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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

'Peace Sunday'

17th January 2021

Divine Office: Psalter Week 2 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Entrance Antiphon All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Responsorial Psalm Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You have prepared a table for me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.



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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: 16th January – 24th January 2021

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 Sunday'

10.00am Patrick Hanlon RIP
12.00noon People of the Parish

Mon 18 Feria in Ordinary Time

12.15pm Ann & Michael Collins

Tue 19 Feast of St. Wulstan

12.15pm Mr. & Mrs. Dixon

Wed 20 Memorial St. Sebastian

12.15pm Keith Barkley RIP

Thurs 21 Memorial of St. Agnes

9.30am Live Stream School Mass
12.15pm Agnes O'Driscoll RIP

Friday 22 Memorial St. Vincent

12.15pm Anthony & Janet Naylor

Sat 23 Memorial St. Nicholas Owen

10.00am Margaret Marmion

Vigil for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

2.00pm Ambie Byrne RIP

Sun 24 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

'Sunday of the Word of God'

10.00am People of the Parish
12.00noon Hugo Perez Parkes

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:

Archbishop of Glasgow, the Most Reverend Philip Tartaglia, Fr. Patrick Joyce (former Parish Priest of Ss Mary & John, Gravelly Hill), Patrick Horsfield KHS, John Carolan, Margaret Mary Hanson, 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. Peter Dao-Duc-Diem; Canons: Bernard McKenna, Arthur Wall; Frs: Archibald Snell, Timothy Dinan, Cecil Keane, Bernard Robertson, C J Gregory Winterton CO, Edward Leicester CO, Edward Kirner, Clement Burrett, Michael Walshe, George Jackson, John Tolkien, Joseph McKenna, Michael Forde, Charles Ross, John Garvey, and Anthony Timlin. Also, Peggy Breen, Carole Smith, Patrick Daly and Mary Walsh.

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:

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 24;

1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

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

The January booklet is now available to download from our website.

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 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!

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

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 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 Ilesley, 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

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 2020. 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

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 30th - 31st 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

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.

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.

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

TO OUR CATHOLIC UNIVERSE AND CATHOLIC TIMES READERS IN THE PARISH:-

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

#Pray24Brum is back: 22/23 January 2021 -

Every January for the last few years, #Pray24Brum has brought together Christians in Birmingham and beyond to pray for our city. Taking place early in the calendar year and during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, #Pray24Brum provides an opportunity for Christians of different traditions to witness to our unity as we pray together for Birmingham.

#Pray24Brum takes place from 8am to 8pm on Friday 22 January and from 8am to 8pm on Saturday 23 January 2021.

This year, things will necessarily look very different to previous years.

Due to the Covid-19 lockdown, there will be no central venue in which people can gather for prayer. Instead, **#Pray24Brum** is inviting individuals, households, congregations and Christian communities to set aside 24 minutes during the 24 hours to pray for Birmingham.

At intervals during the 24 hours of prayer, we will be sharing on the Birmingham Churches Together **Facebook page** and **Twitter account** links to 24-minute-long times of prayer led by different groups and churches in the city, in which you are warmly invited to participate.

We are still open to churches or groups in the city who would like to lead one of the 24-minute prayer sessions, or contribute resources to help people pray. Please contact Stephanie at stephanie@carrslanelivedcommunity.org.uk with offers of help.

We will also share a number of resources and suggestions which can be used to guide your prayer, as well as issues and concerns which you may wish to pray about. In addition, we hope you will also bring your own specific concerns and those issues which are affecting your own locality into your prayers.

We invite everyone taking part in the event to use the hashtag **#Pray24Brum** to share how, where and for what they are praying.

This will help to generate a community united in prayer across every corner of Birmingham. Please do share your own prayers to the hashtag to inspire others, and follow it in order to be inspired by others. These are not easy times for anyone, so whatever, wherever and however you are praying for the communities and concerns of the city, thank you!