



# Metropolitan Cathedral & Basilica of St Chad

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## First Sunday of Lent

*'Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments'*

### 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021

Divine Office: Psalter Week 1      First Sunday of Lent (Year B)

**Entrance Antiphon**      When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

**Responsorial Psalm**      Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

**Gospel Acclamation:**      Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but from every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

**Communion Antiphon:**      One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth 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: 20<sup>th</sup> February – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**Sat 20** Saturday after Ash Wednesday  
10.00am Canon Gerry Breen RIP

**Vigil for the First Sunday of Lent (B)**  
2.00pm Charmaine Peiris RIP

**Sun 21** First Sunday of Lent (B)  
*'Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments'*  
10.00am John & Faye Seeley  
12.00noon People of the Parish

**Mon 22** Feast of the Chair of St Peter  
12.15pm Special Intention

**Tue 23** Lent Feria  
12.15pm Thomas Flaherty RIP

**Wed 24** Lent Feria  
12.15pm Jacob Billington RIP

**Thurs 25** Lent Feria  
9.30am Live stream School Mass  
12.15pm Anita Doherty RIP

**Friday 26** Lent Feria  
*'CAFOD Family Fast Day'*  
12.15pm John Stenson RIP

**Sat 27** Lent Feria  
10.00am Tom Brennan RIP

**Vigil for the Second Sunday of Lent (B)**  
2.00pm Ints of Sr Alice Simm (Diamond Jubilee)

**Sun 28** Second Sunday of Lent (B)  
*'Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments'*  
10.00am People of the Parish  
12.00noon Petras Mockus & Irena Mockiene RIP

**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 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 the beautiful letter which launches the year, called 'With a Father's heart'.

**Second Collection** next weekend is for CAFOD Lent Fast Day.

### **Cathedral Prayers Lists**

**Recently Deceased:** Canon Giles Goward, Fr. Patrick Joyce, Andrea Fernandes, Cyril Hardy, Eileen Lawton, John Carolan, Mary Margaret Hanson, Clemence Douglas, Dave Hollyoak, Vivienne Boylan, Ian Coleman and all victims of COVID in the past week. 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:** Bishop Joseph Francis Cleary; Canon Sean McTernan; Frs: Sean Farrell, James Wharton, Michael McCabe, Martin Meagher, John Collins, James Cooney, Vincent Kennedy, George Brewster, George Tarrant and John Flynn. Also, Thomas Boyce, Charmaine Peiris, Thomas Scanlan, Janet Weston, Thomas Flaherty, Ray Collier, Angelina Thuraisingham and Martina Donaghey.

**The God Who Speaks** - Please try to look at next weekend's readings in the coming week:

**Second Sunday of Lent Time (B)**

**Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Psalm 115;**

**Romans 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10**

The *God who Speaks* initiative continues. Let us continue to welcome Christ, the living Word of God and listen to what God is asking of us.

**There is no Rite of Election at the Cathedral this year.** Please pray for all those preparing for the Sacraments and coming to faith at this time.

**'Walk with Me' for Lent** booklets and calendars are available in the cathedral, so please ask for one from our stewards or volunteers. Please put any donations in the donations boxes placed at the exit doors of the Cathedral. Thank you.

**CAFOD Walk for Water this Lent.** See next page for details

**Pray with Pope Francis** about a matter of grave concern in our contemporary world. Anxious about the pandemic, and rightly concerned about just sharing of the new life-saving vaccines with the world's poorest, we might forget this continuing epidemic, of violence against women, to which there has so far been no effective inoculation. Now the Pope asks us to become, no less, the solution – by taking this concern into our own prayers and hearts this month. A desire for repentance could be among our Lenten prayers. And the powerful creative imagery of this month's Video will help us in this heartfelt desire, with the Pope."

