



# Metropolitan Cathedral & Basilica of St Chad

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## Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Divine Office: Psalter Week 2 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

**Entrance Antiphon** Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call on you.

**Responsorial Psalm** The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.



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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.**

### Mass Times: 28<sup>th</sup> August – 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021

#### **Sat 28 St Augustine**

10.00am Ellen Fleming – Intentions

2.00pm Wedding Francis Mugomba and Katie Stout

#### **Vigil for Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4.30pm People of the Parish

#### **Sun 29 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9.30am Ints of Susie & Jonah Bateson

11.30am John Kelly RIP

#### **Mon 30 Feria in Ordinary Time (Bank Holiday)**

**10.00am** Tommy Boyle RIP (Anniv.)

#### **Tue 31 Feria in Ordinary Time**

12.15pm Martha Sheriden RIP

#### **Wed 1 Feria in Ordinary Time**

*'World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation'*

12.15pm Thomas, Mary & Liam Flaherty RIP

#### **Thurs 2 Feria in Ordinary Time**

12.15pm Monica Elizabeth Humphreys

#### **Friday 3 Feast of St. Gregory the Great**

12.15pm Jane Conway RIP (Anniv)

#### **Sat 4 Feria in Ordinary Time**

NO 10AM MASS TODAY

12 noon Diaconate Ordinations Mass

#### **Vigil for Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4.30pm Special Intention for Family

#### **Sun 5 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9.30am People of the Parish

11.30am For our Christian Responsibility for the Care of Creation

2.00pm Centenary Mass for the Legion of Mary

**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 September: An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle**

We pray that all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

### **Cathedral Prayers Lists**

**Recently Deceased:** Fr. John Burns, Harry Boyd, Janet Scott, Philip Donnellan, Gerry Hinks, Sheila Wellavize, Michael Hake, Mary Atterbury, 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, Harpal (needs a miracle) and our parishioners, family and friends who are sick.

**For those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor; Mgrs. Laurence Emery, James Cricton; Mgr Canon Leonard Emery; Canons Laurence Hogarty, Joseph Nightingale. Frs.: Francis Toole, Brendan O'Malley, J Basil Singleton, Bernard Salt, Thomas O'Doherty and James Holland. Deacon: Francis Andrews. Also: Rose Dalton, John Kelly, Stanley Jessop, Eve McCarthy, Margaret Brown, Theresa Padian, Hughie Keating, Mary Breen and Jane Conway.

**Climate Sunday** (Next Sunday 4/5 September) **and the Season of Creation:** Runs from 1<sup>st</sup> September until 4<sup>th</sup> October (St Francis of Assisi)

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

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Isaiah 35:4-7; Psalm 145; James 2:1-5;**  
**Mark 7:31-38.** [www.godwhospeaks.uk](http://www.godwhospeaks.uk)

**Diocesan Novena to Pray for Blessed Dominic Barberi** – Thank you for praying through the Intercession of Blessed Dominic for a miracle to be worked by God in recognition of the holiness of this Passionist Religious Priest, who received St John Henry Newman into the Catholic Church.. Please continue to pray for this intention throughout the year.

**Ordination of Permanent Deacons:** Please pray for Gary O'Brien and Mark Paine who are to be ordained deacon for service in the Archdiocese, on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September here at St Chad's.

Although there cannot be an open invitation to this ceremony which will be celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley, the Mass will be available on the livestream and the booklet to follow the Ordination will be on the Cathedral website.

**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.