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Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord



28th March 2021

Divine Office: Psalter Week 2

Palm Sunday (Year B)

Entrance Antiphon Replaced by the Blessing of Palms.

Responsorial Psalm My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory. Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on the cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Communion Antiphon: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.



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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 Ceremonies are open to the public, unless otherwise stated. Please check the Cathedral website homepage for changes and if in doubt refresh the page to see most up to date notices.

Please feel free to come to Mass / Confessions if you can and know that we are praying for you and with you, if you can't.

Mass Times: 27th March – 4th April 2021

Sat 27 Lent Feria

10.00am Barlow & Hazelwood Families
Followed by Stations of the Cross

Holy Week Begins

Vigil for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (B)

2.00pm Terry Bowen RIP (Anniv.)

Sun 28 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (B)

10.00am Mary Cotterill RIP

12.00noon People of the Parish

5.00pm *Holy Week Service of Music and Readings with the Cathedral Choir (Livestream only)*

Mon 29 Monday of Holy Week

12.15pm Nancy Redmond RIP

Tue 30 Tuesday of Holy Week

9.30am Holy Week Live stream Mass for Schools

12.15pm Louise Tehan RIP (Anniv.)

Wed 31 Wednesday of Holy

11.30am Mass of Holy Chrism (Livestream Only)

THE TRIDUUM

Thurs 1 Maundy Thursday

7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (public)

Followed by Watching – The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed in the Tabernacle on the High Altar (Live Stream only this year) and ending with:

11.45pm Night Prayer (*Live Stream only*)

Friday 2 Good Friday

11.00am Stations of the Cross (public)

3.00pm The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord (public)

You are asked to attend only one public service today

(The collection today is for the Holy Places in the Holy Land)

Sat 3 Holy Saturday

No Mass at 10.00am

7.30pm The Easter Vigil (public)

Sun 4 Easter Sunday (All Masses public)

8.00am People of the Parish (Extra Mass)

10.00am Erland Peiris RIP

12.00noon Barbara Saint RIP (Sung Mass)

We are now open for Mass every day.

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 April:

Fundamental Rights – We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

Cathedral Prayers Lists

Recently Deceased: Fr. Michael Crumpton, Fr Oliver Kemp, Deacon Pat Duffy, Peter Harte, Dave Hollyoak, and all victims of COVID in the past week.

Those who are ill: We pray for Fr John Kearns, Bobby (Bhupinder) Bansal, Mr Koryl and our parishioners, family and friends who are sick.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Archbishops: Thomas Leighton Williams; Bishop Humphrey Bright; Mgrs John Welch, Henry Davis, Daniel Leonard; Canon Brian Withers Frs: John McManus, Thomas Cockburn, Matthew Sheridan, John Callaghan, Philip O'Reilly, Lawrence King and Deacon Raymond Zacaroli. Also, Winnie Potts, Neil Chapman, William Smith, Carole Beauchamp, Aggie Maher, Louise Tehan, Barbara Saint, Mary Lennon, Eileen Keily, Paddy Butler, Thomas Bates, Hugh O'Connor, Erland Peiris, Bridie Keavney, Kevin Harte, Terence Roche and John McAuliffe.

Gift Aid Envelopes: please ask a member of staff for your new box of Gift Aid envelopes.

Holy Week 2021- Please collect the separate sheet with times of all ceremonies during Holy Week and Easter Week. This sheet is available on the Cathedral website too.

There is no Booking system for Holy Week at the Cathedral.

Masses from Easter Monday to Saturday will be at 10am. Easter Monday is Livestream only there will be a collection for the **Holy Places and Shrines in the Holy Land.**

Easter Sunday Collection: is our Easter Offerings for the Cathedral Clergy. Envelopes are available in the cathedral. Please ask staff.

British Summer Time (Spring Forward): the days are getting longer. The clocks go forward 1 hour at 1.00am this Sunday 28th March which means you get an hour's less sleep.

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

Easter Sunday (B)

Acts 10: 34, 37-43; Psalm 117; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6-8; John 20:1-9

www.godwhospeaks.uk

Holy Week Missalettes

The Cathedral has invested in Missalettes for Holy Week services during Easter. This year due to the pandemic you are required to take them away with you. Please **DO NOT** leave them behind.

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, the week in which we celebrated our patron, St Chad, we have launched 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. You will all know friends and relatives in Birmingham who have never visited our beautiful Cathedral. Why not point them to the Virtual Tour on the homepage of the Cathedral website?

Head Teacher Vacancy at our Parish Primary School, St Chad's. Please see school website for full details.
www.stchadsprimary.co.uk

Time To Reflect - The March Cathedral Corner, we reflect and celebrate the Feast of St Chad, Patron of our Cathedral, our Parish Primary School and our Archdiocese. We are grateful to Maura Fitzpatrick, parishioner and one of our Cathedral tour guides for this window into the life of our Patron Saint which we also share with Lichfield Cathedral. St Chad - pray for us!

Booklet on Liturgy and Scripture - The March 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.

Holy Week 2021 – an experience to share. Following the closure of Churches for Holy Week 2020, it is a joy that we can gather again this Holy Week and Easter. There is so much evidence to demonstrate that the number of people who follow Mass on the livestream exceeds the numbers that would otherwise be in Church. So why not use this Holy Week and Easter as an opportunity to tell friends about the ceremonies of Holy Week. Why not participate in the ceremonies of Holy Week if you have never done so before – either here in the Cathedral or on the livestream.

The ceremonies of Holy Week are beautiful, poignant, moving. They actually give life to the whole meaning of our faith throughout the year.

And now is the time to give some thought to how you will make this Holy Week 'Holy'. Follow our Lord through the days of his Passion and Death...and the joy of Easter Sunday will be all the greater.

"I Have My Mission" – Thank you to all those who have been part of our Lenten Zoom Series for Thursday evenings. It has brought together guest speakers who have shared something of their mission in the Church. Participants have been regular parishioners and friends from different parts of the Archdiocese who have found the Cathedral to be a spiritual home during lockdown. We would like to continue to draw people together and to support faith. If you could not make it to this series of talks but might be interested in the future, we would welcome feedback on whether it was Thursday evening that didn't work for you, or subjects in the life of faith that you would find interesting for us to cover.

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?

The Basilican - the magazine of the St Chad's Cathedral Association - The Spring edition is now available to buy. Our magazine is packed full of interesting articles by Abigail Martin from St Chad's Sanctuary, and Martina Parker our Head Teacher. In this edition we have a number of super articles by two of our seminarians. 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 annets103@hotmail.co.uk or david.dsace@outlook.com. It costs £5 plus £2 postage and packing.

Road Closure , Shadwell Street – St. Joseph Homes have informed us of this road closure which will be from **Thursday 8th April – Sunday 11th April 2021**. The reason for this is that they are taking down one of their cranes. They have assured us that they will station operatives by the road closures to assist our parishioners coming to Mass and direct them through the top end of Shadwell Street (though it will be sign posted as NO Entry). We will keep you updated.

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 (in normal times)** is:

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 - 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 – This Lent, CAFOD is sharing the story of 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 Lent Appeal.

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*

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?

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.

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.

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

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/>