



# Metropolitan Cathedral & Basilica of St Chad

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## Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021

Divine Office: Psalter Week 1 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

- Entrance Antiphon** Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
- Responsorial Psalm** Taste and see that the Lord is good.
- Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: and have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!
- Communion Antiphon:** The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.



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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: 21<sup>st</sup> August – 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

<b>Sat 21</b>	<b>St Pius X</b>
10.00am	Leslie O'Driscoll RIP
<b>Vigil for Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
4.30pm	Mr. Patrick Moran RIP
<b>Sun 22</b>	<b>Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9.30am	People of the Parish
11.30am	In thanksgiving – Clement Eke
<b>Mon 23</b>	<b>Feast of St John Wall</b>
12.15pm	Ints of Denis & Mary Stokes
<b>Tue 24</b>	<b>Feast of St Bartholomew</b>
12.15pm	Victims of Earthquake in Haiti
<b>Wed 25</b>	<b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b>
12.15pm	Maureen Wright RIP
<b>Thurs 26</b>	<b>Feast of Blessed Dominic Barberi</b>
12.15pm	Michael Hake RIP
<b>Friday 27</b>	<b>St Monica</b>
12.15pm	Pat Flanagan RIP
<b>Sat 28</b>	<b>St Augustine</b>
10.00am	Ellen Fleming - Intentions
<b>Vigil for Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
4.30pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sun 29</b>	<b>Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9.30am	Ints of Susie & Jonah Bateson
11.30am	John Kelly RIP

**The Birmingham Clean Air Zone** came into force on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.brumbreathes.co.uk) This includes the facility to check if your vehicle is exempt from the charge to enter the zone.

**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.**

**THIS CATHEDRAL LIVE STREAMS MASS**

**AND OTHER EVENTS** 

**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**

**Recently Deceased:** Fr. John Burns, Harry Boyd, Janet Scott, Philip Donnellan, Gerry Hinks, Sheila Wellavize, Michael Hake, Mary Atterbury and John Farrell as well as all victims of COVID and conflict 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:** Mgr. Laurence Emery. Canon Laurence Hogarty. Frs.: Alan Smith, Francis Rowe, James Downey, Isaac Savin, and Francis Toole. Deacon: David McCarroll. Also: Bernadette Realf, Linda Prestidge, Mary Baines, Mary Daly, John Joyner, Teresa Whelan, Michael Hayes, Patricia Wall, John Scott, Pat Flanagan, Johane Monaghan, Dave Creswell, Tom Coyne & Ann Hoban.

**Ecumenical Pilgrim Relay Walk to Glasgow in anticipation of the COP26 Climate Conference**

We shall welcome and pray for the walkers here in the Cathedral at **9.30am this Friday (27<sup>th</sup>)**.

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

**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; Psalm 14; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**  
[www.godwhospeaks.uk](http://www.godwhospeaks.uk)

**Diocesan Novena to Pray for Blessed Dominic Barberi**

Please join us in Prayer this week as the Diocesan Novena to pray for the Blessed Dominic Barberi continues. Pray in at Mass or at home for nine consecutive days from 18-26<sup>th</sup> August.

*O God, who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request.*

*We pray that you will in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic,*

*so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church.*

*We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

*Mary, Mother of Mercy, Pray for us.*

*Blessed Dominic Barberi, Pray for us*

*Saint John Henry Newman, Pray for us*

**Responding to Archbishop Bernard’s vision for the Archdiocese - [Diocesan Vision, Unfolding God’s Plan | Birmingham Diocesan Trust \(birminghamdiocese.org.uk\)](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk).**

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!

**Diocesan Vision Prayer –**

Spirit of God,  
descend on me this day.  
Grant me the Spirit of joy, to lift me,  
the Spirit of hope to inspire me,  
the Spirit of love to surround me and  
the Spirit of truth to enlighten my path.

Holy Spirit,  
I pray for a new outpouring of your grace,  
so that I may grow in worship of your name  
in love of you in my prayer  
and in my actions towards others.

Come Holy Spirit into my life to guide me.  
Strengthen and defend me,  
so that I may be drawn ever closer to you.  
Help me this day and always  
to be a channel of grace  
in all I say and do  
and invite others into relationship with you.  
Amen

**Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) - [www.svp.org.uk](http://www.svp.org.uk).**

During the month of September we shall focus on the work of the SVP and look to make its work a reality in the Cathedral Parish. Please pray for this work and see how it can be an expression in this parish as well as throughout our Diocese and Country of Christ’s call to Love of God and love of neighbour. St Vincent de Paul: Pray for us!

**CAFOD** is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

**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**



**A Celebration of the God who Speaks** – a festival of flowers, Scripture and an appreciation of the Word of God in our lives: at St Michael’s Church, Moor Street and Carrs Lane Church from Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Please note the dates and aim to visit. To find out more or to offer to help with the festival in any way, please contact Anne – [annets103@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:annets103@hotmail.co.uk)

**Time To Reflect** – The **August Cathedral Corner** on our website reflects on the spirituality which is attributed to St Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus (The Jesuits). Pope Francis is a Jesuit.

**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.

**Bible Alive Magazine** – at Mass this weekend, each family will be given a complimentary copy of the Scripture Daily Reflection Magazine *Bible Alive*. Please take the time to read the daily reflections and allow the Word of God (from the readings of each day’s Mass) to become an accompaniment for your life of faith and your everyday life. We are grateful to Alive Publishing for this initiative. For those who are not in the Cathedral, please send for a complimentary copy via our website.

**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](http://www.stchadssanctuary.com). Donations for the Sanctuary can be given in here at the Cathedral at any time and will be passed on. Current need: Empty 500ml plastic bottles. 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!*

**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)

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.