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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

'Racial Justice Sunday'

31st January 2021

Divine Office: Psalter Week 4 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Entrance Antiphon Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

Responsorial Psalm O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.



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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: 30th January – 7th February 2021

Sat 30 Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10.00am Mrs. Hall RIP

Vigil for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
2.00pm Archbishop Philip Tartaglia RIP

Sun 31 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
'Racial Justice Sunday'
10.00am People of the Parish
12.00noon Fr. Patrick Joyce RIP

MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Mon 1 Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Funeral Mass - John J Carolan RIP
12.15pm Br. Joseph Carrow

Tue 2 Feast of the Presentation of The Lord
12.15pm Sr. Marie Inglis

Wed 3 Memorial of St Blaise
12.15pm Fred Longley RIP

Thurs 4 Feria in Ordinary Time
9.30am Live Stream School Mass
12.15pm Ian Coleman RIP

Friday 5 Memorial of St Agatha
12.15pm Vivienne Boylan RIP

Sat 6 Memorial of St Paul Miki and Companions
10.00am Archbishop Patrick Kelly
12.00noon Mass for Religious (LIVE STREAM ONLY)
Celebrant – Archbishop Bernard

Vigil for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
2.00pm Canon Giles Goward RIP

Sun 7 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
10.00am People of the Parish
12.00noon Mass of Thanksgiving – Pastoral Care Project
Celebrant – Archbishop Bernard

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.

THIS CATHEDRAL LIVE STREAMS MASS AND OTHER EVENTS



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.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February:

Violence against Women – We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

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: Canon Giles Goward, 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, Dave Hollyoak, Vivienne Boylan, Ian Coleman and all victims of COVID in the past week. We hold before the Lord especially the 15 year old boy, Keon Lincoln, who died as a result of violence in our city last week. We pray for his family and we pray for peace in the hearts of all people.

Those who are ill: We pray for Bobby (Bhupinder) Bansal, Mr Koryl and 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 Fredrick William Keating: Mgr. Michael Williams: Frs: Mortimer Loftus, John Berry, David Condron, Denis Clancy, Joseph Connelly and Thomas O'Carroll. Also, Chris O'Connor, Kathleen Sheran, Jim Finn, Martina Donaghy, Veronica Sowman, Antoon Verschoot, Paddy Kavanagh, Christina Ellams, Josephine Faulkner, Matty McCabe, Fred Longley, Vera Cronin, Patrick Roche, Roy Capewell and Brendan Healy.

Canon Giles Goward RIP - Please pray for the repose of the soul of Canon Giles, only recently appointed Rector of our Diocesan Seminary, St Mary's College, Oscott, who has died following a short illness. Canon Giles celebrated his Silver Jubilee of Priesthood last summer. His priestly appointments were as Assistant Priest in Newcastle Under Lyme, Archbishop's Secretary, Parish Priest in Worcester and in Caversham, Pastoral Director at the Seminary and, lately, Rector.

He was appointed as a Canon of the Metropolitan Chapter of St Chad's Cathedral last year. May he rest in peace.

The God Who Speaks

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Job 7:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 146;

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39

The Year of the Word has now officially concluded. The *God who Speaks* initiative will continue. Let us continue to welcome the Word.

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. If for any reason you cannot come to the Sacrament at present, take the time to turn to God and seek his forgiveness as you reflect at the end of each day.

Time To Reflect

The February reflection on the Cathedral website remembers Canon Giles Goward, Rector of our Diocesan Seminary, St Mary's College, Oscott, who has died.

Booklet on Liturgy and Scripture

The monthly booklet which can be viewed and downloaded from the Cathedral website highlights some of the patterns running through the Scripture Readings on Sundays and other significant dates in each month.

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 message to all of our Parishioners and Friends

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.

A New Lectionary (Readings for the Celebration of Mass)

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has announced that there is to be a new Lectionary for the celebration of Mass. The process of revision of the Church's Liturgical books is one that acknowledges the changes of language that occur over a period of time and follows the Revision of the Missal and the texts of the Mass some 10 years ago.

Please find out more about this process at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/new-lectionary-for-england-and-wales/>

Racial Justice Sunday – This year Racial Justice Sunday 31st January 2021 is more important than ever. The effects of the pandemic, the killing of George Floyd, and the powerful message on fraternity and equality by Pope Francis in Fratelli Tutti speak of the need to actively oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour. The Bishops' Conference has also commissioned a series of videos to share the thoughts of Black Catholics about the events of the past year, how we can build a better society and the important role that our Church can play. These will be available at: www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/racial-justice-sunday-2021 in advance of Racial Justice Sunday.

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.

Mass for Religious (Live Stream Only) - will be celebrated at 12.00noon on Saturday 6th February 2021 here in the Cathedral. Archbishop Bernard Longley will celebrate this Mass.

We pray for all Religious Orders in our Archdiocese.

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!

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

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

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.

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

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

#Pray24Brum - Thank you to all who participated in this annual initiative for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Thank you to the organising team of the Birmingham City Centre Churches.

A word of appreciation to our Cathedral parishioners: Amanda, Carol and Lauren and to Jo Boyce from CJM Music for their participation in the time of prayer offered online from St Chad's.

St Chad's Cathedral was due to have been the host church for the event this year. It is envisaged that that will transfer to January 2022.

Creating the New Normal - Starting soon, FaithJustice will be hosting a new series of discussion for young adults (18-40), focusing on the current time of crisis and exploring what kind of world we want to create in coming weeks and months. Over the last year the pandemic has forced us into a different way of life, we have had to live differently, and inevitably many of us have begun asking big questions. We want to provide a space for young adults to listen to each other and to share how they are thinking and feeling.

Thursday, 7.30pm-9.00pm, starting on 11th February on Zoom.

We encourage you to sign up yourself (if you are in the right age bracket) and to share this event with those you know who might be interested.

More details can be found here: <https://faithjustice.org.uk/creating-the-new-normal>

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 Ilsley, Holy Trinity and Holy Souls schools in Birmingham.

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 pt.stchadscathedral@rcaob.org.uk 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.