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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

17th October 2021

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

Entrance Antiphon To you I call, for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Responsorial Psalm May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

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: Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.



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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: 16th October – 24th October 2021

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 <i>Celebrant Archbishop Bernard Longley</i> Capacity for Cathedral Parishioners only. Please join us on the livestream.
Mon 18	Feast of St Luke
12.15pm	Danny Graham RIP
Tue 19	Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm	Dorothy Hall RIP
Wed 20	Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm	Caitlin Kennedy – Get Well
Thurs 21	Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm	Willie Flaherty RIP
Friday 22	Memorial of St John Paul II
12.15pm	Theresa Francis Int.
Sat 23	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Stephen Flaherty RIP
	Vigil for Thirtieth Sunday (B)
4.30pm	Don Smith RIP
Sun 24	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time ‘World Mission Day’
9.30am	John McGee RIP
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. 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: **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.

THIS CATHEDRAL LIVE STREAMS MASS

AND OTHER EVENTS 

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: Mgrs.: Bernard O’Connor Frs.: Gerald Adams, John Hughes, Aidan White-Spunner, Brendan Byrne, Thomas Burbage, John Murray and John Galcius Also: Bessie Young, George Young, Danny McGuinness, Julia Maguire, Willie Flaherty, Patrick Kerrigan, Albert Milton, John Shannon, Eileen Swift. John O’Neill and Sarah White.

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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 125;

Hebrews 5:1-6;

Mark 10:46-52 www.godwhospeaks.uk

School Visits: On Tuesday 19th Oct we welcome St Patrick’s, Wolverhampton; Fri 20th Oct, St Wulstan’s, Staffs. 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.**

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.

The new edition of the Cathedral’s **Basilican Magazine** is now on sale 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. It is on sale in St Paul’s Bookshop or please contact Anne Symonds at annets103@hotmail.co.uk who can arrange for a copy to be sent to you by post.

End of British Summer Time: The clocks go back one hour on Sunday 31st October at 2 in the morning.

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

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/>

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: www.cafod.org.uk/reclaim
You can also donate to the climate crisis appeal at: www.cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis

Urgent Action Needed to oppose a bill to legalise Assisted Suicide – please see the information provided by the Bishops of England and Wales at this important moment, through the intercession of St John Paul II between now and his Feast Day on 22nd October. [Opposing the Assisted Dying Bill 2021 - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://Opposing the Assisted Dying Bill 2021 - Catholic Bishops' Conference (cbcew.org.uk))

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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.



Diocesan Ministry for Young People – For details of all that is happening for young people in our Archdiocese, please visit: www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk

Welcome – During the course of the year, we welcome seminarians from St Mary's College, Oscott, to be part of our parish life. Please pray each day for vocations to the priesthood from among our own families, our schools and our parishes. Pray for vocations from among all of the ethnic communities here. www.vocations.org.uk

Lourdes Group HCPT Group 712 is our local youth service group which supports the disabled and disadvantaged children's groups with the HCPT pilgrimage to Lourdes each Easter. We will fly to France on Easter Sunday 17th April, returning on Saturday 23rd April. Throughout the week we will support children's groups from the Midlands by marshalling processions, providing music and games for the children, and assisting experienced group helpers in caring for and entertaining the children who are the focus of the pilgrimage. Young people aged 16 and above who would be interested in joining the group for Easter 2022 should email Deacon Tim from the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes, Yardley Wood: group712@hcpt.org.uk. We will assist with fundraising and bursary grants to support you in raising the fare of £657. See also www.hcpt.org.uk.

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.

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.