[United Kingdom - Popes Worldwide Prayer Network \(popesprayer.va\)](http://popesprayer.va)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** – Monday to Friday before the lunchtime Mass, from 11.30 – 12noon; and on Saturday after both 10am and 2pm Masse. Come and experience the Lord's Mercy in this rich sacrament. If you cannot come at the moment, make an examination of conscience and ask God's forgiveness as we make our Lenten journey.

#### **Time To Reflect**

The February Cathedral Corner column remembers Canon Giles Goward, Priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham and Rector of St Mary's College, Oscott, our Diocesan Seminary who died recently.

#### **Booklet on Liturgy and Scripture**

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

#### **The Sower Magazine**

The latest edition of the Diocesan Magazine is available. Paper copies available or online, please visit:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/diocesan-magazine> The Editors welcome your feedback.

**Walk With Me** booklets and calendars will be available for the approaching holy season of Lent.

#### **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/>

**"I Have My Mission"** – these words of St John Henry Newman are the basis for our Lenten Zoom gatherings for anybody associated with the Cathedral, parishioners for any period of time or friends who livestream Mass from the Cathedral. Every Thursday evening from 7.00pm, we shall invite a guest to give a short talk about their life and work in the Church, their 'Mission' and consider the Mission that God calls each one of us to. To attend any or all of these Zoom sessions, please download Zoom on your computer / tablet / phone and send us just your name and where you live (town / city / village is enough) to: [stchadscathedral@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stchadscathedral@rcaob.org.uk) Sessions will end by 8.30pm. Please join us.

#### **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*. Have you ever read any of the document? Might you wish to attend the World Meeting of Families in Rome in 2022?

**CAFOD Family Fast Day** – Friday 26th February 2021: During the weekend Masses on Saturday 27th February and Sunday 28th February we will hear about the work of CAFOD and how monies raised through Family Fast Day help CAFOD in their mission to help the disadvantaged. Envelopes will be available at the back of the Cathedral which you can use for donations during the weekend of 27th/28th February.

**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)

**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)

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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 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](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.

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.

Dates for 2021 - 20th-21st March & 15th-16th May

To find out more visit <https://wwme.org.uk/> or call 0845 2602016

**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)

**CAFOD Lent Appeal** - CAFOD family fast day is on Friday 26 February, a day on which we are invited to pray, fast and to give to help people like Abdella. Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support. Please try and support the CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal at Masses on 27/28 February or at any suitable time.

There are many ways you can donate-

**1- Our team of volunteer stewards from St Chad's Cathedral (Beryl, Mary and Clement) is walking alongside Abdella this lent by challenging themselves to walk 10,000 steps, every day for 40 days. You can sponsor them at <https://www.justgiving.com/team/st-chads-cathedral>**

2- Online at [cafod.org.uk/lent](http://cafod.org.uk/lent)

3- By using a CAFOD envelope at public Masses

4- By calling 0303 303 3030

5- Via text. Text LENT to 70460 to donate £10\*.

*\*Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message you'll be opting in to hear more about CAFOD's work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text LENTNOINFO to 70460. For more information, please see CAFOD's Privacy Policy: [cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice](http://cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice)*

**ACTA Birmingham** – will be having two meetings which we hope would be of interest to parishioners. We are particularly pleased to inform you that the Secretary of Pope Francis' Covid Commission is speaking via Zoom from Rome. He is very keen to engage with the laity of England and Wales.

Details of both events below.

Ask a theologian anything you like!

Sunday February 28th 1.45pm.

Prof. Tom O'Loughlin, Dr Jordan Pullicino, David McLoughlin. Email [actabhm@gmail.com](mailto:actabhm@gmail.com)

A New Imagination of the Possible: An Update on the Covid 19 Commission from Fr Augusto Zampini-Davies, Adjunct Secretary to the Commission

Wednesday 3rd March 2021 - 19.00.

Register via the national ACTA website, <https://www.acalltoaction.org.uk/>

**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](mailto: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.

**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 Ilesley, Holy Trinity and Holy Souls schools in Birmingham.

**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 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.

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

**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!