



# Metropolitan Cathedral & Basilica of St Chad

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## Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Divine Office: Psalter Week 4 Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Entrance Antiphon** Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.
- Responsorial Psalm** My soul, give praise to the Lord.
- Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!
- Communion Antiphon:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.



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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: 6<sup>th</sup> November – 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021

- Sat 6 Feria in Ordinary Time**  
**NO 10.00AM Mass**  
12.00noon Catenian Mass for Deceased Brothers  
(Limited numbers)  
**Vigil for Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**  
4.30pm Christian Jude Le Blanc RIP
- Sun 7 Thirty- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
9.30am People of the Parish  
11.30am For those who died during the Pandemic  
*Celebrant Archbishop Bernard Longley*
- Mon 8 Feria in Ordinary Time**  
12.15pm Norman Hutchinson RIP
- Tue 9 Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**  
12.15pm Freeman Family - Thanksgiving
- Wed 10 Memorial of St Leo the Great**  
12.15pm Bill Bailey RIP
- Thurs 11 Memorial of St Martin of Tours**  
12.15pm Chapter Mass with and Installation of Canons Paul Fitzpatrick & Jonathan Veasey (Limited numbers)
- Friday 12 Memorial of St Josaphat**  
12.15pm Margaret Docherty RIP
- Sat 13 Feria in Ordinary Time**  
**Please Note: NO 10am Mass**  
12.00noon Knights of St Columba Mass for Deceased Brothers (Limited numbers)  
**Vigil for Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4.30pm People of the Parish
- Sun 14 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**'Remembrance Day'**  
9.30am Mary Clarke  
11.30am For all those who have died in conflict

**The Birmingham Clean Air Zone** came into force on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.brumbreathes.co.uk)

**The God Who Speaks** - Please try to look at next weekend's readings in the coming week:  
**Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 15; Hebrews 10:11-14; Mark 13:24-32** [www.godwhospeaks.uk](http://www.godwhospeaks.uk)

**Holy Father's Prayer Intention for November:**  
**People Who Suffer From Depression**

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

### 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 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:** Frs.: Francis Stanbridge, Francis Dawson, Derek Edwards, John Drinkwater, Cyril Duck and Michael O'Keefe. Also: P Shanahan, Winnie Walshe, John Scully, Pat Dalton, Christopher Brett and Colin Marshall.

**School Visits:** On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov we welcome St Anthony's, Leamington Spa and Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Nov, St Mary the Mount. 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.**

**Second Collection:** This weekend for the Johnson Fund for retired priests of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Thank you.

**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](mailto:annets103@hotmail.co.uk) who can arrange for a copy to be sent to you by post.

**Saturday 10.00am Mass** – Please note there will be **NO** Saturday 10am Mass on: **November 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**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

**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](http://www.cafod.org.uk/reclaim)  
You can also donate to the climate crisis appeal at: [www.cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis](http://www.cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis)

**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](http://www.thewall.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](http://www.kenelmyouthtrust.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**



Please switch off mobile phones when in Church.



**An Induction Loop System** is provided. Please switch your hearing aid to the ‘T’ position.



**Blessing of Graves – Oscott Cemetery – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm.** Families & friends of those buried at Oscott cemetery are warmly invited to the blessing of graves.

**Find out more about the Synod Process –** There are one-off zoom meetings being arranged to give you, the People of God, a better understanding of what Pope Francis is asking of us all through the Synod. Please read more and sign up today:

**St Chad’s Catholic Primary School Admission Arrangements for the academic year 2023/2024**

There is a period of consultation on the latest admission criteria for our parish primary school. If anybody would like to be sent a copy of the documentation, please email [stchadscathedral@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stchadscathedral@rcaob.org.uk)

**World Youth Day** On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. It is also 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](http://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. We have recently made a donation of £1000 for urgent needs of new clothing, from your contributions to the needs of the poor. Thank you.

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.