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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st August 2021

Divine Office: Psalter Week 2 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Entrance Antiphon O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

Responsorial Psalm The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.



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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.

ALL CURRENT COVID CONDITIONS REMAIN.

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: 31st July – 8th August 2021

Sat 31	St Ignatius of Loyola
10.00am	Michael Drugan
	Vigil for Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4.30pm	Eileen & Tom Brennan (Golden Wedding Anniversary)
Sun 1	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.30am	People of the Parish
11.30am	Fr. John Burns RIP
2.00pm	Wedding - Lauren Hughes & James Riley
Mon 2	Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm	Ronald Veasey RIP (Anniversary)
Tue 3	Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm	Dennis Menezes RIP (Anniversary)
Wed 4	St John Mary Vianney
12.15pm	Thomas, Mary & Liam Flaherty RIP
Thurs 5	Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm	For the Priests & Deacons of the Archdiocese of Birmingham
Friday 6	Feast of the Transfiguration
12.15pm	Deceased members of the Rosario Family
Sat 7	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Margaret Flackett
	Vigil for Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun 8	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.30am	Arthur Wallis
11.30am	Ints of James, Bernard & Johaina

Responding to Archbishop Bernard's vision for the Archdiocese - [Diocesan Vision, Unfolding God's Plan | Birmingham Diocesan Trust \(birminghamdiocese.org.uk\)](#).

Thank you to all those who were able to join the recent Zoom conversation by way of an introduction to the Diocesan Vision and our response as ordinary, baptised lay people, to the challenges of our lives and seeking God's help in prayer, in living out the Gospel values and by offering to share the journey with our families, friends and work colleagues. Please continue to send feedback on your favourite saint and on the person who has influenced you most in your faith. And then think about the more challenging aspect of evangelization: inviting a friend to come to Mass with you, or just pointing them to the livestream so that they can see what you do Sunday by Sunday. This is not about forcing anything on anybody – think of it as an invitation to hope!

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for August: The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

Cathedral Prayers Lists

Weekend Mass Times –

Saturday Masses: 10.00am and 4.30pm (Vigil for Sunday), **Sunday Masses** at the new times of **9.30am and 11.30am.**

Recently Deceased: Fr. John Burns, Harry Boyd, Janet Scott, Hyacinth Enas De Valliere, Philip Donnellan, Gerry Hinks, Bridget Manuel, Sheila Wellavize as well as all victims of COVID around the world.

Those who are ill: We pray for Frances Crockett, Bobby (Bhupinder) Bansal, Ray Norris and our parishioners, family and friends who are sick.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Frs.: Richard Lynch, David Ford., Cuthbert Brown, James Gough and Francis Gwinnett. Deacon John Leach. Also: Dennis Menezes, Marie Rodgers, Graham Detheridge, Martin Larkin, Richard Wilcox, Bob Noctor and Christine Pugh.

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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

1 Kings 19:4-8, Psalm 33;

Ephesians 4:30-5:2; John 6:41-51

www.godwhospeaks.uk

The Birmingham Clean Air Zone came into force on **Monday 14th June 2021** which will affect parishioners, staff and volunteers who travel to the Cathedral by car. If you own a non-compliant vehicle, you will be subject to a daily charge of £8 to enter the zone. Information relating to the changes can be found by visiting www.brumbreathes.co.uk This includes the facility to check if your vehicle is exempt from the charge to enter the zone.

THIS CATHEDRAL LIVE STREAMS

MASS AND OTHER EVENTS



A Virtual Tour of St Chad's Cathedral – 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? Show them where you come to Mass and then invite them to come and see this beautiful Church for themselves.

Time To Reflect – The **August Cathedral Corner** on our website reflects on the importance of the seven sacraments in our life of faith, following the celebration of the sacraments of initiation for Cathedral parishioners recently.

The August Scripture booklet is now available online.

The Sower Magazine - The Diocesan Magazine is available. Paper copies available or online. Please visit: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/diocesan-magazine> The Editors welcome your feedback.

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 communications@rcaob.org.uk marked 'For Newsletter'.

