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Second Sunday of Lent

'Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments'

28th February 2021

Divine Office: Psalter Week 2 Second Sunday of Lent (Year B)

Entrance Antiphon Of you my heart has spoken, seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

Responsorial Psalm I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!'. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Communion Antiphon: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.



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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: 27th February – 7th March 2021

Sat 27 Lent Feria

10.00am Tom Brennan RIP
followed by Stations of the Cross

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

Mon 1 Feast of St David

12.15pm Bishop Kevin Dunn (Anniv.)

Tue 2 Feast of St Chad, Patron of our Cathedral, School and Archdiocese'

12.15pm Clergy and People of our Archdiocese
7.00pm All those who have died of & during the pandemic
(Live stream only with choir)

Wed 3 Lent Feria

12.15pm Thomas, Mary & Liam Flaherty RIP

Thurs 4 Lent Feria

9.30am Live stream School Mass
12.15pm Fr. Oliver Kemp RIP

Friday 5 Lent Feria

'Women's World Day of Prayer'

12.15pm Ints of Michael Hake

Sat 6 Lent Feria

10.00am Annual Guild of St Stephen Mass
Celebrant: Bishop William Kenney

Vigil for the Third Sunday of Lent (B)

2.00pm Catherine Samuels

Sun 7 Third Sunday of Lent (B)

'Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments'

10.00am People of the Parish
12.00noon Intentions of Anne Lennon

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 March:

Sacrament of Reconciliation – Let us pray that we may experience the Sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

Tuesday of this week, 2nd March, is the Feast of St Chad, our patron. There will be music at the 12.15 Mass which is open to all.

Then at 7pm, Archbishop Bernard will celebrate a Livestream only Mass, with music by the Cathedral Choir. The intention of this Mass, as celebrated by all Bishops in Europe on this day will be victims of the pandemic of the past year.

Second Collection next weekend is for Cathedral Maintenance. This collection is taken in all parishes of the Archdiocese in recognition of the Cathedral being the Mother Church. We are always grateful to all of our benefactors.

Cathedral Prayers Lists

Recently Deceased: Fr Oliver Kemp, Andrea Fernandes, Cyril Hardy, Eileen Lawton, John Carolan, Dave Hollyoak, Vivienne Boylan, Ian Coleman and all victims of COVID in the past week.

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 Kevin Dunn; Canons: Peter Taylor, Anthony Allport; Frs: Vincent Kennedy, George Brewster, George Tarrant, John Flynn, William Diver, Denis McGuinness, Denis Murphy, Douglas Carter, John Pinkman, Bob Wright, Humphrey Crookenden, CO and Terence Luxon. Also, Angelina Thuraishingham, Martina Donaghey, Paul Brown, Irene Ashford, Jim Conroy, Lily O'Connor, Patrick Chiang, Joey Carey, Dylan Booth, Winifred Rondo, Mary Conroy, Alan Thorne and Christina Chiang.

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

Third Sunday of Lent Time (B)

Exodus 20:1-17 (Ex 20:1-3. 7-8, 12-17); Psalm 18; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

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.

www.godwhospeaks.uk

CAFOD Walk for Water this Lent. As well as the Second Collection for CAFOD Fast Day this weekend, please look at the CAFOD feature on the Cathedral website and consider sponsoring our parishioners who are doing the Walk.

A Virtual Tour of St Chad's Cathedral – At a time when so many people are exploring the new world of online information, we are delighted to say that St Chad's will now be open to the world well beyond the Cathedral. At the end of the coming week, the week in which we celebrate our patron, St Chad, we shall launch a 360 degree tour of the Cathedral which can be navigated on mobile devices and computer. It will be a resource for many of our schools and as well as for individuals who wish to know more about the beauty of our Cathedral Church. Hopefully, as lockdown eases, it will be an invitation for more and more people to visit the Cathedral and to find here something of the peace and glimpse of heaven that we know and love.

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 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

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.

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

CAFOD Lent Appeal - CAFOD family fast day was 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

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*

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

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 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

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.

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 or david.dsace@outlook.com. It costs £5 plus £2 postage and packing.

TO OUR CATHOLIC UNIVERSE AND CATHOLIC TIMES READERS IN THE PARISH:- At the moment you are unable to collect your paper at Mass, but you can get it delivered direct to your home every week, POST FREE. Please go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call them on 0161 820 5722 and they will arrange for you. SPECIAL OFFER 3 MONTHS :-£22.00 or 12 Months:- £80.00

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!