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Third Sunday on Ordinary Time Year C

'Sunday of the Word of God'

23rd January 2022

Divine Office: Psalter Week 3 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and
honour in his holy place.

Responsorial Psalm Our words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord has sent me to bring the Good
News to the poor, to proclaim liberty to the captives. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be
abashed.



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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: 22nd January – 30th January 2022

- Sat 22 PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO LONGER A 10AM MASS**
Vigil for Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
4.30pm Michael Ryan RIP
- Sun 23 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**
'Sunday of the Word of God'
'Octave of Christian Unity'
9.30am For the Unity of Christians
11.30am People of the Parish
- Mon 24 Memorial of St Francis de Sales**
'Octave of Christian Unity'
12.15pm Ints. of Archbishop Bernard Longley
- Tue 25 Feast of the Conversion of St Paul**
'Octave of Christian Unity'
12.15pm Thomas, Mary & Liam Flaherty RIP
- Wed 26 Memorial of Ss Timothy and Titus**
'Octave of Christian Unity'
12.15pm Elsie Head (Nee Wallis)
- Thurs 27 Feria in Ordinary Time**
'Octave of Christian Unity'
12.15pm Aninha Cruz RIP
- Friday 28 Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas**
'Octave of Christian Unity'
12.15pm Canon Giles Goward RIP
- Sat 29 PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO LONGER A 10AM MASS**
Vigil for Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
4.30pm Mary Stapleton RIP
- Sun 30 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**
9.30am People of the Parish
11.30am Mary Williams RIP

The God Who Speaks – Next Sunday's Readings:
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C):
Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 70; 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 (1 Cor 13:4-13); Luke 4:21-30
www.godwhospeaks.uk

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

THIS CATHEDRAL LIVE STREAMS MASS
AND OTHER EVENTS 

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January:

True Human Fraternity - We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Cathedral Prayers Lists

Recently Deceased: Bridie Keelan, Janet Scott, Jadwiga Petryk, Arthur Labinjo-Hughes, Darlington Njere, Jaime Carreon, Oscar Lavilla, Jack Dromey MP, Gary Taylor, Mary Stanley and victims of COVID, natural disaster and conflicts.

Those who are ill: Sheila Moss, Kevin and Jane Goodyear, Frances Crockett, Bobby (Bhupinder) Bansal, Ray Norris, Harpal, Baby George and our parishioners, family and friends who are sick.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Mgr. Peter Dao-Duc-Diem; Canons Kevin Good, Thomas Copsey, Arthur Wall and Giles Goward.. Frs.: Michael Ford, Charles Ross, John Garvey, Anthony Timlin, Vincent Royles, Richard Roche, James Heneghan and Charles Smith. Deacon Michael Ainsworth. Also:, Patrick Daly, Mary Walsh, Elsie Head, Josephine Davies, Beryl Messenger, James Dernien, Malcolm Armitt, Catherine Driscoll, Gerard Casey, Raga Fahmi, Maggie Hanningan, Marie Williams, Chris O'Connor, Kathleen Sheran, Nora Godfrey and Eileen Lawton.

New Ways of Giving and Supporting your Cathedral: It couldn't be simpler. Just point your smartphone camera at the code below, wherever you are, and it will take you to a giving page.



Thursday Live Organ Recitals:

The next recital is on Thursday 3rd February at 1.15pm, played by David Saint. His 40-minute programme includes works by Buxtehude, Reger, Pachelbel and J.S. Bach. Admission is free, with retiring collection.

New Year's Resolution – Volunteer for

CAFOD We have lots of different ways you can get involved such as: **In the parish** - where you will be highlighting CAFOD's work to support communities globally. **In local schools** – where you'll deliver assemblies and workshops about CAFOD's work. No experience necessary. Full support, resources and regular training provided.

Coordinating volunteers

If you'd like to know more, please get in touch with birmingham@cafod.org.uk
tel: 07919 045658

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

There is a strong link between the Diocesan Vision and the Synod Process. Both invite ordinary Catholics like you to make connections in your life of faith, to be confident in talking about your faith and to share God's love in real, active ways.

You are not called to be an expert in matters of faith; just to grow, little by little, with occasional insights and the rhythms of prayer, and each one leading you to a greater thirst to grow in faith.

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 – This promises to be an important year for this project and you are asked to support it together with Christians around our country and beyond.

How can you support it?

- 1) Financially – see website below
- 2) By Prayer
- 3) By sending in real answers to prayer that you have experienced in your life.

www.thewall.org.uk.

Sacred Heart Parish and School, Aston – Archbishop Bernard has asked Fr Tim and Fr Andrey to take on Pastoral Responsibility for Sacred Heart Aston. Weekend Masses there are Saturday 12.30pm and Sunday 10am. You are most welcome to visit another beautiful church!

The Synod Process & the Diocesan Vision – There is information emerging about the Synod Process which can be found on the Cathedral website. The latest document is called *Walking Together* and forms the basis for our parishes to engage with the process.

We have given out copies of this document to parishioners in recent weeks. Please ask us for one if you did not receive one.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Monday 7th February at 7pm – a Zoom Gathering for as many parishioners as possible to consider this important Synod process

Time To Reflect – The **January Cathedral Corner** on our looks forward to so many things this month and in the year ahead.

Liturgy & Scripture Booklet for Ordinary time across the months of January and February is also available on the Cathedral Website.

St Chad's Sanctuary – our parish charity.

Thank you for the generosity you have shown recently by bringing items for the Sanctuary and by donating financially to its work. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated, especially most by those you might never meet, but whose lives are changed for the better by our love of neighbour: www.stchadssanctuary.com. Donations for the Sanctuary can be given in here at the Cathedral at any time and will be passed on. **Some of the countries that our brothers and sisters come from are Iran, Iraq, Syria, Eritrea and Ethiopia. A world away and that is the distance they have travelled to be safe.**

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, www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk or @thekenelmyt

Society of St Vincent de Paul – We have begun a new SVP Conference here at St Chad's. It is still very early days and anybody who wishes to join is most welcome. Please let one of the priests know and we can give you more information.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 2nd February, at 6pm. As a simple way of supporting the SVP at this early stage, why not collect any spare coins that you might have around your house. If everybody brought in a bag of coins that they are not really using anymore...

And please pray for the work of the SVP.

Thank you

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 6211



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 Masses is:

Monday to Friday 12.15pm

Saturday 4.30pm (Vigil Mass of Sunday) – Confessions after Mass

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.)

Weekend Masses will be as follows:

Saturday 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.

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.