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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7th February 2021

Divine Office: Psalter Week 1

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Entrance Antiphon O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

Responsorial Psalm Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord. Anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.



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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: 6th February – 14th February 2021

Sat 6 Memorial of St Paul Miki & Companions
10.00am Intentions of Archbishop Patrick Kelly
12.00noon Mass for Religious (**LIVESTREAM 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 Thanksgiving for the Pastoral Care Project
Celebrant – Archbishop Bernard

Mon 8 Memorial of St Josephine Bakhita
12.15pm For victims of human trafficking

Tue 9 Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm Patrick Stapleton RIP

Wed 10 Memorial of St Scholastica
12.15pm Ints of Sr Baptist Mitchell

Thurs 11 Memorial Our Lady of Lourdes
'World Day for the Sick'
9.30am Live Stream only School Mass
A Mass to pray for Vocations
Celebrated by Archbishop Bernard
12.15pm Mary Ann Wallis RIP

Friday 12 Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart
12.15pm Mass for our Diocesan Education Service
Maureen Wright RIP

Sat 13 Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10.00am Anthony McLoughlin

Vigil for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
2.00pm Ints of Lourdes Hospitalite

Sun 14 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
'Day for the Unemployed'
10.00am Eileen Lawton 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.

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 'With a Father's heart'.

Cathedral Prayers Lists

Recently Deceased: Canon Giles Goward, Fr. Patrick Joyce, Eileen Lawton, 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 recently. 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. Joseph Healy; Canon Patrick Cassidy; Frs: Thomas O'Carroll, John Watkins, Frederick James, John Gibb, Matthias Brady, John Paul O'Sullivan, William Connick, James McGloin and Daniel Daly. Also, Roy Capewell, Brendan Healy, Vincent Smith, Catherine Mullen, Baby Winter Griffin, Ann Stapleton, Regina Halpin, Beattie Murphy and Theresa Fuller.

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.

The God Who Speaks

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; Psalm 31;

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45

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

“With the arrival of February and the approach of Ash Wednesday and Lent, Pope Francis has once again asked us to pray with him 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, from 11.30 – 12noon; and after both 10am and 2pm Masses on Saturdays. Come and experience the Lord’s Mercy in this rich sacrament.

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/>

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.



Archbishop Bernard Longley will offer Mass of Thanksgiving for the work of the Pastoral Care Project at noon on Sunday 7th February at St. Chad’s Cathedral. The live streaming of Mass will offer an opportunity for everyone to join in remotely, thanking God for the people who benefitted and those who contributed to it various ways over the last 26 years. This new way of streaming Mass has also helped to raise awareness of the spiritual needs of the frail elderly and their carers, which has been the principle mission from the beginning. Although the charitable status of the project has sadly come to an end, the mission continues in a secure way through Redemptorist Publications.

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 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

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.