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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th September 2021

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

Entrance Antiphon I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Responsorial Psalm The Lord upholds my life.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.



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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: 18th September – 26th September 2021

**Sat 18 Feria in Ordinary Time
NO 10.00AM MASS**

Vigil for Twenty-Fourth 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

**Mon 20 Memorial of St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon
& Companions**

12.15pm Canon Gerry Breen RIP

Tue 21 Feast of St. Matthew
12.15pm Ints of Puczykowski family

Wed 22 Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm Ints of Fr. Martin Boland

Thurs 23 Memorial of St. Pio of Pietrelcina
12.15pm Andrew Robinson (Seminarist) RIP

Friday 24 Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham
12.15pm For the Christian faith in our land

Sat 25 Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Pat & Eileen Shortt RIP

Vigil for Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4.30pm For those already affected by Climate Change

**Sun 26 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
'Day of prayer of thanksgiving for the harvest'**

9.30am People of the Parish
11.30am Canon Giles Goward RIP
1.30pm Baptism of Cole Treacy

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.

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 Bengt-Ove Jakobbson, Deacon Michael McGrail, Janet Scott, Mary Atterbury 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: Mgr Michael McTernan; Canons: David Mellor, Leo Twiney, Albert Adams, Peter Reilly; Frs.: John Lopes, Alan Holtham, Peter Lees, John Steward, John Hanrahan, John Roddy, Bernard McAllister, John Love, Peter Lloyd, John Bale, Gordon Banks, Paul Orchard; Deacon Michael McCormack. Also: James Harney, Kathleen Redmond, Frankie Boyle, John Scanlon, Kathy Gannon, Patrick McLoughlin, Imogen Evans, Winifred Phelan, John Regan, Elizabeth Byrne, Patsy Gaynor, Geraldine McHugh, Bob Skelly, Lil Spooner and Barbara Cain.

Second Collection: This weekend is for **Catholic Evangelisation.**

The second collection next weekend is for **Fr. Hudson's Care.** www.fatherhudsons.org.uk

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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Numbers 11:25-29; Psalm 18;
James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48.
www.godwhospeaks.uk

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 Ilsley, Acocks Green. We pray for our new family of schools and the Mission of the Church.

Fr Tomas Zuna – Fr Tomas has been appointed Parish Priest of St Mary's, Brewood, South Staffordshire and will leave us on the first weekend of October. Please pray for him as he prepares to take up his new responsibilities.

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.

Next weekend, 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.

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

We welcome the two students in their top year of formation for the Priesthood: Deacon Yemane Aradom and Colm Martin and the rest of the group soon.

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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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 11.00am 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 in the Cathedral.

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.