arrived in our city as asylum seekers and refugees. This work is largely fulfilled by energetic and selfless volunteers. Unfortunately, it is not possible for too many people to volunteer at the moment. If you feel able to support the work of St Chad's Sanctuary financially, please visit the website where all details can be found: [www.stchadssanctuary.com](http://www.stchadssanctuary.com)

**St Chad's Cathedral Primary School** – We welcome applications for our parish primary school which is in Hospital Street in Newtown. Our school is a faith-filled community of love, care and excellence in a Gospel-based and broad curriculum. If you would like to know more about St Chad's Primary School and what it can offer to your family, please phone 0121 464 6554. Email: [enquiry@st-chads.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@st-chads.bham.sch.uk) St Chad's Primary School has recently begun the process of converting to Academy Status and will join the St Teresa of Calcutta Academy together with Archbishop Ilsley, Holy Trinity and Holy Souls schools in Birmingham.

**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** are:

**Monday to Friday 12.15pm**

**Saturday 10am &**

**2.00pm (Vigil Mass of Sunday)**

**Sunday**

**10am & 12noon**

**The Cathedral will be open on weekdays from 11.30am and close soon after Mass at 12.15pm** (Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available from 11.30am – 12noon.)

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.***

**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.

**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 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.stchadscathedral@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:dean.stchadscathedral@rcaob.org.uk)

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.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** - Online Marriage Enrichment Experience with Bishop David Evans January 30<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> 2021. An opportunity for couples to enrich their relationship, regardless of the length of time they have been together. Couples can explore their relationship and gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage. Other dates for 2021 - 20th-21st March & 15th-16th May To find out more visit <https://wwme.org.uk/> or call 0845 2602016

**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:-

Peter Dimambro, [mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk)  
01926 428399.

**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

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What are the sources of informing your faith and knowledge of the Church in the Modern World?

**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.