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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

12th September 2021

Divine Office: Psalter Week 4 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Entrance Antiphon Give peace O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

Responsorial Psalm I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

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: How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.



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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: 11th September – 19th September 2021

Sat 11 Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am Patrick Guina RIP

Vigil for Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4.30pm People of the Parish

Sun 12 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

'Education Day'

9.30am Siobhan Doody RIP

11.30am Michael Stanley RIP

Mon 13 Memorial of St John Chrysostom

12.15pm Mrs. Breen

Tue 14 Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

12.15pm Cath Joyce RIP

Wed 15 Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

12.15pm Maureen Collins RIP

Thurs 16 Memorial of Ss Cornelius and Cyprian

12.15pm Sisters of the Poor, Harborne

Friday 17 Feria in Ordinary Time

12.15pm Angela Watson RIP (Anniv.)

Sat 18 Feria in Ordinary Time

NO 10.00AM MASS

Vigil for Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4.30pm Fr. Peter Smith

Sun 19 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

'Home Mission Sunday'

9.30am People of the Parish

11.30am Denis Tapparo RIP

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.

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.

Second Collection: This weekend is for **Catholic Education Service.**

The second collection next weekend is for Catholic Evangelisation.

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, Gerry Hinks, Mary Atterbury, John Farrell and Nuala Scarisbrick, 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 and our parishioners, family and friends who are sick.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Archbishop George Patrick Dwyer; Canons: Robert Nicholson and Peter McKenna; Frs.: Dominic Round, Guy Colman, Richard Dinnis, Patrick Meagher, William Oddie, John Lopes, Alan Holtham and Peter Lees. Also: Mary O'Shea, Tina Ashe, Jimmy Mullen, Kate Shorthouse, Jamie Ferguson, James Harney, Kathleen Redmond.

The Season of Creation: Runs until 4th October (St Francis of Assisi). COP 26 Climate Conference in Glasgow in November is not just political but about the life choices we all make.

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

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; Psalm 53; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37. www.godwhospeaks.uk

Welcome – During the course of the year, we welcome seminarians from St Mary's College, Oscott, to be part of our parish life.

This weekend we welcome the two students in their top year of formation for the Priesthood: Deacon Yemane Aradom and Colm Martin. Please pray each day for vocations.

St Chad's Catholic Primary School – Our parish primary school begins the new school year as a new member school of the St Teresa of Calcutta Multi Academy of Schools which also comprises Primary Schools: St Joseph's, Nechells, Holy Souls, Acocks Green, Holy Rosary, Saltley and the Secondary Schools: Holy Trinity, Small Heath and Archbishop Ilesley, Acocks Green. We pray for our new family of schools and the Mission of the Church.

CAFOD Big Assembly – we are both humbled and proud that our parish primary school features in a national CAFOD assembly for the Season of Creation this Thursday morning. Please see it at www.cafod.org.uk

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

The overall themes of the Diocesan Plan are: Co-responsibility in the life of the Church and the place of families and young people.

Then there are themes: Evangelisation (proclaiming the Good News), Formation (growing in our life of faith), Worship and Sacramental Life (public prayer and its place in our life of faith) and Charity and Social Outreach (being heralds of the Good News to the Poor)

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.

At the end 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!

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

Time To Reflect – The **September Cathedral Corner** on our website is about a new structure called the Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer. An opportunity for you to be involved in an exciting new project in the Midlands and in the heart of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, in nearby Coleshill. Please take the time to read the reflection on the website and spread the good news about this Wall which is to be built in the near future: www.thewall.org.

Fr Tomas appointed Parish Priest of St Mary's, Brewood, South Staffordshire – Congratulations to Fr Tomas who has been appointed as Parish Priest for the first time. We pray for him as he will move from the Cathedral in early October.

Saturday 10.00am Mass – Please note there will be **NO** Saturday 10am Mass on;
September 18th,
October 9th,
November 6th, 13th & 20th.

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. 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

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world. 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 those affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Thank you.

CAFOD Family Fast Day is on Friday 1st October. You can donate online or through the Second Collection at St. Chad's Cathedral on Sunday 3rd October 2021.

CAFOD – 'COP26' Climate Talks: 1-12 November 2021; Glasgow Let us urge the Prime Minister to make sure communities hardest hit by the climate emergency are listened to at COP26. Sign our petition at: cafod.org.uk/reclaim You can also donate to the climate crisis appeal at: www.cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis

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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 11.00am and close at 2.00pm (Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available from 11.30am – 12noon.)

Masses will be as follows:

Saturday 10.00am & 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 – Due to the prevailing risk, the norm for receiving Communion remains on the hand. For those who wish to receive Communion on the tongue, please come to the altar when the rest of the congregation has received communion, as the Minister of Holy Communion will need to sanitise his/her hands after every person receiving on the tongue.

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:

Toilet facilities – please speak to a Steward who will direct you to the toilets in the Reception area and return with you to the Cathedral.

No distribution of Holy Water at doors or for home

No gathering for conversation before or after Mass

Mass Cards – During our opening hours the Stewards will assist with the 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.