Churches Climate Relay - You might already be aware of the Churches Climate Relay which is a pilgrimage for Climate Justice, from the G7 summit in Cornwall in June, to the COP26 summit in Glasgow in November. The pilgrimage is currently in Exeter. The pilgrimage will be coming to Birmingham, arriving from Solihull on Monday 23rd August, stopping for three days (24, 25, 26th August), then departing towards Sutton Coldfield on 27th August. Various events will be happening during the stop. More details to follow.

You can find out more here: <https://www.yccn.uk/>

St Joseph's Care Home offers a range of personalised services including residential care, specialised dementia care and short term respite care in a friendly welcoming environment. With a dedicated and compassionate staff team who are passionate about making residents safe and happy in an environment that is just *how home feels*. If you or someone you know might benefit from the care offered and would be interested in more information or to book a virtual tour then please quote SJ1 and contact Care Home Manager Shelley Perryman on 01675 434559, email shelleyperryman@fatherhudsons.org.uk or visit our website at www.stjosephscarehome.co.uk

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 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

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St Chad's Sanctuary – our parish charity.

When you have read the weekly newsletter for St Chad's Sanctuary, you are most welcome to bring tins or packets of non-perishable food items with you to Mass and we shall pass them on. 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. Donations for the Sanctuary can be given in here at the Cathedral at any time and will be passed on. Thank you to those who have supported recently. Click on the Sanctuary button on our Cathedral website homepage for the weekly newsletter. *I was a stranger and you welcomed me!*

Deepening your love for God's Word Lectio Divina is a form of prayer that is centred on a reflective reading of Scripture with prayer and sharing. If you would like to participate in a recently established group here in Birmingham, please contact the Lectio group – 'The Fellowship of St Jerome' at: birminghamlectiodivina@gmail.com for further details of current virtual meetings.

Year of St Joseph – This year has been designated as a special year of prayer to St Joseph. Husband of Mary and Guardian of Jesus, St Joseph is not always heralded as a high profile character in Scripture or in the Church's Life. However, you can find out how rich a character St Joseph is by reading this short but beautiful letter of Pope Francis called 'With a Father's Heart'. [Apostolic Letter Patris Corde of the Holy Father Francis on the 150th Anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church \(8 December 2020\) | Francis \(vatican.va\)](https://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francis/apostolic_letters/2020/12/08/letter-apostolic-st-joseph-as-patron-of-the-universal-church-8-december-2020_en.html). Did you know, for example, that despite his important role, there is not a single word attributed to Joseph in the Scriptures? Do you realise that God speaks to him most of all in dreams? And do you know that apart from Mary, the Mother of Jesus, the next most written about person in Church Teaching through the centuries is St Joseph? So it is timely that as St Joseph is now part of the Eucharistic Prayer at every Mass, and as we contemplate the importance of fathers, we consider him.

Online Events for you to consider joining this summer:

New Dawn Conference livestreamed from Walsingham (2nd to 6th August). For more details see: www.newdawn.org.uk
Society of St Gregory Music and Liturgy Summer School (4th to 6th August). Theme: *The God who Speaks*. For more details see: www.ssg.org.uk

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 & 4.30pm (Vigil Mass of Sunday)

Sunday 9.30am & 11.30am

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.)

From the first weekend of July 2021, the Cathedral weekend Masses will be as follows:

Saturday 4.30pm; Sunday 9.30am and 11.30am. Please note these changes.

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 given on the hand. For Communion on the tongue, please remain in your place after Mass and let our stewards know, as they direct people out of the Cathedral, that you wish to remain to receive Holy Communion. It will be brought to you in your place.

We shall now say ‘The Body of Christ’ to you at your place and you may respond ‘Amen’

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.

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.

FOR THE PURPOSES OF SAFETY FOR ALL CONCERNED WE CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN THAT ALL THOSE COMING IN TO THE CATHEDRAL MUST WEAR SOME FORM OF FACE COVERING WHICH YOU BRING YOURSELF AND MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING DESPITE THE CHANGES ANNOUNCED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

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

No signing of Mass cards

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](#).

For any enquiries about any of the above information, please contact:

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May God bless you.