



# Metropolitan Cathedral & Basilica of St Chad

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## Feast of The Baptism of the Lord



### 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**Divine Office: Psalter Week 1 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

**Entrance Antiphon** After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

**Responsorial Psalm** The Lord will bless his people with peace.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'  
Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.



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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: 8<sup>th</sup> January – 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**Sat 8 Christmas Feria**  
10.00am Sr. Marie Inglis

**Vigil for The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (C)**  
4.30pm Mary Waldron

**Sun 9 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (C)**  
9.30am Bridie & Hugh Hone  
11.30am People of the Parish

**Mon 10 Feria in Ordinary Time**  
12.15pm Ints of Padua Christine Jayaseelan

**Tue 11 Feria in Ordinary Time**  
12.15pm Mrs. Susan Carroll RIP

**Wed 12 Feria in Ordinary Time (Optional)**  
12.15pm For God's blessing on our schools

**Thurs 13 Feria in Ordinary Time (Optional)**  
12.15pm Fr. Patrick Joyce RIP (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)

**Friday 14 Feria in Ordinary Time (Cathedral Day of Exposition & Prayer for Vocations)**  
12.15pm For Vocations to the Priesthood

**Sat 15 Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday**  
10.00am Mike Stanley RIP

**Vigil for Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**  
4.30pm Darlington Njere RIP

**Sun 16 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**  
*'Peace Day'*  
9.30am People of the Parish  
11.30am Ints of all our Cathedral volunteers

**This Friday – Annual Cathedral Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood.** Each parish of the Diocese has a designated day and this Friday is ours. Exposition will begin at 10am until 12.15 Mass; then again until 2pm. [www.vocations.org.uk](http://www.vocations.org.uk)

**The God Who Speaks** – Next Sunday's Readings: **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Isaiah 62:1-5; Ps 95; Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11**  
[www.godwhospeaks.uk](http://www.godwhospeaks.uk)

**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)

**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, Kevin Bissell, Janet Scott, Jadwiga Petryk, Arthur Labinjo-Hughes, Darlington Njere as well as all victims of COVID.

**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:** Mgr. John Cregg; Canon Matthias Corrigan; Frs.: Brian Harding, John Bentley, Charles Becker, Philip Wyles, Patrick Farrelly, James Bromley, Patrick McSwiney, Patrick Joyce, Peter Tuite, Robert Kirby, Benedict O'Gorman, Gerard Peuleve, Cyril Bennett and Deacons William Murphy, Brian Dockerty and Thomas Carter. Also: Kitty O'Neil, John Thomas, Alan Thorne, Patrick Benton, Paddy Green, Martin O'Donnell, Ted Kingswell and Charlie McGinley.

**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.



**A Word of Thanks: Christmas 2021** - Fr Tim and Fr. Andrey thank the Cathedral Staff and all those volunteers who support the life and mission of the Cathedral all the year round but specially during the challenging periods of Covid restrictions. You have made it possible for us to open our Cathedral to welcome people in a COVID secure manner.

To those who contributed in any way to the ceremonies of Christmas including the live broadcast of our Midnight Mass on BBC1 and the beautiful decoration of the Cathedral: thank you.

Thank you for your Christmas offerings, gifts and Christmas greetings. Most of all thank you for your prayers and support as we look with hope to the blessings of the year ahead.

May God bless you and your families in new and unexpected ways in the year ahead.

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

Did you see the recent short videos about the Seasons of Advent and Christmas, which are still available to see on the news section of the Cathedral Website?

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](mailto: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](http://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**



**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. Why not take the time to look at some of the questions which will form part of our discussions in every parish during the first half of this year?

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

**Time To Reflect –** The **January Cathedral Corner** on our looks forward to so many things this month and in the year ahead: Day of Prayer for Vocations (this Friday); Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18-25 Jan); the Consecration of the Altar in June; Commonwealth Games (July and August) and the Relics of St Bernadette.

**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](http://www.stchadssanctuary.com). Donations for the Sanctuary can be given in here at the Cathedral at any time and will be passed on. **The work of the Sanctuary also needs generous benefactors because although small in number, there is a need for staff and grant funding does not pay staff costs.**

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](http://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 this Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup>, 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

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 10am & 4.30pm (Vigil Mass of Sunday) – Confessions after both Masses**

**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.**

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.