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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5th September 2021

Divine Office: Psalter Week 3 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Entrance Antiphon You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Responsorial Psalm My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.



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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: 4th September – 12th September 2021

Sat 4	Feria in Ordinary Time NO 10AM MASS TODAY 12 noon Diaconate Ordinations Mass
	Vigil for Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 4.30pm Special Intention for Family
Sun 5	Twenty-Third 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
Mon 6	Feria in Ordinary Time 12.15pm Joseph Clarke RIP
Tue 7	Feria in Ordinary Time 12.15pm Peter Flaherty
Wed 8	Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 12.15pm Int. of Religious Sisters of our Diocese
Thurs 9	Feria in Ordinary Time 12.15pm Jim Doherty RIP
Friday 10	Feria in Ordinary Time 12.15pm For Married Couples
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 9.30am Siobhan Doody RIP 11.30am Michael Stanley 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: There will be a second collection next weekend for Catholic Education Service.

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: Mgr.: Thomas Fallon. Frs.: Antony Taylor, Arthur McCrystal, David Hutt, Dominic Round and Guy Colman. Deacon: Francis Andrews, and David McCarroll. Also: Mary Breen, Jane Conway, Dona Kirton, Edward Gillespie, Susan Picano, Frances Hill, John O'Brien, Joe Dineen and Mary O'Shea.

Climate Sunday (This weekend) **and the Season of Creation:** Runs from 1st September until 4th October (St Francis of Assisi)

The God Who Speaks - Please try to look at next weekend's readings in the coming week:
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 50:5-9; Psalm 114; James 2:14-18;
Mark 8:27-35. 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.

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.

Pause for Hope – Sunday 17th October; 3.00pm
All are welcome to attend this special service of candles, music and prayer, for all those affected by cancer which will be held at St Philip's Cathedral, Colmore Row, Birmingham. It will also be live streamed.

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).

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.

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!

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

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



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.

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.