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Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

21st November 2021

'National Youth Sunday'

Divine Office: Psalter Week 2 Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (B)

Entrance Antiphon

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.



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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: 20th November – 28th November 2021

Sat 20 Feria in Ordinary Time

Please Note: NO 10am Mass

12.00noon Civic Mass (Limited numbers)

**Vigil for Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
King of the Universe (B)**

4.30pm Intentions of Kevin & Jane Goodyear

**Sun 21 Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
King of the Universe (B)**

‘National Youth Sunday’

9.30am Bernard Clemson RIP

11.30am People of the Parish

Mon 22 Memorial of St Cecilia

12.15pm Ints of Fr Anthony Pham-Tri-Van

Tue 23 Feria in Ordinary Time

12.15pm Doyle Family RIP

Wed 24 Memorial of St Andrew Dung-Lac

12.15pm Jackie Conway RIP

Thurs 25 Feria in Ordinary Time

12.15pm Jenny Johnstone RIP

Friday 26 Feria in Ordinary Time

12.15pm Mary Withers RIP

Sat 27 Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am Deceased Members of B’ham Catholic
Rambling Club

Vigil for First Sunday in Advent (C)

4.30pm People of the Parish

Sun 28 Solemnity of First Sunday of Advent (C)

9.30am Intentions of John Seeley

11.30am Maree & Colum MacCourt

1.15pm Baptism of Boris Bezkorvovainyi 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. Please check whether you need to pay this charge: www.brumbreathes.co.uk

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

First Sunday of Advent (Year C): Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 24; Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28 www.godwhospeaks.uk

St Paul’s Bookshop will be open from after the 9.30am until after the 11.30am Mass on the first two Sundays of Advent only (28th Nov and 5th Dec).

THIS CATHEDRAL LIVE STREAMS MASS

AND OTHER EVENTS 

Holy Father’s Prayer Intention for December:

Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Cathedral Prayers Lists

Recently Deceased: Kevin Bissell, Janet Scott, Jadwiga Petryk, & Mary Withers as well as all victims of COVID and conflict and climate related disasters around the world.

Those who are ill: We pray for Kevin and Jane 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: Archbishop John McIntyre. Canon: Augustine Emery and Maurice Wolfe. Frs.: Gerry Jackson, David Highman, Michael Connolly and Edward Neary. Deacon: Pat Linthwaite. Also: Catherine Connelly, Ann McCarthy, Hughie Malone, Juliana Donoghue, Mary Dungate, Nuala Mulholland, Pat Laughrey, Verda Gorton, Michael O’Connor, Tommy Hughes, and Angela Pearson.

School Visits: On Monday 22nd Nov, we welcome Our Lady of Grace, Biddulph. On Tues 23rd Nov, St Mary’s, Stoke on Trent, Thursday 25th Nov, St Mary’s & St Thomas More, Staffs. **The livestream will be off until 12 noon on these days.**

Second Collection: This weekend for the Catholic Youth Service / Kenelm Youth Trust

St Chad’s Catholic Primary School – Our parish primary school has become a new member school of the St Teresa of Calcutta Multi Academy of Schools. We are also very proud of our school community in the light of its recent Section 48 RE inspection which found it to be good in RE and outstanding in Catholic Life and Collective Worship. We are blessed by the active life of faith in our school community.

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.

Kenelm Youth Trust – On this National Youth Sunday, we celebrate the role of young people in our parish communities and the hope they represent. In this, we celebrate the work of our Schools and University Chaplaincies. We look forward to World Youth Day 2023 with Pope Francis in Lisbon, Portugal. Please pray for all young people as they seek God’s will.

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

Restoration of the Stations of the Cross All are invited to support an intricate restoration project to return the Stations of the Cross to their former glory. It is hoped that donations will be secured to restore all 14 Stations. Each Station will cost approximately £4000 to be treated. If you are able to support this project, please contact Fr Tim at: dean.stchadscathedral@rcaob.org.uk.

Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer – Have you managed to have a look at the website and have you even been able to send in an account of an Answer to Prayer that you or somebody close to you has known at any time? There has been a major fundraising campaign but it is just the idea of recalling God's goodness in our lives and sharing that Good News that is a motivation for us to be involved. www.thewall.org.uk

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



CAFOD World Gifts Looking for gift idea? Why not give a CAFOD World Gift? Gifts range start from £9. In the current climate, a nice gift might be PPE for a health worker. Orders can be made through the catalogue (Please ask us) or at: www.cafod.org.uk/worldgifts

The Synod Process – One of the best parts of belonging to a worldwide Church is to see how people around the world are exploring the Synod Pathway introduced for ordinary Catholics by Pope Francis. Find out more...
From Australia: [XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops - Catholic Church in Australia](#)
From the United States: [Synod 2021-2023 | USCCB](#)
From South Africa: [SACBC – Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)
From India: [Catholic Bishops' Conference of India \(cbci.in\)](#)

World Youth Day On Sunday 21st November we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. It is also (local) World Youth Day to celebrate the role and significance of young people in the Church. We pray for Kenelm Youth Trust, our diocesan youth service, and support their work through the second collection. The money supports the vital work of KYT supporting young people in our Archdiocese through Alton Castle and Soli retreat centres, in parishes and schools. You can donate directly to KYT at <https://donorbox.org/urgent-appeal>

Time To Reflect – The **November Cathedral Corner** on our website addresses some of the questions around the sensitive subject of death, during this month where we remember and pray for the Faithful Departed.

Scripture and Liturgy Booklet – The booklet for November 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: Newly-bought men's socks and underwear to give to first time guests. It is part of giving somebody who has arrived with nothing something that is new and clean.**
Click on the Sanctuary button on our Cathedral website homepage for the weekly newsletter.
I was a stranger and you made me welcome!

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

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.