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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10th October 2021

'Prisons Week'

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

Entrance Antiphon If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.



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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: 9th October – 17th October 2021

Sat 9 Feast of Saint John Henry Newman

Please Note: There will be NO 10am Mass

12 noon Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage
(Mass already at capacity; please join on the livestream via website)

Vigil for Twenty–Eighth Sunday (B)

3.00pm Marriage Convalidation: Blessing & Augustine
4.30pm Arooj (birthday)

**Sun 10 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
‘Prisons Week’**

9.30am Georgette O’Neill
11.30am People of the Parish

Mon 11 Feria in Ordinary Time

12.15pm John McGee RIP

Tue 12 Feria in Ordinary Time

12.15pm John & Margaret Mongan & Family

Wed 13 St Edward the Confessor

12.15pm Cath Joyce RIP

Thurs 14 Feria in Ordinary Time

12.15pm Mgr. Paul Watson RIP

Friday 15 St Teresa of Avila

12.15pm Michael & Ellen Drugan

Sat 16 St Margaret Mary Alacoque

10.00am Justin Veerasamy RIP
12.00noon Baptism – Naraya-Li Chisholm

Vigil for Twenty–Ninth Sunday (B)

4.30pm Dennis Menezes RIP

Sun 17 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am People of the Parish
11.30am Mass for the opening of the Synod
Celebrant Archbishop Bernard Longley
For Cathedral Parishioners only.
Please join us on the livestream.

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. Please check whether you need to pay this charge: www.brumbreathes.co.uk

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

Pause for Hope Sunday 17th October at 3pm. All welcome to attend this service of candles, music & prayer at **St Philip’s Cathedral**, Colmore Row, Birmingham. It will also be live streamed.

Holy Father’s Prayer Intention for October:

Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

Cathedral Prayers Lists

Recently Deceased: Deacon Michael McGrail, Janet Scott, and Jadwiga Petryk, as well as all victims of COVID and conflict and climate related disasters around the world.

Those who are ill: We pray for Kevin Goodyear, 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: Bishop Michael Glancey. Mgrs.: Paul Watson and Cyril Fay. Canon William Withers. Frs.: Terence Whatmore, Seamus Gilroy, Edmund Cullen, Thomas Rohan, Charles Friel and Gerald Adams. Deacon Louis Kelly. Also: William Hone, Matthew Dunne. Barry Holmes and Patrick O’Neil.

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

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 53:10-11; Psalm 32;

Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45 (Mk 10:42-45) www.godwhospeaks.uk

St Chad’s Catholic Primary School – Our parish primary school moves into 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.

SVP Meeting – Cathedral House: The first meeting takes place in person on Saturday 16th October at 2pm-3.30pm. Anyone who wishes to join is welcome to do so!

School Visits: We are pleased to be able to welcome Schools back to the Cathedral. On Mon 11th Oct we welcome St Osburg’s, Coventry; Fri 15th Oct, St Thomas of Canterbury, Walsall. They join us for a tour of the Cathedral, which forms part of their Confirmation preparation. **The livestream will be off until 12 noon on these days.**

THIS CATHEDRAL LIVE STREAMS

MASS AND OTHER EVENTS 

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

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).

How are you being called to serve the Lord?

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

Vacancy - Senior Office Administrator

Salary: £25,000 - £30,000 per annum (depending on relevant skills and experience) Further information and application packs are available on request by contacting the director of education by email on: a.hardy@bdes.org.uk

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 – ‘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 **Basilican Magazine** is now on sale at the back of the Cathedral. The cost of the Magazine is £5, which all goes towards supporting the Cathedral, and there is a box on the back wall for your money. Alternatively, you can use one of the contactless giving machines. Choose the ‘Other’ option and type in ‘Magazine’ and pay £5.

St Paul's School for Girls Virtual Open Evening is available on our website

<https://www.stpaulgl.bham.sch.uk> and click on the link for the Virtual Open

Evening <https://www.onlineopenevening.co.uk/stpauls/>

Time To Reflect – The October Cathedral Corner on our website is about an understanding of what it is for all baptized Christians to walk together. It is a term called *Synodality* and it is close to Pope Francis' heart. Please take the time to read and understand more about it.

Scripture and Liturgy Booklet – The booklet for October is also now available on our website. The Word of God is at the heart of the life of faith.

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, as well as Deacon Yemane and Colm, we welcome back Fr Andrew Robinson and our group of seminarians who will be with us monthly, this year.

Please pray each day for vocations.

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!

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.