



# Metropolitan Cathedral & Basilica of St Chad

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## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

### 20th February 2022

Divine Office: Psalter Week 3 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Entrance Antiphon** Lord, your mercy is my hope, my heart rejoices in your saving power. I will sing to the Lord for his goodness to me.
- Responsorial Psalm** The Lord is compassion and love.
- Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!
- Communion Antiphon:** I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.



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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.**

**MANY COVID CONDITIONS REMAIN.**

**Mass Times: 19<sup>th</sup> February – 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**Sat 19 PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO LONGER A 10AM MASS**

**Vigil for Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**

4.30pm Barney & Barbara Donnellan RIP

**Sun 20 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**

9.30am Sylvia Brennan RIP

11.30am People of the Parish

**Mon 21 Feria in Ordinary Time**

12.15pm Intentions of Joyce Fisher

**Tue 22 Feast of the Chair of St Peter the Apostle**

12.15pm Intentions of Fr. Edwin Cownley

**Wed 23 Memorial of St Polycarp**

12.15pm Thomas Flaherty RIP

**Thurs 24 Feria in Ordinary Time**

12.15pm Thomas, Mary & Liam Flaherty RIP

**Friday 25 Feria in Ordinary Time**

12.15pm Fr Sean Farrell (Anniv.)

**Sat 26 PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO LONGER A 10AM MASS**

**Vigil for Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**

**'Day for the unemployed'**

4.30pm People of the Parish

**Sun 27 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**

9.30am Terry Allford RIP

11.30am Mairead Langan RIP (Anniv.)

***The God Who Speaks*** – Next Sunday's Readings:

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C):**

**Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7; Ps 91; 1 Corinthians**

**15:54-8; Luke 6:39-45**

[www.godwhospeaks.uk](http://www.godwhospeaks.uk)

**The Birmingham Clean Air Zone:** Please check whether you need to pay this charge when coming to St Chad's : [www.brumbreathes.co.uk](http://www.brumbreathes.co.uk)

**Seating Arrangements:** From this weekend, people can choose to sit socially distanced everywhere to the left of the main aisle or closer together on the right of the main aisle. The stewards/volunteers will continue to guide people to their seats. Face coverings for all.

**THIS CATHEDRAL LIVE STREAMS MASS**

**AND OTHER EVENTS** 

**Please don't leave your belongings unattended at any time.**

**Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February:  
For religious sisters and consecrated women**

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

**Cathedral Prayers Lists**

**Recently Deceased:** Mgr. John Heslin, Fr. Gabby Maguire, Fr. David Lloyd, Teresa Torri, Sheila Moss, Winston De Valliere, Bernadette Francis Horsey, 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:** 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:** Canon Sean McTernan. Frs.: Sean Farrell, James Wharton, Michael McCabe, Martin Meagher, John Collins, Oliver Kemp, James Cooney, Vincent Kennedy, George Brewster and George Tarrant. Also: Thomas Boyce, Charmaine Peiris, Thomas Scanlan, Janet Weston, Thomas Flaherty, Ray Collier and Anglina Thursaisingham.

**Volunteer for CAFOD** - We have lots of different ways you can get involved in CAFOD's wonderful work. If you'd like to know more, please get in touch with [birmingham@cafod.org.uk](mailto:birmingham@cafod.org.uk)  
Tel: 07919 045658.

The coming season of Lent is an opportunity to support CAFOD's work through the Lent Family Fast Day (11<sup>th</sup> March) and by supporting the CAFOD *Walk Against Hunger* in which a number of our parishioners will participate and you can sponsor them or join them!

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 1.15pm, played by guest recitalist, John Cotterill. John has performed as recitalist, soloist, accompanist, and continuo player across the UK and abroad. His programme includes works by Marchand, Franck, Messiaen, Langlais and Balbastre.

**Admission is free, with retiring collection.**

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

The strength of Archbishop Bernard's call to ordinary Catholics to be part of the Vision for the future of our Archdiocese depends on the reflection of each person on the Vision and what it means in their life.  
Please visit the website above which is updated regularly as resources are added to the Diocesan Vision pages. And please pray the prayer below each day for our Diocesan Family.

**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 6211**



**Sacred Heart Parish and School, Aston –**Weekend Masses there are Saturday 12.30pm and Sunday 10am. You are most welcome to visit another beautiful church!

**Ash Wednesday Masses –** The holy season of Lent begins on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March: Masses at 12.15pm and 6pm (evening Mass with choir). Livestream only: 9.30am Mass for Schools of the Archdiocese.

**The Synod Process & the Diocesan Vision –** Thank you for all those who are now giving time to filling in the Questionnaire about your life of faith and the Church's priorities. **Please fill in the questionnaire and return it as soon as possible.** Not all of the original questions are covered in our parish booklet. You are not asked to give 'the right answers' but honest answers even if they are challenging for the Church to receive. All responses gratefully received. This is a unique opportunity to speak from the heart and to say what your Church means to you. So please take the opportunity that is given.

**Time To Reflect –** The **February Cathedral Corner** focuses on Feasts of this month and on the Synod process which is of great relevance to us at the moment. **Liturgy & Scripture Booklet** for Ordinary time across the month of 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](http://www.stchadssanctuary.com). Donations for the Sanctuary can be given in here at the Cathedral at any time and will be passed on.  
Click on the Sanctuary button on our Cathedral website homepage for the weekly newsletter.  
*I was a stranger and you made me welcome!*  
Think about all of your possessions and all the people you hold dear. Imagine leaving them all behind in hope of a better life that might not be what you hoped for.

**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 –**The next meeting is on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March after the 6pm Mass.**

**St Chad's Catholic Primary School -** Congratulations to **Maria Ryan** who has been appointed as Deputy Head Teacher recently. Thank you to our parishioners who have given of their time generously in the past week to support their Vocations Week. Links between the Cathedral Parish and our parish Primary School are stronger than ever.

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.

**FOLLOWING THE RECENT CHANGES ANNOUNCED BY THE GOVERNMENT, 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.**

**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.**

**Holy Water will be available in the side vestibules or if you require some for home, please speak to a Steward.**

**No gathering for conversation before or after Mass**

**Votive candle lighting is available**

**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 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.