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Third Sunday in Lent Year C

20th March 2022

'Day of prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments'

Divine Office: Psalter Week 3

Third Sunday of Lent

Entrance Antiphon My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Responsorial Psalm The Lord is compassion and love.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, Oh Christ, you are the Word of God. Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.

Communion Antiphon: The Sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.



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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: 19th March – 27th March 2022

- Sat 19** **Vigil for Third Sunday of Lent (C)**
‘Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments’
4.30pm Billie-Jayne Fulford RIP (10th Anniv.)
- Sun 20** **Third Sunday of Lent (C)**
9.30am Mary Scott RIP
11.30am Doug Freeman RIP
- Mon 21** **Lent Feria**
12.15pm Purdue & Keveney Families
- Tue 22** **Lent Feria**
12.15pm Patricia Bridgit Harnett RIP
- Wed 23** **Lent Feria**
12.15pm Kittie Garela
- Thurs 24** **Lent Feria**
12.15pm James Gordon RIP
- Friday 25** **Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**
8.00am Intentions of Pat Kane
12.15pm Brenda Baker RIP
- Sat 26** **Vigil for Fourth Sunday of Lent (C)**
‘Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments’
4.30pm People of the Parish
- Sun 27** **Fourth Sunday of Lent (C)**
9.30am Mickey Flaherty RIP
11.30am Angela Eke RIP
1.30pm Baptism – Molly Loughran-Smith

The God Who Speaks – Next Sunday’s Readings:
Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year C):
Joshua 5:9-12, 13-15; Ps 33; Corinthians 5:17-21
Luke. 15:1-3, 11-32;
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

Seating Arrangements: People can now 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 remain for all.

THIS CATHEDRAL LIVE STREAMS MASS
AND OTHER EVENTS 

Sacred Heart Parish Aston –Weekend Masses there are Saturday 12.30pm and Sunday 10am. You are most welcome.

Holy Father’s Prayer Intention for March:
For a Christian response to bioethical challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

Cathedral Prayers Lists

Recently Deceased: Mgr. John Heslin, Fr. Gabby Maguire, Fr. David Lloyd, Angela Eke, Teresa Torri, Sheila Moss, Jaime Carreon, Oscar Lavilla, 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: Archbishop: Bernard Ullathorne and Francis Grimshaw. Bishop Humphrey Bright. Mgr. Henry Francis Davis, John Welch. Frs.: John Donnelly and John McManus. Deacon Louis Livesey. Also: Mai Kilmaitin, Mary Scott, Elizabeth McGrath, Stuart Imrie, Patrick O’Donovan, Mike Kemp and Winnie Potts.

Day Retreat – Meeting Jesus at the Well
2nd April 2022 10am – 3pm Selly Park
Conference Centre, Selly Park Road, B29 7LL
Early Booking charge £7. Limited Numbers.
Cost includes drinks, soup and bread lunch.
Please register via:
occonnorannam@gmail.com

Walsingham Pilgrimage 14th May 2022 – Mass of Our Lady, Queen of Apostles. Mass will be at 1pm in the Chapel of Reconciliation, followed by procession to the Priory Grounds for prayer at the site of the Holy House.
If you would like to take part in this pilgrimage as a day trip to East Anglia, please send an email to: stchadscathedral@rcaob.org.uk

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.



Lent at the Cathedral:
Stations of the Cross will take place in the Cathedral at 11.30am each Friday during Lent.

Friday Confession Times: Every Friday during Lent, Confessions will be heard **after** Mass only. What are you doing to make Lent different?

Friday – Extra 8.00am Mass.

Holy Week Ceremonies at St Chad's Cathedral:

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on 10th April. Please note the following dates and times for the days of Holy Week and pray for those adults who will receive Sacraments that week:

Holy Thursday (14th April) Mass at 7.30pm
Good Friday (15th April) Liturgy at 3pm
Holy Saturday (16th April) Vigil at 8pm
Easter Sunday (17th April) Masses 9.30 & 11.30.

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

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:

Thank you to those who have been able to donate – whatever amount. 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.

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



The Synod Process & the Diocesan Vision – As parishes, schools, organisations and individuals across the Archdiocese have now submitted their responses, a new phase of the Diocesan process begins. Canon Paul Fitzpatrick is coordinating a project of gathering and reading the responses and is sharing that task widely to get the most out of the opportunity.

From a parish perspective, it has been really interesting to read some of the feedback and it is intended that we can look in more detail at what people have said so that we can respond in due course and incorporate changes.

Time To Reflect – The **Cathedral Corner** focuses on the Season of Lent.

Liturgy & Scripture Booklet for the month of March 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.

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 or @thekenelmyt

Catholic Medical Association - Midlands Branch

Meeting 3.30pm on Saturday 26th March 2022

'ReSPECT' *Recommended Summary Plan for Emergency Care and Treatment* a **problematic process?** All are welcome to attend the meeting. Membership of the Association is open to all Catholic healthcare professionals, hospital chaplains and managers involved in clinical service.

Further Information can be found at:

www.catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk

The Basilican Magazine 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. 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.

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

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 (Extra 8am Mass on Fridays during Lent)

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.