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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8th August 2021

Divine Office: Psalter Week 3 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

- Entrance Antiphon** Look to your covenant, O Lord and forget not the life of your poor ones forever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.
- Responsorial Psalm** Taste and see that the Lord is good.
- Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!
- Communion Antiphon:** O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.



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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: 7th August – 15th August 2021

Sat 7 Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am Margaret Flackett

12.00noon Baptism – Ansah Family

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 & Johaina (Marriage)

1.00pm Baptism - Valentin Mingas Maneira

Mon 9 Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)

12.15pm Arthur Campbell RIP

Tue 10 Feast of St Lawrence

12.15pm For the Deacons of our Archdiocese

Wed 11 St Clare

12.15pm Eileen Drugan

Thurs 12 Feria in Ordinary Time

12.15pm John Conway RIP

Friday 13 Feria in Ordinary Time

12.15pm Vivienne Boylan RIP

Sat 14 St Maximilian Mary Kolbe

10.00am Rebecca & Oliver

Tobias-Gibbons (Intentions)

Vigil for Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4.30pm Elsie Helena Head

Sun 15 Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.30am Ints of Tim and Katy Anthony

11.30am People of the Parish

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 

**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

Grandparents and those of Senior Age – See the results of a recent survey of this age group: [Vocation of Older Persons | National Office for Vocation England & Wales \(ukvocation.org\)](#)

Recently Deceased: Fr. John Burns, Harry Boyd, Janet Scott, Hyacinth Enas De Valliere, Philip Donnellan, Gerry Hinks, Bridget Manuel, Sheila Wellavize, Michael Hake 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: Mgr. Bernard Manion. Frs.: Michael Day, Denis Manion, John Clavin, Thomas Dennison and Michael McGrath. Also: Arthur John Wallis, Maria Paszkowski, Jimmy Mallen, Jim Diamond, Jamie Ferguson, Kate Shorthouse, Philomena Sweeney, Greta O'Dowd, Robert Moore, Enid Roche, Guy Nicholls & Christine Pugh.

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.**

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

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Apocalypse 11:19, 12:1-6, 10; Psalm 44; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26; Luke 1:39-56 www.godwhospeaks.uk

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!

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 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.

Part-time vacancy for Donation Support Officer

The Missionary Society of St. Columban in Britain is seeking a part-time Donation Support Officer, based at St. Columban's in Solihull. This is an exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic professional to contribute to the mission work of the Columbans in Britain. For more details about the position and to apply, please contact the HR Advisor at 07562 657 382 or hr@columbans.co.uk or visit: www.columbans.co.uk.
Closing date: Midnight on Sunday 22nd August 2021

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 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. 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.kenelm youthtrust.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!

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 23rd - Saturday 25th 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

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

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'.

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.